

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), Mbofe, Jambo (Congolese), Konnichiwa (Japanese), Hola (Spanish), Annyeonghaseyo (South Korea), Israel Shalom (Hebrew)

WHEELCHAIR FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Look at our new wheels!

We have purchased a wheelchair which will be held in our Wellness Room for any medical emergencies we may have at school.



CORRECT SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are delighted with the large numbers of students who look really great by wearing their uniform in the correct manner.

However, we have noticed a few students who are not complying with our Uniform Expectations and we ask your assistance with this.

ALL students are expected to be wearing their full correct summer uniform.

- All students are to arrive at school and leave from school in their Te Totara Primary School uniform, including footwear.
- Uniforms are to be worn clean, neat and tidy.
- Students are encouraged to take pride in their school uniform and to wear it well.
- Hair is to be off the face, tied back if longer than the bottom of the collar, and be the natural hair colour.
- Nail polish and cosmetics (*including coloured lip balm*) are not permitted.
- Second hand uniforms may be available. Please see the notice board in the School Office for details.
- **Any hair accessory is to be of a single school uniform colour – red, white, black, green.**
- Variations in relation to the Human Rights Act may be negotiated with the Principal.
- All pupils are encouraged to use sunscreen at home before school and expected to wear the regulation school hat while outdoors. No hat – play in the shade.
- All uniform items should be clearly named.
- **Plain black school sandals in summer (Terms 1&4) OR plain black school shoes in winter (Terms 2&3).** No other colours on the sandal or shoe, just plain black.

The file below contains the Te Totara Primary School uniform expectations:

[Uniform Expectations.doc](#)

SWIMMING TIMETABLES - TERM 1

Our three remaining Year 2 classes are very much enjoying their swimming programme this week. They complete their ten lessons on Thursday 2 March.

Term 1 Week 5, 6, 7

Friday 3rd March – Thursday 16th March, 2017
Rooms: Earth 34, Earth 36 & Earth 35

Term 1 Week 7, 8, 9

Friday 17th March – Thursday 30th March, 2017
Rooms: Earth 37, Ra 33 & Earth 38

Term 1 Week 9, 10, 11

Friday 31st March – Thursday 13th April, 2017
Rooms: Ra 30, Ra 29 & Ra 31

Term 2, 2017 will start with Ra 32 then some of our Year 5-6 classes. (More details to follow later in the Term over this.)

WEETBIX TRYATHLON CONGRATULATIONS

A MASSIVE congratulations to those children who braved the weather and participated in the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon on Sunday. It was a tough day and it was so impressive to see you all trying your best. You should all be very proud of your great achievement!



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held tomorrow, **Friday 24th February, 2017** in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.

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

This week our Marama 12 children will be sharing.

SPORTS

TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY

TOUCH

Chiefs Amota Tabera, Joshua Bulbeck
Pacers Riley Jeffries

DATES COMING UP

Sat 1 April School Gala & Colour Run
Thur 13 April TERM 1, 2017 FINISHES @ 3.00pm

Kind regards,

Anne Fraser

Acting Principal



TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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



Well it has been another very busy week. Thanks to all those who enjoyed Ice Block Friday last week – and massive thanks to the parent helpers on the day. Preparations for the Gala and Colour Run are well underway, keep a daily look out on Facebook for details.

EXCITING NEWS: We are going to have a **Craft/Bric-a-Brak Market in Matariki on Gala day**. There are lots of home crafters and artists around, so if you'd like to sell your own work here is your chance. We're expecting a couple of thousand people to attend our gala, so why not show your potential customers what you've got!

Tables are \$30 each, and you keep all your proceeds. It may become a regular community event, so secure your table today. If you are interested in a stall, please email vickijordan@xtra.co.nz.

What is a Colour Run?

A Colour Run is a fun-filled activity where participants and spectators get to throw a multitude of coloured powder packets over each other whilst working their way through a small obstacle course. Our Te Totara Colour Run will be held on the back field of the school, with obstacles such as hay bales, tyres, a water slide, camouflage netting and more.

Who can enter it?

Absolutely anyone! There is no 'first place' so speed and agility doesn't matter. The run will take place in 'heats' e.g. 3-4 years (+ a parent) 'mini run', 5-8 years; 9-12 years; 13-15 years and 16+ years. We will also do a 'teacher only' run to make sure the kids get a really good chance to powder bomb their favourite teacher!

What do we wear?

To maximise the impact of the colour, all participants are encouraged to wear a white t-shirt. Feel free to add in rainbow colours as well - colour, colour and more colour! Please be aware that the colour may permanently stain clothing, so please wear old clothes. Similarly, please bring along clothing to wear for your journey home, as coloured powder in the car is never fun to deal with! Eye goggles or sunglasses are also recommended, and for those with respiratory weaknesses, please bring along your own disposable dust masks.

Is it safe?

Whilst nothing can be 100% guaranteed, the powder used is the genuine product sourced directly from India - which is made exactly for this purpose. There may be people that suffer some skin irritation, but please use your own judgement. The PTA cannot be held liable for any medical issues that may arise.

How do we register?

Registrations are open online now - it's easy to book your tickets and pay online. Simply go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/te-totara-2017-colour-run-tickets-32149731713>
(if hyperlink doesn't work please copy and paste the url)

How much does it cost?

If you register online before the day the cost is \$10 per person. If you register on the day, the cost is \$12 per person.

SPECIAL EARLYBIRD PRICING: Register and pay online before 17 March and for every 4 tickets purchased, you'll receive the 5th entry for FREE!



Registration covers your entry fee (enabling you to participate in the 'run') and includes one bag of colour. Spectators are welcome to purchase colour and throw to their hearts' content. Extra bags of colour will be available for purchase on the day for \$6 each.

What time does the run start?

The Colour Run kicks off at **2.00pm on Saturday 1st April, 2017** - directly after the finish of the GALA. Come along early, grab some delicious lunch at one of our food stalls and make a day of it!

HELP PLEASE!!

We are needing the following items for our Colour Run – if you or anyone you know can help, please let us know ASAP:

Hay Bales

Large camouflage netting or fishing net

Wooden pallets

Large black polythene sheeting (suitable for waterslide)

Donations of dishwashing liquid

Well that's all for now – in the next few weeks we will be calling for our POD grocery donations which will be raffled off on Gala Day. Have a great week everyone!

Your busy-and-slightly-stressed-but-excited PTA team: *Scott, Anna, Jasmine, Nalina, Vicki & Liz J*

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.

PRIVATE GUITAR/UKULELE LESSONS

Is your child interested in learning guitar or ukulele?

There are still spaces available for private guitar or ukulele lessons this year. These lessons are organised by MUSIQHUB and are taken during school time by a guitar/ukulele tutor, usually in small groups.

If you are interested email Mallarie at waikato@musiqhub.co.nz

CYCLING SMART ADVICE FROM NZTA - VERY USEFUL INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN CYCLING TO SCHOOL

Cycling is affordable, fun and a great way to stay fit and healthy - as well as a convenient means of getting around. And the more people who cycle, the fewer vehicles on our roads. The fewer vehicles, the less harmful gases get emitted as well as less traffic noise and pollution.

An important thing to remember is, that as a road user, you must follow the road rules and you must also wear an approved safety helmet.

Cycling requires a certain amount of skill. If you're not experienced at riding in traffic, take the time to build your confidence on quieter roads. We have some resources that can help build your cycling confidence and skills:

- [Information on cyclist skills training](#)
- [The official New Zealand code for cyclists](#) – is a user-friendly guide to New Zealand's traffic law as it relates to cyclists. It also includes lots of useful information on safe cycling practices
- [the Bike Wise website \(external link\)](#) has more safety tips for cyclist.

Rules to follow when cycling

- Wear an approved safety helmet. Always fasten it securely, following the manufacturer's instructions.
- Wear brightly coloured or reflective clothing when cycling – you'll be easier to see.
- Use cycle paths or lanes, where provided. Where there is no cycle path, ride on the road and keep as far left as you safely can.
- Only ride on the footpath if you're delivering newspapers, mail or leaflets, or your wheel diameter is no more than 355mm, or there is a sign indicating the footpath is a shared pedestrian and cycle path.
- At intersections, follow the rules for [motor vehicles](#), or complete a hook turn, or get off your cycle and walk across.

- If space allows, you can ride alongside another cyclist or moped. You must not ride alongside a car, truck or other motor vehicle.
- Ride in single file if passing another vehicle.
- Give a hand signal at least three seconds before stopping or turning.
- Only carry a pillion passenger on your cycle if you have a pillion seat and footrest. If you're carrying a child, make sure the pillion seat protects the child's legs from the wheels.
- You must not leave a cycle blocking a footpath.
- You can tow a trailer with your cycle, but you can't tow any other sort of vehicle. Your cycle can't be towed by another vehicle.
- Ride with lights on when it's dark (from 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise) or at other times of poor visibility, eg when it's foggy.
- Keep your cycle in good working condition.
- If you carry a load it must be secure, mustn't touch the ground and mustn't extend more than one metre in front of or behind the wheels, or 55cm on either side (from the centre of the cycle).

Learn more about the rules you need to follow in [The official New Zealand Road Code](#).

Safety helmets

Wearing an approved safety helmet dramatically reduces the risk of a skull fracture if your head hits an object or the road, which is why the law requires you to wear one. A helmet also reduces your chance of getting concussion and protects your head from cuts and scrapes.

Your cycle helmet must:

- meet an approved standard
- be securely fastened.

Check that your helmet is the right size. It should fit snugly on your head with a minimum use of pads. It's not a good idea to buy a child a helmet that they will 'grow into'.

If your cycle helmet gets damaged, replace it with a new one.

Please note that if a police officer stops you and asks to inspect your helmet, you must give it to them.

FRANKTON JUNIOR RUGBY WANTS GIRLS & BOYS TO PLAY RUGBY WITH US!

Weigh-In Friday March 3rd 6pm-8pm and Saturday March 4th 9am-12noon New Players bring copy birth cert or passport with you. Fees are \$35 for one player, \$60 for 2 players in the family and \$80 for 3 or more players in the same family. Contact: Haley Slater 0210590036 or smitymagirl@hotmail.com FRANKTON YOUR FAMILY CLUB! FRANKTON JUNIOR RUGBY WANTS GIR

SUBURBS COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB, 2017 JUNIOR RUGBY WEIGH-IN

Sunday 5th March 10am-2pm. At Suburbs Community Sports Club, Flagstaff Park, Commodore Ave, Hamilton Ages 4-12 years, boys and girls all welcome. All new players are required to bring a birth certificate or passport

For further details go to www.hamiltonsuburbs.co.nz or contact Brendon Stone 0274846013

TE RAPA JUNIOR RUGBY WEIGH IN

CALLING ALL BOYS & GIRLS! JOIN OUR FUN & FRIENDLY CLUB!

Come down to the club rooms on Friday 3rd March 5pm to 7pm or Sunday 5th March 10am to 12pm to weigh in and join our great club! Both at the Te Rapa clubrooms on Vickery st. New players need to bring their birth certificate

Subs to be paid at weigh in please Eftpos available See you all there!

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT JASON BRYANT 0275938967 OR KIRSTY MARLOW 0276752182

KIDS FIND PUBLIC VOICE For confidence - public speaking skills

Kids got raw energy? Shy - won't speak out? Speeches - a nightmare? RING **Roz 027 248 2888** or email roz@speak4success.co.nz www.speak4success.co.nz

Te Totara Primary School

Balloons Over Waikato

<p>Wednesday 22 March 2017</p> <p>THE HAMILTON MASS ASCENSION Morning 7.30am approx. Balloons commence inflation Innes Common, Hamilton Lake</p> <p>Thursday 23 March 2017</p> <p>THE WEL ENERGY TRUST BREAKFAST AT DAWN (In association with McDonalds Hamilton) Morning 6.30am approx. Balloons commence inflation Innes Common, Hamilton Lake</p> <p>Friday 24 March 2017</p> <p>FRIDAY FLY OFF Morning 7.30am approx. Balloons commence inflation Innes Common, Hamilton Lake</p> <p>BALLOONS VISIT SOUTH WAIKATO Evening 6.00pm - 8.00pm Tokoroa Memorial Sport Ground</p> <p>BALLOONS VISIT TE KUITI Evening 6.00pm - 8.00pm Te Kuiti Domain</p> <p>THE CITY BURN AND MARKETS BROUGHT TO YOU BY HAMILTON CENTRAL Evening 6.00pm - 8.00pm Garden Place, Hamilton City</p> <p>Saturday 25 March 2017</p> <p>THE SMARTRAK CASH GRAB COMPETITION Morning 7.30am approx. Balloons commence inflation Innes Common, Hamilton Lake</p>	<p>Saturday 25 March 2017</p> <p>THE ZURU NIGHTGLOW Afternoon 4.00pm - 9.00pm approx. The University of Waikato, Hamilton</p> <p>Sunday 26 March 2017</p> <p>THE GREAT GRASSROOTS TRUST FINALE Morning 7.30am approx. Balloons commence inflation Innes Common, Hamilton Lake</p> <p>THE ZURU NIGHTGLOW PROGRAMME Saturday 25 March 2017 4.00pm-9.00pm</p> <p>MAIN STAGE LINEUP 4.00pm-4.45pm: In2Strings 5.00pm-5.45pm: The 3 Brothers Band 6.00pm-6.30pm: Double or Nothing 6.30pm-6.45pm: RNZAF Black Falcons Aerobatics Team 6.45pm-7.45pm: The Jordan Luck Band</p> <p>THE GLOW SHOW 7.45pm - 8.00pm: Time to grab something to eat and drink, and settle in to watch the balloons as they begin to inflate. In preparation for the main event. 8.00pm: The Glow Show. Prepare to be thrilled as the balloons present the main event - a spectacularly stunning light and sound show, all choreographed to your favourite music. Then dust off those dancing shoes and join "Hot & Flustered" as they perform the age old classic - Rocky Horror Picture Show's - Timewarp! 8.20pm: Fireworks Finale! Waikato's very own pyrotechnic master, Dr Martin van Tiel, creates yet another magical masterpiece to bring the night to a close celebrating the end of the Zuru Nightglow 2017.</p> <p>AFTER THE GLOW SHOW 8.30pm-9.00pm: The Jordan Luck Band</p>
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Growing and Learning Together

