

**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)

### CROSS COUNTRY

It was a pretty special day on Tuesday, with our annual Cross Country for all our children. A special feature of the day was the way in which our children and adults supported each other to do their best. For our youngest students it was their first experience and they did so well, as did all our children. Days like this really do show the key **STAR attributes** of our children. It is really encouraging to be part of such a positive and committed School Community. Thanks to all!

You may have noticed a drone buzzing around, we do hope to have some video of this within a week or so. We will let everyone know when it is ready to view.



### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our newly elected Board of Trustees meet this evening at 6.30pm in the Southern Cross (Administration) building to begin their three year term. Over the last few weeks there has been a lot of behind the scenes work done, with visits to see the school in operation by new Board members, to support their governance role in the school. Next week we will update everyone on specific roles of the new Board.

### LEARNING PLANS HOME – FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2016

Just a little reminder that if your family circumstances or details have changed recently i.e. phone, address, e-mail etc to please advise the School Office so we can update your child/ren school records accordingly.

If your family are in a shared care arrangement, please advise Marise Crow Ph: 07 853-0039 ext. 858 who will be collecting the child/ren from school on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July**.

### NEW LEARNING PLAN FORMAT

Earlier this year we implemented a revised version of Learning Plan Discussions which involved a bigger focus on goal setting with students and families. We have been pleased with the response to this initiative so far.

To support a greater focus on students and their learning goals, we have revised our printed Learning Plan format. This new printed and online version will be a more concise and focussed document.

The new format will be on one page which highlights achievements made and important goals going forward. In addition, families will be able to access all the testing information through the online Parent Portal that support the judgements made.

**You will receive your online Parent Portal Log-in and Password details with your child/'s Learning Plan, please keep this handy.**

We will follow up with Learning Plan Discussions with families on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2016**.

### National Standards in Reading, Writing and Maths – how well is my child doing?

Ministry of Education National Standards pamphlets in the below languages are available to view on our school website [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz) under the tabs "Our Learning" then "National Standards":

- \* English
- \* Tongan
- \* French
- \* Chinese
- \* Korean
- \* Samoan
- \* Afrikaans
- \* Hindi
- \* Arabic

## SICKNESS AND GUEST TEACHERS

This time of the year is usual for winter illness and sickness amongst all at school, including children and adults. When teachers are away we arrange for a "Guest Teacher" to be here, many will know these teachers as Relievers. The term "guest" is used as they are valued visitors to our school.

When a teacher is away there is a folder of information for the Guest Teacher. This includes information on the current class programme as well as specific information on students with health challenges. Many of our regular Guest Teachers have built up good knowledge of the children, school systems and the way in which we operate. We are very fortunate to have a good supply of regular Guest Teachers who love coming to our school. Their efforts are much valued!

Jennie Brook-Watt, our Assistant Principal, who looks after Guest Teachers, is at times unable to find someone despite extensive efforts! Her work is ongoing and she can spend well over an hour in a morning making sure the staffing is in place for the day. Occasionally, we are unable to find a Guest Teacher, when this does occur we have a prearranged split of the class to other teachers in the team. They support the children with their learning for the day in a safe and supportive learning environment.

## SCHOOL START AND FINISH TIMES

We have noticed over the past 4 days a huge increase of children arriving late to school, **103** children have been through our School Office to sign in and receive a Late Card to take to their teacher.

Whilst we understand with winter weather there can be delays with traffic congestion, we do ask families to plan to leave home 10 minutes earlier during bad weather which should help with this problem.

Just a reminder to everyone that school starts promptly at **8.55am**, that's when the classroom roll is taken.

We finish school each day at **3.00pm** with the only exception being Fridays after assembly. All other days teachers have been asked not to release their students until the 3.00pm bell goes. This allows for the satisfactory conclusion of the afternoon teaching programme, student tidy up routines and for staff to manage the school exit areas.

If a student needs to be picked up before 3.00pm, for any unusual events such as urgent appointments then parents are asked to sign their child out through the School Office area, including the reason for an early pick up, prior to going to the classroom.

Thank you for your assistance in ensuring we maximise learning programmes for your child.

## UNWELL CHILDREN WHO NEED TO GO HOME

Our Administration Team and teaching staff act in the very best interests of your child and their well-being is paramount. When children arrive at the School Office, depending on the situation, they are offered a rest in our Wellness Room and re-assessed before a phone call home; often they return to their classroom.

We understand many of our families have work commitments however, if you are phoned by the school to collect your child from school due to illness, it would be appreciated if you could arrange for their collection as soon as possible.

If your child is sick please keep them at home until they are well. If your child has diarrhoea or vomiting we ask that they do not return to school unless they are well and have had **no further diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours prior to returning – these bugs can be highly contagious.**

Thank you for your assistance.

## TELL ME YOUR STORY EVENING

- **WEDNESDAY 3RD & THURSDAY 4TH AUGUST, 2016**

Due to the number of children involved in the concert **Tell Me Your Story**, and the limited audience seating available in Matariki Hall, we ask that only two adults per child attend the evening performance.

There will be a Dress Rehearsal for the two concert performances in the Matariki Hall on Wednesday 3rd August, during school time, and we invite any grandparents, relatives and friends to attend that performance in order to reduce numbers in the evening performances.

We thank you for your support with this.



**Tell me  
your  
story**

*An evening of cultural songs & dances from around the world*

<b>Wednesday 3 August</b>	<b>Thursday 4 August</b>
Kopu team Orion 10, 11	Neptune team Orion 7, 8, 9
Matawhero 2 Matawhero 4	Matawhero 1 Matawhero 3

**Matariki Hall, 6pm. Entry by donation**

## FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016, in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.  
This week Orion, Kōpū, Earth and Marama children will attend assembly.  
This week our Earth 38 children will be sharing and the Punjabi dance group will perform.

## TERM 3 BASKETBALL

If your child is interested in playing basketball in Term 3, could they please see Ms Dalton (Neptune 27) for an Interest Letter.

The Interest Letter must be returned into the Mooloo box in the School Office by **Monday 4 July, 2016**.

## TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

If you are a Coach or Manager, please email the POD to [celestem@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:celestem@tetotara.school.nz)

### BASKETBALL

**Breakers** Levi Herron

### NETBALL

**Ferns** Danica Cooke  
**Magic** Samantha Cooke, Poppy Williams  
**Stars** Keira Cowan

### HOCKEY

**Leopards** Hamish Wai  
**Lightning** Jacob Hubbard  
**Strikers** Taneesha Kumar  
**Tigers** Lyra Chopra  
**Thunders** Tia Whanga, Chanel Myburgh  
**Stormers** Sahil Thanki  
**Shooters** Myanna Bell  
**Cheetahs** Sanvir Harike  
**All Stars** Juhi Fitzwalter, Dylan Bailee, Isaac Lee



## DATES COMING UP

**Thurs 30 June**

**Sun 3 July**

**Thurs 7 July**

**Fri 8 July**

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**BOT Meeting 6.30pm**

**Te Totara Invitation Netball Tournament**

**Marama Wheels Day**

**Pyjama Muffi Day**

**Learning Plans Home**

**TERM 2 FINISHES, 3PM**

**Mon 25 July**

**Thurs 28 July**

**Tues 2 Aug**

**Wed 3 Aug**

**Thurs 4 Aug**

**Thurs 4 Aug**

**Thurs 11 Aug**

**Tues 16 Aug**

**Wed 24 Aug**

**Thurs 25 Aug**

**Fri 26 Aug**

**Tues 20 Sep**

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**Wed 21 Sep**

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**TERM 3 BEGINS, 8.55AM**

**Milky Way Wheels Day**

**ICAS, English**

**Tell Me Your Story Evening Performance @ 6.00pm**

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**Earth Wheels Day**

**Ra Wheels Day**

**ICAS, Mathematics**

**Learning Plan Discussions – School Finishes at 2.00pm**

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**Cancer Society Daffodil Day**

**Earth & Marama 1.00pm School Production**

**Ra & Milky Way 7.00pm School Production**

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Kind regards,

*Brian Sheedy*

**Principal**

## PTA SOCIAL NIGHT

Te Totara PTA had a small, fun and lively gathering at the Social Night at Good Neighbour last week! It's a great chance to get out of the house on a weeknight. Keep a lookout for the date of the next get-together. All parents and caregivers welcome.

## BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

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

Please ensure your name is used as a reference.

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

Make sure you 'like' our new-look 'Te Totara Primary School PTA' Facebook page to keep up to date with all the great activities we've got planned....



Wear your pajamas to school!  
**PAJAMA DAY**

**FRIDAY 8 JULY**

PLUS "CAN AND A COIN"

Please bring along a CAN OF FOOD (or another non-perishable food item) to donate to the Salvation Army Foodbank, plus a COIN DONATION. Thank you!

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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.

## YEAR 5 & 6 NORTH HAMILTON INTER-SCHOOL NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Come on down and support your school netball teams for a great day out! There will be a Sausage Sizzle, Baking and Hot & Cold Drinks available to purchase... See you there!!

## HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOPS

Get creative, learn new skills and have fun at "Escape & Create" art workshops taught by trained art professionals and educators. Ages 5-13 @ \$40 /child / day – all materials included. For more info & bookings contact Nikki: [021 143 9023](tel:0211439023) or Lisa: 021 063 3559

Te Totara School invites you to attend  
a friendly Netball Tournament...

**YEAR 5 & 6 NORTH HAMILTON INTER-SCHOOL  
NETBALL TOURNAMENT**  
Sunday 3rd July 2016

Hosted at Te Totara Primary School - 31 Hector Drive, Rototuna  
Round Robin Tournament  
Games start at 9am

Hoops at the standard 2.6m  
Cost per team is \$30 to be paid prior  
All games are 20 minutes so 10 minute halves  
Each team must provide their own umpire  
Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Spot Prizes on the day

BBQ, Baking, Hot & Cold Drinks available for purchase

To confirm your participation please contact Liz Gordon  
on 021331480 or via email [liz@leisureline.co.nz](mailto:liz@leisureline.co.nz)

Invoices will follow once confirmation has been received.

## HOUSE TO RENT

4b/r near new Te Totara home, \$500 p/w, Phone Rhys 0274 744 183.

## CLAIRE'S TUTORING, MATHEMATICS AND ENGLISH

Private tuition for remedial and extension learning.  
Limited spaces available from start of Term 3, 2016 for Years 3 - 12.  
Lessons are tailored to meet individual student's learning needs.  
For enquires call Claire Howarth (MEd. First Class Hons)  
Mob 027 404 2101  
Email: [claire@clairestutoring.co.nz](mailto:claire@clairestutoring.co.nz)  
<https://www.facebook.com/clairestutoringhamilton/>

## CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

I am looking for a lovely Mum/Dad who has a child at school and would be happy to also collect my granddaughter and deliver her closer to the city. I would be happy to collect from your home/work etc, and work something out for reimbursing petrol. Please contact me Diane on 0272862666.

## FOR ALL MUM'S & LADIES - COME JOIN US FOR A DAY OF GREAT FUN!

Hamilton BMX Club is supporting the Cougar Camp Hamilton 2016 which is being held at our track on the 6th August 2016 10am to 4pm. Come join the cougar group - for more information please email [tonisjames76@gmail.com](mailto:tonisjames76@gmail.com) or [hamiltonbmx@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hamiltonbmx@xtra.co.nz) To RSVP by 30th July 2016 with completed registration form.

## RAISING HAPPY, CONFIDENT AND RESILIENT CHILDREN

A night with John Cowan. Wednesday 7 September 2016, Hamilton Central Baptist Church Hamilton.  
Resilient, confident children deflect trouble, resist pressure, handle stress and recover from set-backs and trauma. All children can be helped to tackle life and grow up to have a 'can-do' attitude. For further information please contact Brian Winslade at [reception@hcbc.nz](mailto:reception@hcbc.nz) or 021 419 521 or 07 838 0375. [theparentingplace.com](http://theparentingplace.com)

## JITTERBUGS DANCE LESSONS

### TERM 3 2016:

- Lessons held on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- Lessons held at Te Totara Primary School and RJHS
- \$90 for the term which includes a show at the end of the term
- For girls and boys aged 3 - 12
- \*\*NEW SESSION ADDED FOR TERM 2 - MiniJam for boys and girls aged 3 - 5 ½
- Email [jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz) for more info or checkout the Jitterbugs Facebook page

**Jitterbugs** dance lessons  
Jolie Hopping Ph 021 117 9633 Email [jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz)

**JitterFit**  
fresh fun fitness

## JITTERFIT TERM 3 ENROLMENTS:

- **FREE TRIAL - next Monday if you want to come check it out!!**
- Ladies Aerobics class held on a Monday night in the Te Totara School Hall
- Great cardio and conditioning workout - guaranteed to increase your fitness
- 7.30pm from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September
- Cost \$80 for the term
- Limited spaces
- Email [jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz) for more info or checkout the JitterFit Facebook page



## Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop

This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5 - 15 years  
Students participate in a range of performing arts classes, concluding the week with a performance!

Held at Southwell School  
18 - 22 July, 9 am - 4 pm daily  
View our website; [www.artzonshow.co.nz](http://www.artzonshow.co.nz)  
or contact Hayley on either [artz@artzonshow.co.nz](mailto:artz@artzonshow.co.nz) or 0800 667 469



## Junior High Information Evenings

7 July 7pm & 27 July 7 pm

The purpose of these evenings is to provide information to prospective families about our school, our curriculum, and learning at RJHS. This evening is aimed at current Year 6 and Year 8 students who are within our enrolment zone.  
The same information will be presented on both evenings.

## Senior High Information Evenings

27 July 6:30 pm & 17 August 7 pm

The purpose of the first meeting will be pre-enrolment information and the second meeting will cover updated information about the structure of our curriculum.

There will be no out of zone enrolments for 2017.