

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2016

**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), **Mbofe, Jambo** (Congolese), **Konnichiwa** (Japanese), **Hola** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea) **Israel Shalom** (Hebrew)

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

This year there is a Board of Trustees election coming up and we wanted to give everyone plenty of opportunity to think about standing for the Board. This link provides a brief guide as to what it entails.  
<http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/>

A really practical way to find out about how a Board operates is to come along to a Board meeting or two, these are held at least 10 times a year. Our next Board of Trustees meeting is on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February @6.30 pm**. These are now being held in the Staff Lounge in the Matariki (Hall) building. The meetings are open to the public. If you would like any further information please don't hesitate to contact me via e-mail at [principal@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:principal@tetotara.school.nz)

### MUFTI DAY – FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2016 LET'S SUPPORT BELLA'S BATTLE WITH CANCER AND HELP HER DREAM COME TRUE!

As many of you know one of our students, Bella Goff, has recently been diagnosed with Leukaemia.

Bella's family have set up a "Give-a-Little" Fundraising page, here is a link to her page: <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/brave-bellas-big-dream>.

Feel free to donate or to read about her progress.



Our school is proud to support Bella through the huge struggle her body is enduring throughout her intense chemotherapy treatment by holding a **Muffi Day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2016**.

Please wear muffi clothing (*non-school uniform*) or dress up and bring a **gold coin donation** to the School Office. The money we raise will be deposited into Bella's "Give-a-Little" account to go towards her dream to go to Disneyland at the end of the year.

The below extract is from Bella's Give a Little Page:

"Our brave, sweet 7 year old daughter Bella is fighting for her life with a rare type of AML Leukaemia (cancer in the blood + marrow). She is enduring intensive chemotherapy treatment for over 6 months and her dream is to visit Disneyland this Christmas 2016, once she has kicked this disease in the butt!! (her words).



### WEET-BIX TRYATHLON CONGRATULATIONS

Big congratulations to all children who participated in the Weetbix Tryathlon on Sunday. It was a tough day in the heat for all of you and it was so impressive to see you all trying your best. You should all be very proud of your great achievement!

## COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO GET KIDS SAFELY TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Recently Rototuna Junior High School, Te Totara Primary and Hamilton Christian School, alongside the Hamilton City Council (HCC) and the Police School Community Officers, met to discuss issues around students commuting to school.

It is paramount to all that your children arrive and return safely from school. Having three schools in close proximity increases the congestion on our roads and the main issue we addressed at this meeting was crossing points on Borman Road.

- The **Kea Crossing on Borman Rd outside Hamilton Christian School will be operational** and manned again during peak morning and afternoon times, with Hamilton Christian School providing a Road Safety Team possibly assisted by Rototuna Junior High.
- We are asking **all students who arrive from the Resolution Drive area to remain on the southern side of Borman Rd and to cross at the Kea Crossing immediately outside Hamilton Christian School** (this means they will NOT use the underpass at the "eel" roundabout at this stage).
- **Please discourage all younger children from crossing Borman Rd at Learning Links where there is a pedestrian refuge island.** For safety reasons at peak times the preference is for them to use either the Kea Crossing at Hamilton Christian School or the signalised crossing near Hector Dr.
- **HCC is undertaking an investigation of crossing options on Moonlight Dr.**

The above areas are a work in progress and it is great that we are working together with all the schools in the area alongside HCC and the Police to ensure the safety of our students.

Please talk to your children about these changes and especially the expectation for them to cross the road where they are safest, and remind them of the need to follow the instructions of the road safety patrols at all times. As most of the congestion in the area is parents driving we would also like to remind you to be aware of pedestrians at all times, keep an eye on your speed and look out for the road safety patrol operating at the kea crossing.

### What is a Kea Crossing?

Kea Crossings provide children with a safe place to cross the road. They're installed around schools so school patrols can control traffic and safely guide children across the street.

A Kea Crossing only operates when a school patrol and two fluorescent orange crossing point flag signs (*one on each side of the road*) are present.

The School Patrol will be operating before and after school and possibly at lunch time. When the School Patrol displays their STOP signs, **traffic must stop**. This helps keep children safe when they're going to and from school.

When there's no school patrol and no crossing signs, the crossing point is just like any other section of road.

From: <http://nzta.govt.nz/safety/safety-for-children/kia-crossings/>

## HAVE A GO NETBALL

Any students from Year 3 to Year 6 who don't know much about netball or who have never played, but who would like to have a go to see what it's about, there will be a "Have a Go Afternoon" this coming Monday 22nd February from 3.20pm until approx. 4.30pm. Please meet at the turf. You will need to wear sports shoes and have a water bottle. The idea is to learn about netball in a fun, casual and non-competitive setting so that you can think about whether you'd like to play netball for the school this year. Please register your interest for the have a go afternoon by emailing Miss Leitch at [meganl@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:meganl@tetotara.school.nz) or by phoning the school on 853-0039, ask for my voicemail, and leave a message advising your name, room number and year group.

## MIGRANT FAMILY RESOURCES

We have a selection of resources available at our School Office that may be of interest to our migrant families. These resources, along with many more, can be obtained from the **Waikato Migrant Resource Centre**, Boundary Road, Hamilton  
Ph: 853-2192 [www.wmrc.org.nz](http://www.wmrc.org.nz)



## MAJOR PROJECT- COVERED COURTS

As you would have seen from the PTA flyer that was handed out during the Meet the Teacher evening, the Board of Trustees and the PTA are combining their expertise in launching a major fundraising project to cover the court area beside the Ra building. This is no small task, and we will need lots of help and support so that our children can benefit from the all year round outdoor area. This is so important for physical skills as well as other outdoor learning. We see this project benefitting all our children and wider community, exciting!

From here the process is:

A combined working group from the PTA and Board and Te Totara Staff are forming to:

- Look at what the best cover should have, including options for lighting and outdoor sound system
- Visit and see other outdoor areas in action to see what works best in a school
- We will be liaising with the Ministry of Education to gain permission for the outdoor area
- Formulate a design, with costings so we know how much is needed
- Begin fundraising, including help from the community

### Timeframe

This will be part of the working groups planning, it is likely to take some time to get everything in place, but it does give us a major focus to help our children.

### Updates

Our first working group meeting is later this term and we will keep the community updated on this initiative. Meanwhile, if you have any ideas, contacts or help, please feel free to email [principal@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:principal@tetotara.school.nz)

## SWIMMING TIMETABLE

Here is our swimming timetable for weeks 4-7, your children are really enjoying their in class swimming lessons.

<http://www.tetotara.school.nz/210/pages/65-swimming-pool>

## DO YOU WANT TO PLAY A WINTER SPORT THIS YEAR?

We have Hockey, Netball and Mini-Ball (Basketball) on offer at Te Totara beginning in Term Two. We'd love to have you in a team. If you are interested, please come to our **Sport Muster** on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March (Wk 5) at 12:35pm in the Matariki Hall**. At this muster you will meet with the teacher in charge of your selected sport and you will get an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST notice to take home, show to your parents/caregivers and bring it back to the School Office (signed) by the date shown on the letter. We look forward to seeing you there.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by **9.15am, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016** to the School Office please. **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 new easy way to order and pay now, is to order and pay online with the book club loop.

Visit: [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz)

Unfortunately Scholastic have not supplied us with enough catalogues for everyone, several classes have missed out. If you would like to view the catalogue online here is the [link](#), and here is [information](#) about how to order. We do have a few spare paper copies if you want to pay by cash or cheque.

## FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **Friday 19th February, 2016** in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm. This week Orion, Kōpū, Earth and Marama children attended assembly. Everyone is welcome.

## DATES COMING UP

Thurs 25 Feb	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm in the Staff Lounge
Fri 26 Feb	Muffi Day in support of Bella Goff – Gold Coin Donation
Tues 15 March	Cluster Swimming
Tues 22 March	Learning Plan Discussions School Finishes at 2.00pm
Wed 23 March	Learning Plan Discussions School Finishes at 2.00pm
Fri 25 March	Easter Friday, school closed
Mon 28 March	Easter Monday, school closed
Tues 29 March	Easter Tuesday, school closed
Mon 11 – Wed 13 April	Camp for Milky Way
Wed 13 - Fri 15 April	Camp for Marama
Fri 15 April	TERM 1, 2016 FINISHES @ 3.00pm

Kind regards,

**Brian Sheedy**

*Principal*



## TE TOTARA PTA

### NEXT PTA MEETING:

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the staff lounge.

### PTA BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

Te Totara Primary School PTA Account: ASB 12 3171 0277833-00

Please ensure your name is used as a reference.

### PTA EMAIL AND FACEBOOK ADDRESSES:

[tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com)

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# 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.

## TENNIS LESSONS AT TE TOTARA

"Number 1 tennis is offering tennis coaching after school on Wednesdays and Thursday's this term. Ages 8-10 on Wednesday 3.15pm-4.00pm and ages 10+ from 4.00pm-4.45pm, ages 5-7 on Thursday 3.15pm-4.00pm and ages 8-10 from 4.00pm-4.45pm.

Please contact Andrew Sheedy at [andrewsheedy@hotmail.com](mailto:andrewsheedy@hotmail.com) to enrol or for more information"

## SWIM TEACHERS WANTED

Do you love water? Do you have a passion to work with children?

Have you considered a career in Swim Teaching? Flexible work hours instructing babies from 5 months/Pre Schoolers/ School aged to enjoy, gain respect and develop fundamental swimming skills.

Full training offered. For more information contact [Christine.hunger@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:Christine.hunger@hcc.govt.nz)

"**THE PIED PIPER OF HAMILTON**" is a children's theatre production by Stories and More, staged with an adult and children's cast, especially for the Hamilton Garden Arts Festival. 'The Pied Piper of Hamilton' provides an imaginative twist to this classic tale. Just a gold coin per person, reserve your tickets free at [www.iticket.co.nz](http://www.iticket.co.nz). Performances at 10am and 2pm on weekends 20/21 February and 27/28 February at the Medici Court in the Hamilton Gardens. The show lasts approximately one hour.

## SUBURBS COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB

### 2016 JUNIOR RUGBY WEIGH-IN

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 10am-2pm

At Suburbs Community Sports Club, Flagstaff Park, Commodore Ave, Hamilton

Ages 3-12 years, boys and girls all welcome

All new players are required to bring a birth certificate or passport

For further details contact Brendon Stone [0274846013](tel:0274846013) or Shane Townsend [021843593](tel:021843593)

## TE RAPA JUNIOR RFC

Te Rapa Junior RFC would like to invite all New and present members to our annual weigh in to be held at our Club Rooms, Vickery St, Te Rapa, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 5pm till 7pm. All new players can you please bring a COPY of birth cert or passport as proof of age and a recent photo. Subs can be paid on night \$40 for first sibling, \$20 for each other. Free Giveaways for early subs (Limited numbers).

## FOOTBALL REGISTRATIONS FOR 2016 NOW OPEN

Northern United Football Club (NUFC) - a merged club of Hamilton North and Hukanui Rototuna Football Club - is open for registrations for all kids aged 5 and up who want to play football. Registrations are online via their website - [www.hrfc.co.nz](http://www.hrfc.co.nz). Grading, for those interested will be in the first week of March, so enrol now. If you have any queries or want to know a little more, touch base with them on [football.northernunited@gmail.com](mailto:football.northernunited@gmail.com) or 08004SOCCER.

## FAMILY COLOUR RUN

TriMaori Charitable Trust ([www.trimaori.nz](http://www.trimaori.nz)) are running a family colour run - which is a fun run (about 3km or 6km if you're feeling energetic!), for people of all ages and ability (prams and wheelchairs are welcome) with participants being sprinkled with colourful coloured powder (made from cornstarch) along the way.

The Colour Run will be held at **Claudlands Park, Hamilton** on **Saturday 5th March 2016** and will start at 10am. Each participant receives a t-shirt, coloured powder packets and race number. Spot prizes will be handed out on the day

To register - go online - [www.trimaori.nz](http://www.trimaori.nz). Rego packs can be picked up on Saturday 5th March between 8am and 9.45am).

## LOST SCOOTER

Apple Curtis has lost her lime green scooter, Her name is engraved on the underside of the scooter, and the scooter is covered in many stickers. Please contact Diane if found ph 0272862666.

## EASTLINK SPORTS HUB NEIGHBOURS/ OPEN DAY

19<sup>th</sup> March 2016 - 11am – 3pm. 30 Old Farm Rd, Hillcrest, Hamilton – off Wairere Drive

Neighbours Day Aotearoa is an annual nationwide initiative which aims to encourage good neighbourly relations in New Zealand communities. This year, there will be a Neighbours Day event, combined with an Open Day at Eastlink Sports Hub in East Hamilton.

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## Exclusive offer for Te Totara parents and staff

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Settle a home loan with NZHL - Hamilton Metro before 31st March 2016 and you'll receive a **FREE 16GB iPad mini** and cover valued at \$487\*



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Contact Blair Miller:  
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