

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)

LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS – BOOKINGS OPEN MONDAY 8th AUGUST, 2016 @ 9.00AM ALL CLASSROOMS, EXCEPT MATAWHERO 1

Learning Plan discussions will take place on **Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th August, 2016**. To make an appointment time for your child/ren, please use our online booking system

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz – our school code is **jpv56**. You can also access this site via our school website www.tetotara.school.nz

If you are unable to access the internet, please phone the school (07) 853-0039 ext. 858 and leave a message with the time slot that you would prefer and Marise will collate these.

We will endeavour to give you the time as close as we can to your preference. If we are unable to assist we will go by first in first served.

Please **do not** make arrangements direct with classroom teachers.

There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress on:

Wednesday 24th August, 2016

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm, 5.00pm, 5.15pm & 5.30pm

Thursday 25th August, 2016

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm (*break between 5.00pm-5.30pm*), 5.30pm, 5.45pm, 6.00pm, 6.15pm & 6.30pm.

Please note: School will finish at 2.00pm on both days for all students. Students will need to be collected at 2.00pm please.

We have arranged **15 minute time slots** for the discussion, there will be a changeover bell so that everyone is aware of timings.

To ensure the smooth running of our Learning Plan Discussions, we would be grateful if all our parents/caregivers kept to the timetable.

If you have more than one child, you might like to have a break between each interview.

WHO SHOULD COME?

We encourage the student, and family members who have an interest in learning, to come along and discuss this with the teacher.

WHAT WILL THE FORMAT BE?

The discussion is a general one about how the learner is progressing, areas of strength and also discussing next steps in learning and how this will happen.

HOW DO I BOOK A TIME?

Please book a time through the online website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz - our school code is

jpv56. If you have more than one child attending school; please use the "Add Student" key for additional children to be displayed at the same time.

An electronic confirmation note will automatically be sent via e-mail upon completion of your booking, don't forget to include your e-mail address.

NOTE: Bookings open on Monday 8th August @ 9.00am

Bookings close on **Friday 19th August @ 3.00pm**. We will not be able to accept bookings after this date/time.

As the whole school will finish at 2.00pm on Wednesday 24th August & Thursday 25th August; After School Care will begin at 2.00pm, for those children enrolled.

SECURITY AT SCHOOL

Over the last seven months the school has been subject to increased vandalism, this is so disappointing and something we are determined to get on top of. To support our safety we have recently installed very, very high quality security cameras around the school, which work extremely well at night and the day. We can view footage from each camera from months ago in high resolution. We have added signs around the school notifying that they are in place.

We are hopeful that this will ensure we keep our school a safe and happy place for our community to use.

ICAS EXAM CERTIFICATES

The ICAS exam certificates are starting to arrive at school. Well done everyone who took part.

The participation, Merit and Credit certificates and student letters will be presented at Team Assemblies.

Distinction and High Distinction certificates will be presented at the full school assembly.

If you have any queries please contact the Team Leader or Jennie Brook-Watt.

OLYMPICS DAY

This week your child will have been told which country they are in for the Olympics Day we are having next Thursday 11th August.

Tomorrow they will have a short meeting with their country group so they can learn a little about the country and what colours they could wear for the Olympics Day.

Next Thursday, children are allowed to wear clothes to represent the country they have been allocated. They will go to class as usual in the morning for the roll to be taken. At 9am the countries will meet on the turf for some formalities before a fun-filled day of activities.

We encourage participation, enthusiasm and team work. There are a range of activities, many of which are outside. Please check our Facebook Page, School App or Te Totara website if the weather is looking bad. We will decide before 7.30am on Thursday morning if the day will go ahead.

PHOTOLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tues 9th August – Class, Individual & Sibling

Wed 10th August – Class & Individual & Sibling

Monday 17th Oct – Full School, Groups & Sports

Students will need to look their best, so please ensure the correct school uniform is worn and that it is in a clean and tidy condition.

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 # will display all the photographs of your child, including an individual photo. It is then an easy process for you to shop on-line and purchase the photographs you want. If you place your order within three weeks of receiving your Shoot Key you will receive free delivery for your photo orders. PhotoLife has agreed to despatch all the orders back to the school and your child will bring their photographs home.

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

SIBLING PHOTOS

Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th August, 2016

Sibling Photos involving pre-schoolers/older siblings NOT at our school will be taken between **8.00am-9.00am on a first-come-first-served basis in the Matariki Hall.**

NOTE: Students with their siblings at school will have their photo taken during class time if you have pre-ordered this.

If you wish to have a sibling photograph, prepaid Sibling Envelopes can be collected from the School Office to complete and return to school **BEFORE** Photo Day. These must be pre-paid.

This year Te Totara Primary School photographs will be available for you to view and order Online with PhotoLife Studios.

Please note: Sibling photos will be sent directly to the school and cannot be viewed on-line.

BOOK CHARACTER DAY

Our Book Week is on **Monday 15th to Friday 19th August**. On Friday 19th August we will be having a Book Character day, where students are able to dress as their favourite character from a book. Get your thinking caps on now, to dress up as your favourite book character!

BOOK FRIDGE

A reminder that we have a Book Fridge outside the library; if your child has finished reading a chapter book from home they can bring it in and swap it for another one from the Book Fridge. They need to ask a librarian at lunch time to open the fridge for them.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by **9.15am on Friday 5th August 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

NAMING OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please, please, please can you make sure all items of school uniform are clearly named.

It is not good enough to assume that your child will know that something belongs to them "because it has a black dot on the tag". If an item of clothing is found out on the fields it can not be returned unless it is named. We go out of our way to identify and return lost property and we are lucky to have a wonderful parent helper who does help us to clear out the lost property bin several times a term.

Please check you do have your child's correct uniform items regularly and if you do find you have another child's uniform item, please return it to the lost property bin.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held Friday 5 August 2016, in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.

This week Matawhero, Neptune, Ra and Milky Way children will attend assembly.

This week our Milky Way 21 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

HOCKEY

Leopards

Dylan Cassells

Tigers

Apple Curtis

Shooters

Alex Wilton

Cheetahs

Lachlan Pennell, Sanvir Harike

Lightning

Troy Brister

Strikers

Teebah Mekkey, Ella Leeson

NETBALL

Defenders

Madison Creighton

Magic

Zoe Babbage

Shooters

Kendra Ardouin

Keepers

Ava Killian



DATES COMING UP

Fri 5 Aug

Scholastic book orders close

Tues 9 Aug

Photolife Class, Sibling & Individual Photos

Wed 10 Aug

Photolife Class, Sibling & Individual Photos

Wed 10 Aug

PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm in the Staff Lounge

Thurs 11 Aug

Ra Wheels Day

Fri 12 Aug

Routine N/E Hearing & Vision Testing

Mon 15 Aug

Book Week at School – 15th to 19th August

Tues 16 Aug

ICAS, Mathematics

Fri 19 Aug
Wed 24 Aug
Thurs 25 Aug
Fri 26 Aug
Mon 29 Aug
Tues 20 Sep
Tues 20 Sep
Wed 21 Sep
Wed 21 Sep

Dress up as your favourite Book Character Day
Learning Plan Discussions – **School Finishes at 2.00pm**
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Cancer Society Daffodil Day
Mid Term Break
Earth & Marama 1.00pm School Production
Ra & Milky Way 7.00pm School Production
Ra & Milky Way 1.00pm School Production
Earth & Marama 7.00pm School Production

Kind regards,
Brian Sheedy
Principal



TE TOTARA PTA

Wow, where has the past week gone? Hope you've all had a good week.
Just a couple of things to report:

We have been assigned our flavour for the **Smith & McKenzie Cheesecake Festival... DARK CHOCOLATE, BUTTERSCOTCH & PECAN** – how good is that! Throughout the month of August simply visit Smith & McKenzie, purchase a slice or two of cheesecake and vote for your favourite. \$1 from every slice gets donated back to our school, so please feel free to indulge! The winner of the most combined sales and votes also receives a \$500 book voucher.

Our next PTA meeting is **WEDNESDAY 10th AUGUST**, 7.30pm in the staff room. The Agenda is posted on the school website, please take a few moments to check it out (the PTA tab under the 'Our School' tab).

Want to know more about the PTA but scared of commitment? Some myths we'd like to dispel:

- The PTA is not a cult-like secret organisation – we're just parents of Te Totara children who believe that we can help the community and add extra benefit to the school
- You won't be roped in to a contract – people come and go all the time, and we do appreciate every single bit of help
- If there are some projects coming up that you could spare some time for, that would be fantastic – but we are not looking to fill up your schedule
- It's a great forum to help make decisions about the school fundraising and activities
- We are human, friendly, like to socialise and all love a good laugh.
- Come along – there is honestly no pressure!

Please make sure you 'like' our PTA Facebook page, to be kept up to date with all the upcoming events we'll be running: www.facebook.com/TTPTA

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

Te Totara Primary School PTA Account: ASB 12 3171 0277833-00
Please ensure your name is used as a reference.

EMAIL: tetotara.pta@gmail.com

Thanks for reading, keep warm and dry :)
- Your friendly PTA team: Scott, Anna, Nalina, Jasmine & 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 notices.

SPONSORSHIP NEEDED FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES

CHARTWELL SCOUT GROUP are looking for sponsors for the 2016/2017 21st International Jamboree to be held in Marlborough. There are 26 scouts and 9 leaders attending from our group and two other Hamilton groups who will be wearing T-shirts bearing the sponsors names. We need local businesses to provide sponsorship to help fund the shirts. If you can help then please contact Nicky Sale on 021 244 5066 or rnsale@vodafone.co.nz.

TEACHER BOXING NIGHT

When?

6pm, Saturday 20th August 2016

Where?

Distinction Hamilton Hotel & Conference Centre

Who?

Teachers from around the Waikato fighting in a corporate boxing event. Boxers include Mrs Collins, Miss Courtney-Tennent and Mr Jordan

Limited tickets

There are exclusive ringside tables available to watch close up action of teachers boxing. Ringside tables include a meal and drinks. Tables seat 8 and cost \$1200 (\$150 pp).

There are also general admission tickets available for \$35.

The event is raising funds for a local boxing gym, Sons of Boxing, which has provided all the training. Sons of Boxing offers free training to the community as a way of ensuring everyone has an opportunity to train and compete without financial burden.

Support local sporting initiatives and local teachers stepping into the boxing ring! Register your interest and book tickets asap. Email Ryan ryani@tetotara.school.nz

BANDSLAM

What?

Intermediate age band competition

When?

Friday, 5th August, 2016

What time?

7pm sharp.

(doors open 6:30pm)

Where?

Activate Church

11 Bisley Road, Enderley

Tickets on the night:

Adults: \$10

Kids 5 and over: \$5

Family of 4: \$25 (2 adults, 2 kids)

Family of 5: \$30 (2 adults, 3 kids)

Family of 6: \$35 (2 adults, 4 kids)

FAIRFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Tuesday 16 August 2016, Information Evening 7.00pm

Wednesday 17 August 2016, Open Day 9.00am-2.30pm

Wednesday 31 August 2016, Open Day 9.00am-2.30pm

Some 2017 enrolment prospectus folders are available in Te Totara School Office if you would like one.



The poster for Hamilton Christian School's Open Day features a dark blue background. At the top left is the school's crest, a red shield with a white cross and the letters 'HCS' below it, with a banner underneath that reads 'Established 1863'. To the right of the crest, the text 'HAMILTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL' is written in white, with 'www.hcswaikato.school.nz' below it. The main title 'Open Day' is in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below this, the date and time 'Friday 12 August, 9:30am to 10:45am' are listed. A schedule of events follows: '9:30am - Welcome and Principal's Address', '9:40am - Head Students Address', and '10:00am - School Tour'. A paragraph of text describes the event as a 'fantastic opportunity to visit our school, meet the Principal and some of our students.' Below this, contact information is provided: 'If you would like to attend this event, please contact the school on admin@hcswaikato.school.nz or 854 0010 to register your attendance.' The phrase 'Applications open.' is written at the bottom of the text section. The bottom of the poster is a collage of six small photographs showing students in various school activities: a girl and a boy talking, a boy playing soccer, a group of boys in uniform, a boy and a girl talking, a girl swimming, and a group of boys in uniform.