

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2016

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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)

PAID UNION MEETING FOR TEACHERS - ARRANGEMENTS FOR MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER, 2016

School will be open on this day, although Teachers who are part of the Primary Teachers Union will be attending a legal paid Union Meeting, from 9.00am -10.00am at the Claudelands Event Centre, before returning to school.

We have arranged for a skeleton crew to be here in the morning and the Principal will remain at school to oversee. Office staff and Teacher Aides will also be on site for medical monitoring.

I have tried to minimise the impact on families and have arranged the following programme for students.

If you have any queries then please don't hesitate to contact me: brians@tetotara.school.nz

Time	Action	Supervision
8.15am onwards	Students go to their rooms as normal and put their bags away as normal and play	Teachers on duty around the school and at Moonlight crossing from 8.30am. The pickup and drop off zone will not have a welcoming teacher. Principal will be in charge of the school as usual and on duty.
8.55am	Bell goes for start of school day; students go to the pod area for roll call and activities.	Supervised by at least one teacher in Year 3 & 4, with two teachers in the Year 1-2 area. Our school leaders have also offered to help support younger children. Teacher Aides will also support students of need.
10.25am - 10.35am	Eating for Learning in the pod	Supervised by at least one teacher in Year 3 & 4, with two teachers in the Year 1-2 area.
10.35am - 11.05am	Normal play for children	All four duty areas are supervised by teachers as normal
11.05am	All teachers return to start class programmes	Normal school resumes

COMMUNITY OF LEARNING

On Tuesday of this week, the Minister of Education, announced that this school was involved in a "Community of Learning" joining other schools in our area to support lifts in student achievement. Below are details of the project and where the school is in relation to joining:

What is it?

A group of schools working together to support gains in student achievement, with agreed achievement challenges. Schools choose to work together, to support gains in achievement for students. We have an "expression of interest" lodged with the Ministry of Education at this stage and this expression has been approved as announced by the Minister.

How does this affect our School?

Our school has historically had very positive relationships with neighbouring schools as part of the Fairfield Cluster. Over the last few months, schools loosely based around this cluster have been working together to see if we can enhance and share our teaching practices for students. Principals of all schools involved have been very collegial and are looking at a proposal that could work for all.

What is happening?

We will continue to work together with other local schools to formulate a proposal that works for all of us, with a final decision about joining the Community of Learning resting with each Board of Trustees.

More information

As developments unfold we will be keep our school community involved and updated.

Meanwhile, if you would like further information please visit: http://www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/specific-initiatives/investing-in-educational-success/

HECTOR DRIVE AND PARKING

We have had concerns raised around the parking on Hector Drive, especially parking over resident's driveways. We do value the good relationship we have with our neighbours, so as a school community could we help support legal parking, it would be much appreciated. Hamilton City Council staff visits us from time to time, no doubt they would be looking at this aspect of parking around the school.

** URGENT ** SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

The Board of Trustees are looking to accommodate, if possible, younger siblings of current students and children of staff in the 2017 school year. To help determine this, we urgently require Enrolment Forms in to the School Office by tomorrow, **Friday 9th September, 2016** to help with this process. Click on the online link **Enrolment Form** or visit the School Office for an Enrolment Form.

GREATS AND GRANDS DAY

- MATAWHERO, ORION, NEPTUNE & KŌPŪ TEAMS

Date: Friday 16th September, 2016

Time: 9:00am - 12:30pm

Where: Meet in Matariki for a special programme before moving to

classrooms

Why: For Greats and Grands to share their stories and memories

which are special to them. The children will reciprocate and

will also be eager to share their learning.

Further information in a separate newsletter to the Matawhero, Orion,

Neptune and Kōpū students will be sent home.



PHOTOLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS - SHOOT KEYS

We have had many queries from families regarding the "Shoot Keys" from Photolife; these will be arriving to school shortly and will be sent home with the oldest child in each family. You will then be able to order your photos online with this code.

"BEST FOOT FORWARD" PRODUCTION TICKETS
TUESDAY 20TH & WEDNESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2016
@ 1.00PM & 7.00PM

Tickets on sale NOW!..... available to purchase at the School Office by cash, cheque or EFT-POS only. Sorry, no payments via internet banking accepted nor any refunds given.

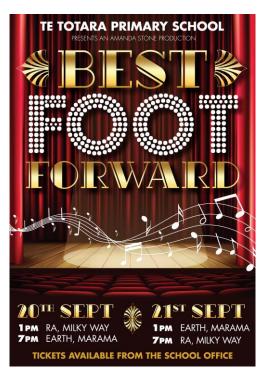
7.00PM PERFORMANCES ARE SOLD OUT! Tickets are still available for both matinee performances at 1.00pm.

Ticket prices are:

\$10.00 Per adult (13 years and older) \$5.00 Per child (12 years and under) \$5.00 Pre-schooler requiring own seat

Free Pre-schoolers (when sitting on the knee of an adult paying

ticket)



Because of the number of classes involved (18 classes), we have split into two groups and have certain days that we are performing:

Tuesday 20th September, 2016

1.00pm (Ra & Milky Way) & 7.00pm (Earth & Marama)

Wednesday 21st September, 2016

1.00pm (Earth & Marama) & 7.00pm (Ra & Milky Way)

- Doors open at 12.30pm for matinee & 6.30pm for evening performances.
- The number on your ticket is <u>NOT</u> your seat number. <u>Seating is on a first-come-first-served</u> <u>basis.</u> However, there will be wheelchair access with allocated seating if you require this service, please advise the School Office when purchasing your tickets.
- Main cast details for each show is available at the School Office.
- Please remember to bring your ticket to the performance; this will confirm you have purchased a seat.
- 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.
- For evening performances <u>Year 3-6</u> children can arrive back at school by <u>6:30pm</u> and go directly to Orion Block, where they will be supervised.
- Everyone will need to arrive at school with make-up (foundation and powder) on. MAIN CAST members will
 meet in the staff room by 6.15pm.
- All Year 3-6 students are required to attend each of their own team performances.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION. CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

Anyone that has unwanted curtains that are 2 metres or longer in length, could you please contact Sally, Ph: 021 452599.

Costumes..... we are looking for donations of the following items for our school production of "Best Foot Forward". If you have any of these that you are willing to donate to the school, please see Jemma Campbell in Marama 14, Cath Glyde in Ra 29 or Kristy Hanks in Ra 33. All items to fit 10 year olds - slightly bigger is fine as we can adjust them!

- Black and gold buttons

- Straight skirt

- Floral top

- Overalls

- 1960s style cape or flared shift dress

- Faux fur wrap (for over shoulders)

- Fancy 1920s style dress

- Dress jacket (bright colour or striped)

- Wide belt

- Dungarees

- Straight shift dress

- Pale blue polo shirt (short sleeves)

- Brimmed hat

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held Friday 9th September 2016, in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.

This week Orion, Kōpū, Earth & Marama children will attend assembly.

This week our Orion 10 & Orion 11 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

BASKETBALL

Turtles TBA

Breakers Amota Tabera (last week's game)
HOCKEY

Tigers AshleighVarghese & Lyra Chopra Lightning Lanaya Marshall

Shooters TBA
All Stars TBA
Stormers Sahil Thanki

Cheetahs TBA
Leopards Sophie Davie & Jaime Timmo
Strikers Quade Lutze (last week)

& Taneesha Kumar & Lucy McMorran (this week)

Thunders Paige Hopping & Brooke Laws (last week)

Olivia Cullen (this week)

NETBALL

Shooters TBA

Ferns 18/8 Charlotte Higgs & 25/8 Emma Lobb



There is also a video to go with this...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZbTa-uonYuA

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HOCKEY TEAMS FOR MAKING IT INTO THE FINALS THIS WEEKEND!

The Te Totara Stomers play at 12.10pm for the finals in the Watson Cup and the Te Totara All Stars play at 12.40pm for the finals in the Milne Cup.

Great achievement by both teams so would be great to get as many supporters down at the Waikato Hockey Turf, Innes Common, to make some noise and cheer on both teams.



DATES COMING UP

Tues 13 Sept Winter Sports Tournament (Yrs 5&6 Representatives)

Fri 16 Sept Grandparents & Grands Day – Matawhero, Orion, Neptune & Kōpū Teams

Tues 20 Sept
Ra & Milky Way 1.00pm School Production
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Earth & Marama 7.00pm School Production
Wed 21 Sept
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Thurs 22 Sep BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm

Fri 23 Sept End of Term 3, 2016 – School Finishes at 3.00pm

Mon 10 Oct Term 4 Begins @ 8.55am

Mon 17 Oct Photolife Photos (Cluster Sports Teams, Cultural, Y6 Leavers etc.)

Wed 19 Oct Fairfield Community Mobile Dental Clinic (through until 18th Nov, 2016)

Mon 24 Oct Labour Day Public Holiday – School Closed

Tues 25 Oct Junior Athletics "Have A Go" Day

Wed 26 Oct KIDS for KIDS Choir Performance @ Activate Church
Thurs 27 Oct Junior Athletics "Have A Go" Day Postponement Date

Thurs 27 Oct BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm

Fri 28 Oct School Disco
Tues 15 Nov Senior Athletics

Thurs 17 Nov Senior Athletics Postponement Date Tues 22 Nov Fairfield Cluster Athletics Yrs 4-6

Thurs 24 Nov BOT Meeting @ 6.00pm

Tues 29 Nov Fairfield Cluster Athletics Postponement Date

Kind regards, Brían Sheedy

Principal



TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

SCHOOL DISCO - FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER, 2016

Finally, another fabulous **SCHOOL DISCO** is planned for **Friday 28th October**, and we're looking for the children to choose the theme. All suggestions considered, please pop their ideas on a piece of paper with their name and class number, and place in the green PTA box in the School Office by **Friday 14th October, 2016**.

PTA MEETINGS

As always, we would love to see as many parents and caregivers attend our friendly PTA meetings, where we can discuss ways to improve our school community and benefit our children. Whether you can help for just a couple of hours – or more – we would love to see you for a drink and a chat. You don't have to commit to coming to all the meetings but you will be informed about what is going on & what we need help with. If it happens that you have the skills, time, contacts or resources you can simply let us know by email how you are able to help. 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

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.



KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2016

Our fantastic programme is full of exciting games, sports and art & craft activities that will guarantee your children have fun in a safe environment.

OSCAR/WINZ Approved

Te Totara School, Southwell School and Hamilton Girls High School 7.40am – 6.00pm

Bankwood School and Leamington School, Cambridge 8am – 6pm

Half Days available

For more information or to **BOOK ONLINE**go to www.kellysports.co.nz
Email: waikato@kellysports.co.nz Ph: 07 839 9017



WATERWORLD AQUATIC HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Caters for ages 5 – 12
Fun action packed programme
From 26 Sept – 7 Oct, running daily from 8.15 – 5.15
For more info, call us on 07 958 5863 or
See our website - www.hamiltonpools.co.nz

YMCA SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Spring into action with the YMCA these holidays! We run 9 different programmes at 7 locations across Hamilton. Different activities everyday ranging from cooking, to swimming, sports and dancing! We have something to keep your kids bouncing with excitement every day!

Check us out at www.ymcahamilton.org.nz or call us on 07 838 2529

EDVENTURE 3-DAY OUTDOORS HOLIDAY CAMP

Fishing, sailing, kayaking, gold mining, horse riding, tramping, camping, and more, this action filled 3-Day camp is designed to give kids 8-14 the best possible experience these holidays. \$345, OSCAR, multiple pick up/drop off points. visit www.edventure.co.nz to enrol or for more info.

SQUIGGLE 'OLYMPIC' HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Squiggle holiday programme is OSCAR approved and is great for kids aged 5 to 13. Young Engineers (motorised Lego) is one of our most popular activities kids love! We'll also be busy with Olympic team sports, cool arts and crafts, wheelies, quizzes and making yummy food! To top it off, we're heading to Rainbow Springs in Rotorua and Ten Pin Bowling in Hamilton! Squiggle runs from Waikato Diocesan School (Fairfield) and Tai Wānanga School (Ruakura) from 8am-5.30-pm Mon-Fri. To enrol, please go online – www.squiggle.org.nz



ROVERS SCHOOL OF FOOTBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Claudlands Rovers Football club has teamed up with Edventure to provide a brand new holiday programme- "School of Football" Each day we have lined up skills, drills, games, and awesome activities. Kids are going to have so much fun and be transformed into amazing sportspeople by the end of the week. Suits all ability groups aged 5-14. \$45 per day, or whole week \$200. OSCAR available.

Enrol online at www.edventure.co.nz or ph 021 0224 1576

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe is perfect live entertainment for children of all ages and is being staged by **Stories and More** at The Meteor Theatre, south end of Victoria Street in the upcoming school holidays, opening 24 September, 2014

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe is a stage adaptation by Glyn Robbins of the C.S.Lewis classic, and is well-loved by children and adults alike. **Stories and More** have been staging children's theatre in Hamilton for several years, and our school holiday productions at the Meteor are very popular, as are our performances at the annual Garden Arts Festival in February.

The season includes daytime shows at 2.30pm, finishing at approximately 4.30pm, and ticket prices start from just \$8 for children.

Further information and tickets at www.iticket.co.nz -https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2016/sep/the-lion-the-witch-and-the-wardrobe

WIN - A family Zoo Pass

Thursday 22nd of September is World Car Free Day!

Hamilton City Council is running a photo competition; simply take a photo of your children getting to school via active transport (walking, biking, scooter etc.) or by bus and you're in the draw to win one of 10 family Zoo pass (2 Adults, 4 Children).

Send your photos to <u>Cameron.Ward@hcc.govt.nz</u> Entries sent in by Monday 26th September.





- Do you know how your business is performing financially?
- Are you up-to-date with your IRD tax returns and payments?
- Have you just purchased a rental property and want to find out how new property tax laws may affect you?

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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

3 - 7 October, 9 am – 4 pm daily

View our website; www.artzonshow.co.nz or contact Hayley on either artz@artzonshow.co.nz or 0800 667 469

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