

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 21ST JUNE, 2018

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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 - MONDAY 25TH JUNE, 2018 TEACHERS UNAVAILABLE IN THE AFTERNOON FROM 12.35PM ONWARDS Please collect your child/ren at 12.35pm

- The Teachers Union (NZEI) have called a paid Union Meeting on **Monday 25th June at 1.30pm**, they are legally able to call this meeting at this time. It does mean almost all our Teachers will be attending this meeting to discuss important claims.
- This means that the school will struggle to function normally, so we will have a normal school day up until lunchtime 12.35pm. At this time we will operate as if it is the end of the school day, with the pick-up area supervised and parents are welcome to collect their child at that time.
- In the event that families are unable to make this happen we can offer very minimal supervision and After School Care will run from 1.25pm for those students who are enrolled and if parents want to take this option.
- I am very mindful of children who will be scootering/walking/biking home during the middle of the day, leaving school at 12.35pm. This disruption to their routine could cause problems with safety, so we will not be allowing children to leave unless with an adult or with express permission from families.
- Teachers will make contact with families for permissions (usually via Seesaw) so that if permission is given the teachers and parents know if the child can leave school to go home at 12.35pm.
- On the day teachers will put a smiley face stamp on the hand of each child who has permission to walk/scooter/bike home at 12.35pm.
- At exit points there will be teachers who will check if each child has a smiley face stamp on their hand to ensure they have permission to go home.
- Students who do not have this permission will remain at school and parents will be contacted.
- I do understand that these arrangements could cause concern as we try to manage this the best way we can. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.
- You can find out more about the Teachers meeting and claims by visiting...NZEI information

### **STAFFING**

We are noticing that it is more difficult when we are trying to get a Guest Teacher (Reliever) than in previous years. This led to a class having to be split yesterday and shared among other teachers, something that it is not our preference. Unfortunately, we are not the only school in this situation. With growing rolls and fewer teachers available, this may be a more common occurrence than we would want in the future.

In all cases when this happens we have a prearranged "split" system in place, where children are allocated a room to go to within their team.

Jennie Brook-Watt, who looks after this aspect of school life, does a magnificent job in organising our Guest Teachers, often working late into the night and early morning to help ensure our children are well looked after.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JUMP JAM TEAM!**

After auditioning at the start of the year and then training twice a week for nearly two terms, our Year 5&6 Jump Jam Team competed in the Strictly Live competition here in Hamilton on Wednesday 13th June. We competed in the Year 4 to 8 category, along with 16 other teams. **The team placed 3rd** 

equal in the competition, performing their routine the best they've ever done it. They also received awards from the judges for Merit in Technical Execution and Merit in Presentation.

Mrs May and Mrs Reid felt very proud to work with this group of students who were always positive, polite, respectful and eager to do their best. They were absolute STARS on the night, with many staff, coaches and other competitors commenting on their attitude, presentation and performance.

Thank you to the parents and families of the students in this team who have supported us from Day One. We couldn't have done it without you!

Julia May and Megan Reid



### **SUPPORTING FAMILIES AROUND GRIEF - RESOURCES**

When children, teens, adults, families and friends are facing tough times of change, loss, trauma or grief, Skylight is there to offer support. They also assist those who want to know how to best help and encourage those who are hurting in difficult life situations.

You may be a parent, grandparent, brother or sister, relative, neighbour or friend looking for help for family members.

Whatever the situation is, and whatever the ages of those who are affected by it, they are there to support you, and those you care about. See the links below: www.skylight.org.nz

# Email: info@skylight.org.nz

New Zealand: 0800 299 100 or 04 939 6767

#### GRIEF RELATED CHILDREN'S BOOKS IN OUR TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL LIBRARY Non-Fiction

**Beginnings and Endings with Lifetimes in Between** by Bryan Mellone & Robert Ingpen **Picture Books** 

Old Hu-Hu by Kyle Mewburn (death of grandfather) Tom's Story by Mandy Hager (death of father) Grandad by Janet Pereira (death of Maori grandfather) Grandpa by Lilith Norman & Noela Young (death of grandfather) The Pipi Swing by Sarona Aiono-Iosefa (death of father) Haere: Farewell Jack, Farewell by Tim Tipene (death of Maori grandfather) Sophisticated Picture Book The Sound of the Seg by Jacqueline Harvey (death of mother)

The Sound of the Sea by Jacqueline Harvey (death of mother) Fiction

Love, Aubrey (death of father & sister) Milo: sticky notes and brain freeze by Alan Silberberg (death of mother)



# **ENROLMENTS AT TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

If you have a child or sibling coming to Te Totara in the future, we would love to have an Enrolment Form - it would be much appreciated and certainly help with our future planning! Please download an <u>Enrolment Form</u> from our school website or collect an Enrolment Pack from the School Office between the hours of 8.15am - 3.30pm. Please return it to the School Office a.s.a.p. along with the required documentation.

#### LOST PROPERTY ON DISPLAY

Weather permitting; we will endeavour to display all lost property items Thursday 28th June & Friday 29th June 2018.

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!

Please check to see if any items belong to your family as all unclaimed items (other than school uniform) will be donated to charity.

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.

This online system allows you to pay for our school's fees (Mathletics, Aquatics, School Donation, Lost Library Book Fees etc) and is also the <u>ONLY</u> way to register your child for sports. Register now for:

Earth Team Space Place Trip (Registrations Close Monday 2nd July) Miniball - Years 1&2, Years 3&4 and Years 5&6 (Registrations Close Wednesday 27th June)

Register for Kindo using our App or through our School Website (click on the link) WWW.tetotara.school.nz then select the "Fees & Donations" tab.

Questions?

If you need help, please pop in and see us at the School Office OR give us a call on (07) 853-0039 OR call the **Kindo Helpdesk on 0508 454636 (toll free)** 

*If access is denied, it is most likely that our school does not have your current email address recorded on your child's file. Please do not hesitate to contact the School Office on (07) 853-0039 to amend.* 

### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 22nd June, 2018 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.** This week our children from Orion, Kōpū & Marama will attend assembly and our Kōpū 23 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** 

NETBALL Comets Blake McFarlane Ferns Tayla Palmer **Emily Hancock** Invaders Meteors Emily Skipwith, Mikayla Robins Shooters Reegan McMurray, Michē Cloete Stars Irene Li HOCKEY Isabella Wright All Stars Cheetahs Zara Cocurullo Shooters Jaime Timmo Strikers Lucas Templeton Tigers Troy Brister

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# **DATES COMING UP**

Thurs 28 June	BOT Meeting at 6.30pm
Fri 6 July	END OF TERM 2, SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM
Mon 23 July	TERM 3, SCHOOL BEGINS AT 8.55AM
Thurs 26 July	BOT Meeting at 6.30pm
Tues 31 July	ICAS, English (for those students who have registered)
Wed 8 Aug	Photolife Class, Individual & Sibling Photos
Thurs 9 Aug	Photolife Class, Individual & Sibling Photos
Tues 14 Aug	School Cross Country
Thurs 16 Aug	School Cross Country - Postponement Date
Mon 13 Aug	ICAS, Mathematics (for those students who have registered)
Wed 22 Aug	2.15pm - 5.30pm - Learning Plan Discussions (School Finishes at 2.00pm)
Thurs 23 Aug	2.15pm - 6.00pm - Learning Plan Discussions School Finishes at 2.00pm)
Wed 28 Aug	Fairfield Cluster Cross Country
Thurs 30 Aug	Fairfield Cluster Cross Country (Postponement Day)
Thurs 30 Aug	BOT Meeting at 6.30pm
Mon 3 Sept	Mid-Term Break - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 18 Sept	Fairfield Cluster Winter Sports
Thurs 20 Sept	Fairfield Cluster Winter Sports (Postponement Day)
Wed 26 Sept	Senior School Production
Thurs 27 Sept	Senior School Production
Thurs 27 Sept	BOT Meeting at 6.30pm
Fri 28 Sept	END OF TERM 3, SCHOOL
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Kind regards, Brian Sheedy



# TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: <u>tetotara.pta@gmail.com</u>

www.facebook.com/TTPTA



# **READ-A-THON**

We are so impressed with all the wonderful reading done by students for the Read-a-Thon. You have all been working very hard and we think you're cool!

Thanks to everyone who has already returned sponsorship money into the green PTA box in the School Office – we appreciate it very much.

Keep up the great work – and <u>please bring in your money as</u> soon as you can! Thank you ©



# PTA NEW COMMITTEE

Following our PTA AGM last night, we are delighted to welcome **Fiona Hurst** and **Lakshman Jetti** to the PTA Executive Committee.

Chairperson:	Scott Mehrtens
Deputy Chairperson:	Fiona Hurst
Treasurer:	Rae Gunn
Secretary:	Lakshman Jetti
Communications:	Vicki Jordan

We'd like to acknowledge all the wonderful work and effort made by outgoing members **Jackie Smith**, **Liz Gordon** and **Nalina Dheda**. Your hard work and good humour will be missed, and we have thoroughly enjoyed working with you in achieving such wonderful results for the school – THANK YOU!

# DOMINOS DOUGH RAISER- WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Thanks to the wonderful generosity of our friends at **Dominos Rototuna**, we are pleased to announce another **DOUGH RAISER evening on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2018**. They will kindly donate \$1.00 from every pizza sold that evening to our school.



Give yourself a night off cooking and help the school at the same time!

That's it for now. We have another School Disco coming up in Term 3 so keep a look out for news on that.

### Your new PTA committee:

# **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.



Did you know Waikato Police are on Social Media?

They are the largest growing and most active NZ Police Social Media page on Facebook.

Stay up to date with road closures, incidents, traffic tips, wanted people, insights into Police, Stories from the frontline, videos and recruitment information.

www.facebook.com/waikatopolice www.instagram.com/waikatodistrictpolice





#### HORSHAM DOWNS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Enrolment at our school is governed by an enrolment scheme (School Zone), which has recently been amended with effect from **23 July 2018**. Please contact the school in the first instance if you have an enrolment prior to that date so we can clarify whether you are living inside or outside our current zone. Details of the new zone are available from the Horsham Downs School Office or as below. Ph: 07 Tel: 07 829 4700 or email: office@horshamdowns.school.nz



Text o22 o532425

### Young Engineers is coming to Cambridge in Term 3!

e2 Young Engineers -Lego challenge and Gali-Lego are exciting programmes that will boost a student's mind in creative thinking and problem solving. Students will explore basic principles of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and get a practical experience building motorised Lego models. It's fun, its challenging, and it'll help them prepare for other educational pathways in science, physics or engineering! Classes are available in Rototuna, Hillcrest and our new site in Cambridge. Enrol now as spaces are limited. For more information or to enrol please go to our website www.youngengineers.nz or contact Katrina on 027 909 3903.

### WSA Art School - Term 3, 2018

#### Waikato Society of Arts School, <u>120 Victoria Street</u>

23 July to 28 September. We have extended our terms to nine weeks during the darker season to keep your life colourful! Enrolments are now open, see details here: <u>http://www.wsa.org.nz/school.aspx</u> or email artschool@wsa.org.nz for more info and to enrol.





**0800WhatsUp (0800 942 87 87)** is a confidential free nationwide telephone and online help line for New Zealand children between the ages of 5-18 years old. What's Up has been there for New Zealand children for over 16 years, and during that time we have talked with thousands of children about what it is that concerns them. We have listened to their stories, their worries, and even their jokes. Children do not have to give us their names, or any other details if they choose not to disclose.

The average age of our callers is 13 years old, and young people may ring and talk to us about anything they like. No problem is too large or too small for our trained Counsellors and Supervisors, who come from а variety of backgrounds and experience. All of our counsellors are paid professionals who practice Child Centered Practice and We do not tell our Empowerment. callers/online chatters what to do, but instead provide support, allowing them to explore what is best for them and the possible consequences of their choices.

**0800WhatsUp** is open until 11.00pm every day, including public holidays. Our hours are Monday to Friday 12 noon - 11.00pm, and 3.00pm - 11.00pm on Saturdays and Sundays. We also offer online chat, which is available from 5.00pm-10.00pm each day.

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