

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 1ST JUNE, 2017

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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)

SCHOOL CLOSED - MONDAY 5TH JUNE, 2017

QUEENS BIRTHDAY NATIONAL HOLIDAY

WELCOME

We welcome Sarah Hansen to our school as a teacher in Matawhero 2, which will be a new entrant class starting shortly. You can find out a bit more about Sarah (and all of us) in the "our staff" section in our website...our staff

LEARNING PLANS HOME ON FRIDAY 9TH JUNE, 2017

If your family are in a shared care arrangement, please advise Marise Crow on 07 853-0039 ext. 858 by WEDNESDAY 7TH JUNE as to who will be collecting the child/ren from school on **Friday 9th June, 2017**. If you are happy for both envelopes to come home together, please also let me know.

WHOLE SCHOOL KIRIKIRIROA MARAE VISIT

During Week 7 our whole school, will be visiting Kirikiriroa Marae. Please take the time to go through the arrangements below. As you can appreciate with 780 children going we have to be pretty well organised. Transport for children is by bus, there will be NO charge to families for this. Key times are:

Tuesday 13th June, 2017

9.00am Rooms 7, 9, 34 & 18

10.45am Rooms 30,1, 19 & Hamilton North Satellite School

12.45pm Rooms 20, 37 & 29 - Please note return time to School for this Group is 3.30pm

Wednesday 14th June, 2017

9.00am Rooms 3, 15, 22 & 28 10.45am Rooms 25, 11, 12 & 32

12.45pm Rooms 35, 38 & 33 - Please note return time to School for this Group is 3.30pm

Thursday 15th June, 2017

9.00am Rooms 8, 14, & 23 10.45am Rooms 27, 21, 10 & 26

12.45pm Rooms 13, 31 & 36 - Please note return time to School for this Group is 3.30pm

Children visiting the Marae will take part in the powhiri process and three activities (weaving, maurakau and korero in the wharenui).

Children will need to bring a rain jacket as this excursion will go ahead if the weather is poor. Please check the times your child is visiting the Marae as some groups return to school after 3.00pm.

BLACK & WHITE MUFTI DAY

Congratulations... we raised \$1,094.10 for Edgecumbe Primary School, who suffered from the severe storm and flooding that hit New Zealand last month. Our Mufti Day will go some way in helping them get some new equipment for their school. A big thanks to Harry Schaab, one of our wonderful students for initiating this. They have replied: "Our school is really humbled by your students gift to our school, we really appreciate everyone's donations, give a big thanks to Harry from us all."



OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Invoices were emailed to families recently, please **check your "spam" box if you have not received an email and invoice from us.** As at 30th May, 2017 the following amounts are still outstanding:

Touch Fees	\$204.00
Cricket Fees	\$375.00
Netball Fees	\$869.00
Hockey Fees	\$874.00
Basketball Fees	\$320.00
Lost Library Books	\$100.00
Taitua Arboretum Class Trip	\$170.00
Pukorokoro Class Trip	\$80.00
Aquatics (Swimming)	\$31,645.00
Mathletics	\$9,677.00

We would really appreciate it if all outstanding invoices are paid by the end of this term.

School Donation \$52,400.00

School Donation payments can be made at the beginning of the year or throughout the year; the funds will be used for resources for the children.

You are welcome to pay through the School Office either by EFT-POS (sorry, no credit card), cash, cheque or internet banking. ASB internet banking details are:

Te Totara Primary School

12-3171-0270973-00

Please indicate what the payment is for e.g. Hockey fees, Swimming etc., plus the name of your child.

Any queries regarding your invoice, please e-mail Wendy Bulloch, our Executive Officer at executive-officer@tetotarg.school.nz

PAYMENT OPTIONS: We are mindful of costs for parents and are now able to offer families several payment options. You are welcome to discuss your options with Wendy Bulloch, our Executive Officer on (07) 853-0039 or email **executiveofficer@tetotara.school.nz**

PRINCIPAL AWAY NEXT WEEK

Next week, I will be working with the Education Review Office reviewing another school. This is very valuable professional development as I look to see what other schools do, as well as thinking about how we can improve at Te Totara. While away Mrs Fraser, our Deputy Principal, will be leading the school.

NO PARKING ON/OVER FOOTPATHS

Please.... **No** parking on or over the footpaths at all. Several cars are parking over the footpaths, particularly on Hector Drive, blocking access for pedestrians.

FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY DENTAL

Fairfield Community Dental Clinic invites children and parents to attend a dental check-up at our facility this year. Appointments are available throughout the year and we will contact you when your child is due for his/her regular dental check, or you can phone and make an appointment at any time if you have concerns. Appointments will generally be posted to you at home with a text reminder two days prior. Please don't hesitate to call us on 0800 TALKTEETH or 07 859 9160 to change an appointment time.

At the check-up please bring along your child's brush and paste if you would like help with brushing techniques. It is a good time to talk to your therapist about oral health concerns and to plan any further care your child may need.

Our clinic is located at the end of Kensington Place, off Hukanui Rd and near Davies Corner. Please call 0800 Talk teeth Kind regards, Jodi - Fairfield Community Dental Team.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check out our lost property bin. The BIG YELLOW bin is located outside the Earth building; there are <u>LOTS</u> of polar fleeces!

We ask ALL families to please check your child's uniform on a weekly basis to ensure they are wearing their own uniform, rather than someone else's.

JUNIOR TOUGH GUY AND GIRL CHALLENGE

The challenge is next week on Wednesday. Here is a quick list to remember:

- Please be at school at 8.30am in the Marama Pod for roll call
- We will leaving directly after roll call
- Come to school in your old clothes
- Bring a plastic bag to carry your muddy clothes in after the race
- You must wear shoes
- Have a towel and your school uniform to change into after
- We will be returning to school between 1.00pm 2.00pm

If you can help on the day I would really appreciate it. Email me on rebeccag@tetotara.school.nz or visit me in Marama 14

MISSING BIKES & SCOOTERS

Over the last few days we have had an increase in missing bikes and scooters, which is concerning. Some do appear a few days afterwards but not always. We do have security cameras at school and these have been successful in recovering items, but these do not cover every area within the school. Please contact us in the first instance if you have any concerns as we are happy to help.

We are:

- Heightening our own surveillance during the school day and at break times through increased patrolling of these areas
- "Challenging" anyone on our site who should not be here
- Discussing with our children that the scooter and bike areas are "out of bounds" during the school day
- Recommending recording serial numbers of bikes etc with SNAP (<u>www.snap.org.nz</u>) which may help them to return your items if they locate it.
- Encouraging all our families to use secure locks to help with safety. Police have recommended a "D-Lock".
- Advising that families follow the advice from Police below...

Facebook Post - Waikato District Police May 11 at 8:30pm

We have had a big increase in the amount of bicycles being stolen around the Hamilton City. Mainly around the CBD and Fairfield/Enderley/Chartwell areas.

We know baddies often use these bikes as a means of transport to commit burglaries or sometimes just so they don't have to walk. Often these bikes are dumped after being used and end up in our bike shed - waiting to be claimed. Bikes with Disc Brakes are being targeted because this is how the baddies know your bike is worth more. And the latest reports are that they are cutting chains on locked bikes. .

What can you do? Keep your bike indoors where possible. Secure your bike with a "D-Lock" as these are harder to steal. Call us if you notice a rider and a bike don't match. Record the serial number of your bike. Share this with all of your bicycle-loving friends so they don't have to feel the pain of losing their pedal's. Take care of your wheels. Tristan

MATAWHERO AND ORION PARENTS INFORMATION SESSION CURRICULUM EXPO

We would like to invite the Matawhero and Orion Parents to an Information Session on Thursday 8th June from 9.10am - 10.20am in the Matawhero Pod

Our Team Leaders will present an overview about Mathematics and Literacy and you will get to see our daily Mathematics and Literacy programmes in action.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on Friday 2nd June 2017 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.

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

This week our Kōpū 25 children will be sharing.

NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to our Magic Netball Team who were placed 2nd in the netball tournament held last week in Hamilton. The girls did so well and learned so much. They were undefeated in pool play. They came second in the final to their old rivals - Tamahere School. Well done girls!

Congratulations to Zoe Babbage who was the ball deliverer for the Magic netball game held in Hamilton on Monday night, how exciting for her!



TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

If you are a Coach or Manager, please email the POD to celestem@tetotara.school.nz

NETBALL

Comets Madison Creighton
Ferns Zoe Babbage
Invaders Riley Jefferies
Keepers Abbey Leatherland

Magic Rebecca Plank, Mia Symes

Meteors Dillon Wenham

HOCKEY

Cheetahs Olivia Davey, Sasha McKay

Leopards Travis Cassells Lightning Keerti Pera Shooters Lucy McMorran

Stormers Paige Hopping, Lisa Bosman

BASKETBALL

Bouncers James O'Carroll



DATES COMING UP

Mon 5 June QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Mon 12 June ICAS, Writing

Thurs 8 June Matawhero & Orion Parents Information Session/Curriculum Expo

Tues 13 June Kirikiriroa Marae Trip - Rooms 7, 9, 34, 18, 30, 1, 19, 20, 37 & 29 (+ Satellite School)

Wed 14 June Kirikiriroa Marae Trip - Rooms 3, 15, 22, 28, 25, 11, 12, 32, 35, 38 & 33 Thurs 15 June Kirikiriroa Marae Trip - Rooms 8, 14, 23, 27, 21, 10, 26, 13, 31 & 36

Fri 16 June ICAS, Spelling Tues 1 Aug ICAS, English

Fri 11 Aug School Disco (PTA)
Mon 14 Aug ICAS, Mathematics

Kind regards,

Brian Sheedy Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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



OUR PTA AGM IS COMING....

Please come along to our AGM on Wednesday 21st June @ 7.30pm in the

school Staff Lounge. This is the most important PTA Meeting of the year. If you would like to get involved we would love to see you, and if you're keen to stand for a committee position, even better! No pressure. Refreshments will be provided.

OUR PTA AGM IS COMING COME JOIN HOUSE TOTARIAN 21st JUNE, 7.30pm GAME OF THRONES

DISCO

The school is having a **DISCO** on Friday 11th August, and we are looking for ideas for a costume theme. Please let us know your ideas by writing them on a piece of paper with your name and class number, and popping it in the green PTA box in the School Office by

Friday 9th June, 2017. Please try and think of a theme that both boys and airls would enjoy.

That's all for now, please 'like' our Facebook page to stay up to date with news. Have a great week, everyone!

Your PTA team: Scott, Anna, Jasmine, Nalina, Vicki & Liz

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.

CHANGES TO ADDRESS ROAD RISK IN OUR AREA

Hamilton City Council are looking to make some small changes around our area to improve road safety and they'd like to know what you think about these.

The changes they are proposing to make are:

- Introduce a variable 40km/h speed limit on Kimbrae Dr outside Rototuna High School that would operate at school opening and finishing times.
- Change the current temporary 50km/h limit on North City Rd to a permanent 50km/h limit.
- Extend the current variable 40km/h speed limit zone on North City Rd to include the area outside Hamilton Christian School.
- Extend the current variable 40km/h speed limit zone east on Borman Rd past Hector Drive to prepare for the upcoming Borman Rd extension work.

These changes have been suggested to improve safety for our kids, especially those walking and biking, and to prepare for the future road use and development changes in our area. Maps below show the proposed extent of the changes.

Council want to hear the views of the local community about these ideas. Visit www.hamilton.govt.nz/RoadRisk to find out more information, read the FAQ on Road Risk and tell them what you think. Feedback is open until 9 June.

