

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 26TH JULY, 2018

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Kia Ora (Maori/NZ), Hello (English), Bula (Fijian), Welkom (South African), Huān yíng (Chinese-Mandarin) Ayubowan, Vanakkam (Sri Lankan), Namaste (India), Bem-vindos (Brazil), Marhaba (Arabic), Hallo (Dutch), Choum Reap Sour (Cambodia), Geiá sou (Greek), Mbote, Jambo (Congolese), Konnichiwa (Japanese), Hola (Spanish), Annyeonghaseyo (South Korea) Israel Shalom (Hebrew)

Welcome back to the third term, this is usually a term of winter illness but with spring appearing at the end of the term, which is helpful! Please remember that we do have a **School Holiday**, **Mid-Term break on Monday 3rd September** to help with illness and wellbeing for our children, staff and families.

# PHOTOLIFE CLASS & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 – Class, Individual & Sibling Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 – Class & Individual & Sibling Note: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Groups & Sports (NO Whole School Photo)



Students will need to look their best, so please ensure that ONLY our correct school uniform is worn and that it is in a <u>clean and tidy</u> condition (black school shorts/skort, white polo shirt and red polar fleece).

Soon after Photo Day your son or daughter will bring home an online slip with their unique Shoot Key detailed on it. When you log-in your personalised Shoot Key number will display all the photographs of your child including an individual photo (and sibling photo if you have ordered one).

It is then an easy process for you to shop online and purchase the photographs you want. If you place your order within three weeks of receiving your Shoot Key you will receive free delivery of your order to the school.

If you order after the 3 week free delivery period, a postage & handling fee per order will apply and orders will be sent to your home.

For families who do not wish to use the Photolife online system, order envelopes will be available from the School Office soon after Photo Day.

A Photolife flyer will go home today to the eldest child in each family.

# PHOTOLIFE SIBLINGS PHOTOS (YOU MUST PRE-ORDER)

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August & Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 in the Matariki Hall between 8.00am - 9.00am

Pre-ordered Sibling Photos involving <u>pre-schoolers/older siblings NOT at our school</u> will be taken between <u>8.00am-9.00am on a first-come-first-served</u> basis in the Matariki Hall on both days.

<u>PLEASE NOTE: Students who have their sibling at our school will have their Sibling Photo taken during class time.</u> Students must be wearing the correct school uniform.

If you wish to have a sibling photograph, please collect a "Sibling Photo Request Form" from the School Office and return it <u>BEFORE</u> Photo Day to the School Office. Sibling Photos will be delivered to the school along with the Class and Individual photos at a later date.



# **ILLNESS AT SCHOOL**

The School Office has seen quite a few cases of diarrhoea and vomiting amongst students at Te Totara Primary School over the past week.

As this can be very easily transmitted, please ensure all unwell students are kept at home until 48 hours after the diarrhoea and/or vomiting has stopped.

It is important to encourage good hand washing and drying.

Please see a Doctor if vomiting and/or diarrhoea is severe or the illness does not improve.

# SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY - TUESDAY 14TH AUGUST, 2018

Once again it is that time of year when our children are training hard for our School Cross-Country. This is to be held on **Tuesday 14th August, 2018 (Week 4, Term 3).** Running is a fantastic sport to be involved in at any age. It brings many rewarding benefits, including the obvious physical, mental and personal development. It teaches children goal setting and helps build perseverance and resilience. **Regular physical exercise has also been shown to increase general well-being and reduce** 



anxiety. Our students are currently working on increasing their fitness with circuit training and various fun endurance games and activities where their heart rate is elevated for extended periods of time. Students at all levels of fitness will be catered for, as the focus is on improving fitness and increasing stamina for each individual student - from whatever their current fitness level is. Parents, like teachers and coaches, play a key role in determining the quality of experiences young people have. The importance of parents enabling and supporting their children can't be underestimated, so please encourage your child to fully participate in all the fitness activities to build up both their mental and physical strength. You can also help at home, just as Eddie the Penguin said (in our recent junior production - relating to walking, biking, scootering, etc), "It can make you fit; have you thought about it?", so think about choosing one of these options instead of taking the car when you can!

**NEXT WEEK WE WILL SEND OUT EXACT TIMINGS OF WHEN CHILDREN RUN** 

#### TE TOTARA HOUSE COLOURS

There are four houses, all named in line with our STARS theme and space expeditions:

HOUSE: COLOUR:
Apollo Yellow
Challenger Blue
Discovery Green
Mercury Red

# "Apollo, Challenger, Discovery & Mercury"

- Children are placed in houses when they arrive at school. New Entrants with family members already at school will be placed in the same house.
- We will be able to use the houses for different school events and happenings e.g. Athletic Sports, Cross Country.
- Houses will provide our children with leadership responsibilities and provide good-natured competition.
- There are colours for each house.
- There will be a Lead Teacher looking after each house.
- Students will be meeting in house groups before the event e.g. School Cross Country.
- Children are encouraged to wear an item of a colour associated with their school house.

# LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS COMING UP

Learning Plan Discussions will take place on **Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd August, 2018**. Further information will follow in next week's newsletter. Bookings will open on **Friday 3rd August at 9.00am.** School will finish at <u>2.00pm</u> on both Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd August for ALL students. **Students will need to be collected at 2.00pm - Thanks.** 

#### AFTER SCHOOL CARE

As the whole school will finish at 2.00pm on Wednesday 22nd August & Thursday 23rd August 2018; After School Care will begin at 2.00pm, for those children enrolled.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO WENDY BULLOCH**

In Wendy's role as Executive Officer for Te Totara Primary School she belongs to a national body of School Executive Officers/Business Managers. The name of this Association is the School Business Managers Association (previously School Executive Officers Association) and caters for those in the role in High Schools, Intermediate Schools and Primary Schools across New Zealand. The main aim of the Association is to offer Professional Development and support for School Business Managers.



The National Executive Committee of the Association are all volunteers and are comprised of Regional Delegates for 9 regions in New Zealand from

Southland to Northland. As well as the Regional Delegates there is a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer who comprise the Officers of the Association.

Wendy was voted last year to be the Waikato Regional Delegate of the Association. Her main task was to organise professional development days once a term for the Waikato members. Workshops were arranged covering accounting and reporting requirements for school finances, property management, personnel issues, health and safety, and the list goes on.

They also have representation at Ministry of Education initiatives and last year Wendy attended meetings on a proposed Student Information Sharing Initiative which could see important data for each learner following them automatically from Early Childhood to Tertiary Education.

At their last AGM on 19th July, 2018 Wendy was voted as the **Secretary of the Association**. It is testament to Wendy's ability that her peers had confidence in her to represent them at this level. Her first task is to update the School Business Managers website making it a "one stop shop" with resources and links to valuable information for not only the Business Managers, but also the Senior Leadership teams in schools.

Wendy will be required to attend meetings in Wellington once a term, and sometimes have sub-committee meetings to attend. Congratulations Wendy, from all of us!

## GIVE A KID A BLANKET, CAN YOU HELP PLEASE

Give a Kid a Blanket Waikato provides good clean bedding to local kids and their whanau who desperately need some extra warmth to help get them through the cold winter months.

Do you have any surplus blankets, duvets or sheets? All sizes, but only good usable supplies please. Care packages will be directly delivered to those in need through social workers and health advocates.

Jo Stewart, our Teacher in Milky Way 20 has agreed to be the collector at school, so you are welcome to give any donations directly to her.

# **FOOTWEAR IN LOST PROPERTY**

Our Caretakers have accumulated a large number of unclaimed footwear in their shed.

If your child is missing footwear, please ask them to speak to Barnie or Ian. Items will be available for the 2 next two weeks only. Any remaining footwear will then be donated to the Red Cross.

Just a reminder, all children should be arriving and departing school wearing their correct school uniform footwear.



# LATE COLLECTION OF CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL - SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM

We have noticed an increased trend in children being picked up late after school. We understand that some children may be waiting for an older sibling from RJHS to collect them, or perhaps one of their siblings may be involved in after school sports at Te Totara.

However, **school finishes at <u>3.00pm</u>** and we would expect that our children have either been collected or have **left the school premises by 3.15pm**. After this time our staff are involved in meetings and are unable to supervise any remaining children. If children remain at school after 3.15pm, it is the parents/caregivers responsibility for the safety and supervision your child/ren.

Special Rate: If your child is waiting for their sibling from RJHS to collect them, **After School Care (ASC)** facilities are available at our school at a rate of \$6.00 an hour per child (minimum charge of hour) instead of the casual fee which is \$8.00 per hour. This will provide a safe environment for your child and peace of mind for you as a parent/caregiver as they wait for their sibling. Please follow the process below to register your Te Totara child/ren for ASC.

Once you have registered, please email <u>afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz</u> and let them know that you are one of the families who requires ASC for a short period of time while your child is waiting to be collected by an older sibling attending RJHS, this is so your booking fee can be adjusted accordingly.

# Here's what you need to do to enrol at ASC:

- 1. Go to our school website www.tetotara.school.nz and click red quicklink "Before and After School Care" then click on the "Enrol Now 2018" button.
- 2. Once you reach the Registration page, click the purple "register now" button.
- 3. Follow the registration process and enrol your child/ren
- 4. After this has been done, click the dashboard in the Menu Bar at the top of the screen, now you can make a booking:)
- 5. Click on the "make a booking" button and complete the booking into the desired programme
- 6. Once completed, your booking is now pending and will be confirmed via a confirmation email.

# These videos may be of help to you:

- Login: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JyboRttGC-U&feature=youtu.be
- Dashboard Overview: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H9owTs8KMaQ&feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H9owTs8KMaQ&feature=youtu.be</a>

For all other families who are regularly collecting their child late (after 3.15pm), we urge you to use our After School Care facilities or arrange alternative care for your child. Our school does not encourage families to leave their children at school unsupervised after 3.15pm.

If you have any queries around After School Care, please do not hesitate to call Anna Herbert on (027) 8530031 or email: afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz.

# FIRST CREDIT UNION WINTER NEWSLETTER

Check out First Credit Unions Winter newsletter online on our school website, quick links, newsletters and notices. There is a chance to learn all about pets!

# **SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS**

Scholastic Book orders are due by **Friday 10th August**, **2018 @ 9.15am**, to the School Office. Sorry **NO** late orders will be accepted.

REMEMBER.... When completing the order form please fill in all the details i.e. name, room number, item number and title of the book.

A quick easy way to order and pay now, is to order and pay online with the book club loop.

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on Friday 27th July, 2018 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.

This week our children from Orion, Kōpū & Marama will attend assembly and our Marama 13 children will be sharing.

# TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

If you are a Coach or Manager, please email the POD to celestem@tetotara.school.nz

**NETBALL** 

Comets Amani Mills, Samantha Billingham

Ferns Kyla Torr-Williams
Invaders Rosa Embling
Shooters Madison Creighton

**HOCKEY** 

All Stars Keerti Pera
Strikers Peyton Ellis
Shooters Reegan Whanga
Stars Lynize Snyman
Tigers Paige Hopping



# DATES COMING UP

Thurs 26 July BOT Meeting at 6.30pm

**Tues 31 July ICAS, English** (for those students who have registered)

Wed 8 Aug Photolife Class, Individual & Sibling Photos Thurs 9 Aug Photolife Class, Individual & Sibling Photos

Tues 14 Aug School Cross Country

Thurs 16 Aug School Cross Country - Postponement Date

Mon 13 Aug ICAS, Mathematics (for those students who have registered)

Wed 22 Aug 2.15pm - 5.30pm - Learning Plan Discussions (School Finishes at 2.00pm)
Thurs 23 Aug 2.15pm - 6.00pm - Learning Plan Discussions School Finishes at 2.00pm)

Tues 28 Aug Fairfield Cluster Cross Country

Thurs 30 Aug Fairfield Cluster Cross Country (Postponement Day)

Thurs 30 Aug BOT Meeting at 6.30pm

Mon 3 Sept Mid-Term Break - SCHOOL CLOSED

Tues 18 Sept Fairfield Cluster Winter Sports (NO Postponement date)

Thurs 20 Sept BOT Meeting at 6.30pm
Wed 26 Sept Senior School Production
Thurs 27 Sept Senior School Production

Fri 28 Sept END OF TERM 3, SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM

Kind regards, **Brian Sheedy** 

# **COMMUNITY NOTICES:**

We are often asked to put Community Notices in our newsletter. Due to the large number of requests, we now have a "Community Notices" section on the notice board in the School Office, where you will find more information on the notices below. Please note that this does not necessarily imply School endorsement of these notices.

## SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC CLASSES

Enrolments are now open for Term Three 2018 at the Waikato Community School of Music (formerly Hamilton Community Centre of Music). The first session is on Saturday 28th July. The school caters for all ages (3 to retired) and ability levels, offering group-format music tuition in a range of instruments. Fees range from \$39 to \$95 per term (9 lessons in Term 3) depending on age and instrument. The enrolment fee for an instrument class includes participation in as many of our ensembles as the student wishes. Class times are between 8.00am and 1.00pm on Saturdays during primary school terms. The centre is located on the University of Waikato campus in Hillcrest. Contact us via our website <a href="http://www.hccm.ac.nz/">http://www.hccm.ac.nz/</a> or on 07 838 4611

# This will be held at St Pauls Collegiate, Hukanui Road Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept from 7.00pm – 8.30pm/9.00pm

Its free of charge, however spaces are limited.

Please visit the Waikato Police Facebook page, and go to the events to RSVP. Link here:

# https://www.facebook.com/events/254276345327544

Guest speakers include:

Pauline Spence – Educator from Netsafe NZ

Detective Reece Durston - Hamilton Police CIB

Constable Pete van't Wout - School Community Officer - Hamilton Police Youth Services









use of a shirt/outfit for the end of term show and access to videos for your kids to dance to at home. If a session is full I can always put your name on the waitlist in case something comes available.



