

# **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**THURSDAY 23RD AUGUST, 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)

#### MID TERM BREAK - SCHOOL CLOSED MONDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

Just a reminder that School is closed on **Monday 3rd September**, **2018**. This date was set last year and is to help with everyone's wellbeing at this time of the year. It is usual that we have increased student illness at this time of the year and in previous years we have noticed a reduction in absences due to illness after this break.

# DAFFODIL DAY ON FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST, 2018 SUPPORT DAFFODIL DAY - HAIR CUTTING NEWS!

Most New Zealanders will have some experience of cancer, either personally or through a relative or friend. One in three New Zealanders will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.

On Daffodil Day at morning tea two of our Learning Support Teacher Aides, Kate and Monique, and a past Te Totara pupil, Lucy McMorran, will be cutting their hair to raise money for The Cancer Society. The funds raised will support the work the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Cancer Society do to provide free supportive care services



and health promotion programmes, fund research and undertake advocacy. The organisation receives no direct government funding so let's support them!

Their hair will be donated for wigs for people who have lost their own hair due to cancer treatment. It takes five ponytails to make one wig and each hair is individually threaded & knotted into it. We would love others to join in the fun & consider donating their hair also, (your hair donation needs to be approx 30cm long and natural - so no colour), however we are on the lookout for another hairdresser to help out on the day. If you are able to help on the day OR if

you or your child is keen to donate hair, please contact Kate on katem@tetotara.school.nz







# SUPPORT DAFFODIL DAY - WEAR SOMETHING YELLOW (MUFTI CLOTHING) + CRAZY HAIR

To support Daffodil Day, our children are welcome to come to school with crazy hair (if they wish) and wearing something yellow (mufti clothing).

We ask for a **Gold Coin Donation**, the proceeds will go to the Cancer Society along with the proceeds from our Teacher Aide's Hair Cutting, which is happening at morning tea.

Our School Leaders will have collection buckets and will stand outside the entrance points to the school. Children may be given either a fabric yellow daffodil or a sticker for their donation (while stocks last).

## SENIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

# CIRCUS SPLENDIDA

Wednesday 26th September 2018 at 1.30pm & 7.00pm both performances are by the Milky Way & Earth Teams

Thursday 27th September 2018 at 1.30pm & 7.00pm both performances are by the Marama & Ra Teams



# Tickets on sale NOW through KINDO only

**TICKETS:** We ask families to please be mindful that there are many Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 families wanting to attend an evening performance therefore, we have to limit ticket sales to a **maximum of 2 tickets per family for the 7.00pm performance**. There may be extra tickets available to purchase closer to the event, we will let you know. Thank you in advance.

PLEASE NOTE: There is no ticket limit for the 1.30pm Matinee performances.

### **ALL TICKETS ARE \$10.00 EACH**

Children 3 years old and under are FREE, provided they are sitting on the knee of a paying adult ticket.



Limited to 300 tickets each performance. Sorry, NO door sales on the night.



- Payment of tickets is through KINDO. Sorry, we will not be accepting any payments through internet banking or through the School Office.
- If you do not have access to a computer, you are welcome to use the school iPad which is available in the School Office. If you do not have an email address, please contact Marise Crow 07 853-0039 ext. 858.
- Tickets are non-refundable nor transferable so please ensure you are ordering the correct day/time.
- We acknowledge that some families may have children performing on both days and may have to purchase tickets for each of the days. Unfortunately, we cannot offer any solution to this as the money from ticket sales goes towards the costumes, lighting, sound, backdrops etc.
- Only 300 tickets are available for each performance so don't miss out!. NO extra seating or standing room will be allowed due to Health & Safety Regulations.
- The School Office will regularly check sales through KINDO and will send colour coded ticket/s home with the oldest child in each family within a few days of purchase:
   Wednesday 26th September Milky Way & Earth Teams (1.30pm/Pink ticket and 7.00pm/Blue ticket)
   Thursday 27th September Marama & Ra Teams (1.30pm/Yellow ticket and 7.00pm/Orange ticket)
- Please remember to bring your ticket to the performance; this will confirm you have purchased a seat.
   Sorry, no ticket/no entry there will be NO DOOR SALES.
- Doors open for Matinee Performances at 1.00pm / Evening Performances doors open at 6.30pm
- The number on your ticket is NOT your seat number, seating is on a first-come-first-served basis.
- There will be an area allocated for wheelchair access and seating. If you require this service, please make sure you indicate this when purchasing your tickets through KINDO.
- <u>All Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 students</u> are required to attend each of their own team performances. Students performing on the day/evening do not require a ticket.
- All our students will have an opportunity to see a dress rehearsal of the Senior School Production during school time.

This online system allows you to pay for our school's fees (Mathletics, Aquatics, School Donation, Lost Library Book Fees etc) and is also the <u>ONLY</u> way to register your child for sports. Register now for:

#### Fairfield Cluster Cross Country (Years 4-6 Selected Students only)

(Registrations Close tomorrow, Friday 24th August @ 9.00am)

#### Orion Team Hamilton Zoo Trip

(Registrations Close Tuesday 28th August @ 9.00am)



#### **Matawhero Team Animates Trip**

(Registrations Close Monday 3rd September @ 9.00am)

#### "Circus Spendida" Senior School Production Tickets

Dates are: Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th September, 2018

Register for Kindo using our App or through our School Website (click on the link) www.tetotara.school.nz then select the "Fees & Donations" tab.

Questions?

If you need help, please pop in and see us at the School Office OR give us a call on (07) 853-0039 OR call

### the Kindo Helpdesk on 0508 454636 (toll free)

If access is denied, it is most likely that our school does not have your current email address recorded on your child's file. Please do not hesitate to contact the School Office on (07) 853-0039 to amend.

#### JOB VACANCY - TE TOTARA AFTER SCHOOL CARE

After School Care is looking for an ASC worker who will be available Monday through to Thursday. We need someone who enjoys working with children, and will actively supervise them in a variety of settings during our busy afternoons. If you think this is you, please email your CV and 2 references to <u>afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz</u>

# SWIM SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS, TERM 4 – LIMITED SPACES! Mon 8TH - Fri 12TH OCTOBER 2018, SCHOOL HOLIDAY - 1 WEEK BLOCK COURSE OF LESSONS

New Zealand has one of the highest drowning rates in the developed world. Unfortunately, 2018 has seen many drownings in New Zealand already.

We are looking at running a 1 week block course of swimming lessons in the second week of the school holidays, 8 - 12 October 2018, lessons are generally held in the mornings from 9am - 1pm and fees for this block course of lessons would be \$80.00 per child.

We are looking at running a 7 week block course of Swimming Lessons in Term 4, 2018.

- Lessons will be 25 minutes one day per week, usually held on a Tuesday or Thursday.
- These will be small class numbers of children which is a great way to boost your child's confidence in the water. Fees for this 7 week course are \$115.00 per child.
- Lessons will be held from 3.30pm 6.00pm in our school pool. Approximate start date would be week 2, Term 4.

Parents are reminded to please stay on site for your child's Swim School lesson as per our Swim School Terms and Conditions a copy of which is available on our school website or from our School Office. Please e-mail Celeste: <a href="mailto:celestem@tetotara.school.nz">celestem@tetotara.school.nz</a> if you would be interested in making a booking with your child's name and swimming level.

## HEALTH WAIKATO HEARING & VISION TESTING FOR STUDENTS THAT HAVE NOT COMPLETED ROUTINE TESTS

A Vision & Hearing Technician will be visiting our school, Monday 24th September 2018 to complete routine tests for those students who have missed their pre-school or prior school checks. For further information, please contact Health Waikato direct on (07) 838-3565.

#### **ROUND THE BRIDGES - TE TOTARA TEAM**

Every year thousands of runners and walkers descend upon Hamilton City Centre for one of NZ's oldest and most beloved annually contested events, Lugton's Round the Bridges!

A notice about joining our Te Totara Round the Bridges team went home earlier this week. If your child is interested in participating in the school team you can pick up a notice from Mrs Gardyne in Marama 14.

Important Information:

Race Day: Sunday 18th November, 2018

Time: 7.30am - 9.30am

Location: Hamilton City Council Reception

**Price:** \$6.00 - \$15.00 (depending on when you register)



#### **OUR WELLNESS ROOM BEDDING IS MISSING**

Towards the end of last term, one of our families took home some bedding to be washed, dried and returned to school.

Unfortunately, the bedding has not been returned and we are unable to ascertain which family took it home. We would really appreciate the return of this bedding for our Wellness Room as it is used every day. Many thanks in advance.



#### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on Friday 24th August, 2018 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.

This week our Matawhero, Earth and Milky Way children will attend assembly and our Earth 35 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**

Ferns Alex Frater, Shae Mael, Tane Mael

Invaders Sophie Mehrtens

Meteors Emily Skipwith, Alexis Torr-Williams,

Savannah Bourne

Shooters Michē Cloete
Stars Hannah Anglesey

**HOCKEY** 

Cheetahs Savannah Bourne Shooters Summer Wright Tigers Gurveer Randhawa

**BASKETBALL** 

Bouncers Grace Hodgson, Daniel Hodgson

Shooters Ryan Ralph



### DATES COMING UP

Fri 17 Aug - 23 Aug Book Fair at School

Thurs 23 Aug 2.15pm - 6.00pm - Learning Plan Discussions School Finishes @ 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

Fri 31 Aug Cancer Society Daffodil Day - Gold Coin Donation

Mon 3 Sept Mid-Term Break - SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 14 Sept PTA, SCHOOL DISCO - "T" PARTY

Years 0-2 from 5.30pm - 6.45pm - \$2.00 entry fee on the night Years 3-6 from 7.00pm - 8.30pm - \$2.00 entry fee on the night

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

Thurs 20 Sept BOT Meeting at 6.30pm

Wed 26 Sept
Senior School Production (1.30pm & 7.00pm performances)
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Fri 28 Sept
END OF TERM 3. SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM

Kind regards, **Brian Sheedy** 

## TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: tetotara.pta@gmail.com www.facebook.com/TTPTA



# SMITH AND MCKENZIE CHEESECAKE FESTIVAL

The annual Cheesecake Festival is on at Smith & McKenzie until Sunday 26th August, 2018. Te Totara's flavour is **Salted Peanut and Caramel** – how yum is that? Simply purchase a piece and vote for us – it's that easy! We are currently in 3<sup>rd</sup> place – only 9 VOTES behind the winner! Please 'take one for the team' by enjoying a

delicious piece of dessert ©

### DISCO - "TE TOTARA 'T' PARTY"

We are holding a disco on **14 SEPTEMBER**. The Theme is **'T' Party**, so start thinking of costume ideas – **anything that starts with the letter 'T'**. Will you be a tree, the Terminator, a T-Rex or a teapot? Maybe a turtle, a train or a Transformer? Tennis player, teacher or tiger? Get your thinking caps on, there will be spot prizes for the best costumes...

Your PTA committee: Scott, Fiona, Rae, Jackie and Vicki



### 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

#### FREE ASTHMA HELP

Asthma Waikato offers FREE asthma consults for families of children aged 0-15, living in the Waikato, who struggle with asthma. We accept self referrals.

If your child suffers from asthma and you would like some help getting on top of it, please visit www.asthmawaikato.org.nz and fill in the online referral form by clicking the blue button top right "Make a Referral". We are here to help.

#### **SEVENS SKILLS DAY**

The Sevens Skills day is going to be held at Rototuna High School on Wednesday 10th October. Led by elite Rugby 7s captains Tim Mikkelson and Scott Curry. This full day training session will benefit boys and girls 10-13yrs old wanting to improve and build their rugby skills. Through fun, hands on, performance based training. Cost: \$80 pp Age 10-13 years of age (approx) Time - 8.30-3pm Date: Wednesday 10th October Venue: Rototuna High Schools Girls and boys welcome! For more information email: <a href="mailto:info@one2.co.nz">info@one2.co.nz</a> Facebook Link: <a href="mailto:http://facebook.com/sevensstarsnz">http://facebook.com/sevensstarsnz</a>

#### **HAMILTON BMX**

Club Nights starting next week 22nd August 2018 from 5.15pm Open Day 26th August 11am to1pm

Check out our facebook page for all updates

CONTACT Lynda Ardern, Hamilton BMX Club. Ph 027 3407120 Just wanting to remind everyone our September Sunday Fun Club Days is not far away, to register @ http://www.hamiltonbmx.co.nz/joining-bmx/new-riders-register-for-sunday-fun-club-days/online



Did you love playing in the outdoors as a kid? Do you want the same opportunities for your kids but struggle for free time? Nature play has proven physical, emotional and social health benefits. Our supervised programme allows kids to lead their own activities mudslides, tree climbing, hammock and hut building etc. For more information, please check out this video

https://youtu.be/gVxdIEnHQW8 or to secure your booking visit our website: www.consciouskids.co.nz. Programme costs: \$60 per day or \$270 for the whole week. Oscar funding not available yet sorry.

# ADAM THOMAS FOOTBALL **SCHOOL** Te Totara Primary DATE Wednesday afternoons TIME **Olympic Football** 3.15pm - 4:30pm **Coaching Term 4**

#### **ADAM THOMAS FOOTBALL:**

Te Totara Primary school parents please register here:

https://enrolmy.com/adam-thomas-football/activity/62-Te Totara Primary School