

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

LEARNING PLANS GO HOME TOMORROW - FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER, 2017

A Learning Plan for each student will be sent home tomorrow with the oldest or only child from each family, however, if your child started in Terms 3 or 4 this year you may not receive a Learning Plan yet. Your child's teacher will be talking to you about your child's progress since starting with us.

The Learning Plans will also be available online after 3.30pm on Friday 1st December 2017. Included in the information pack being sent home with the Learning Plan will be instructions on how to log-on to the Parent Portal site.

You may be aware that the National Standards system will be replaced very shortly by the Government. We will continue to use the current format as outlined by the school for this year and adapt to any changes in our reporting systems and processes when advised by the Ministry of Education. We will keep everyone updated on developments in this area.

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 under the tabs "Our Learning" than "National Standards":

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

A REMINDER....

Please keep your Login and Password details for the Parent Portal handy as you will need these to access your child/ren's new class details for 2018 from Friday 8th December at 3.30pm. These will be included inside the Learning Plan folder.

FAMILIES IN SHARED CARE ARRANGEMENT - LEARNING PLANS

If your family are in a shared care arrangement, please advise Marise Crow a.s.a.p. on 07 853-0039 ext. 858 who will be collecting the child/ren from school on Friday 1st December, 2017. If you are happy for both copies of the Learning Plan to go home in the same envelope, please advise.

UP-TO-DATE IMMUNISATION DETAILS

We encourage our families to check that your child/rens Immunisation details (found under "My Child" then "Other Details" tab) are correct through the parent portal at www.atschool.co.nz using the User ID and Passwords that will be provided with your child's Learning Plan. If you do not have access to a computer, or your child will not have a Learning Plan this time round, you are welcome to check your details with us on (07) 853-0039.

If you have changed any of your details i.e. phone, address, e-mail etc; please advise the School Office so we can update your records accordingly. **It is very important that we hold the current Immunisation information on file** (found in the back of the Plunket Book or from your family Doctor).

Note: Our school may be asked to provide a list to the Ministry of Health at any stage.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION - TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER AT 5.45PM

This is our annual event to celebrate another great year at Te Totara. Here is some information to help make it a special event:

- It is a school event, so children need to be in a clean and tidy uniform and will be together as a school and are under the control of school staff.
- Please leave your child with us; we will take care of them.
- Students will need to stay through the whole event.
- There will be very limited parking available at the school carpark and none in the turning bay.
- It will be best to find a car park on a nearby street and walk.
- It is like a concert in a park so bring a picnic, a rug to sit on, something to eat and drink and enjoy a variety concert.
- We use the hill behind Ra and Earth as outdoor stages where children perform.
- Toilets are open in the Ra and Earth blocks.
- Pre-schoolers are welcome to use the playground away from the performers so they don't distract from the performance.
- Other children not involved in the school are asked to be respectful and if they want to play, then the court area is a good place. There are likely to be over 2500 people at the event so we strongly advise walking to the event.
- Please **NO umbrellas** as it blocks the view of people behind. Low set chairs are advisable if needed, but no chairs please.
- **NO dogs** are allowed on our school grounds.
- We will have a "Paparazzi" section at the front for parents of those performing to use to get a good photo.
- If the weather is not good, we will postpone to Wednesday 13th December, same time.
- Notifications will be put on the school Facebook page, school app and the website.
- The event is weather dependent, so may be cancelled at the last moment, but we will do our best to let everyone know as early as possible.
- At the end of the event we will need to stagger people leaving due to Health & Safety, so please be prepared to wait a little time. Announcements will be made to help.



CLASS PLACEMENTS 2018

We are currently working through placements for next year. We have been pleased that parents and students have had an opportunity to contribute to the process, it has helped.

- The class for next year will be available from **3.30pm Friday 8th December** on the Parent Portal, using with same login details used to access Learning Plans online. Login details were included in your Learning Plan folder.
- Teachers will talk with children about the arrangements for 2018 and answer any queries on Friday 8th December, so students have an opportunity to clarify any queries they may have
- On Thursday 14th December from 1.30pm-2.00pm students will visit their new class and teacher. This helps our children know what is happening and to ask questions and build rapport with their teacher ready for 2018.

VOLUNTEERS "THANK YOU" MORNING TEA WEDNESDAY 6th DECEMBER @ 9.00AM

A warm invitation is extended to helpers of our school for a special morning tea in the Staff Lounge @ 9.00am to say "Thanks". If you were involved in helping out in any way at school (i.e. coaching, bookbinding, sports help, classroom help, transport etc) or in any other way, we would love to see you.

STUDENT STATIONERY ORDERING FOR 2018

We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make Back to School easy! All your child's school stationery list requirements are uploaded **online** at www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara (click on the link) to make it easy for you to purchase your child's stationery requirements. Simply select your child's Year Level in 2018 and follow the instructions on the website.

Buying through OfficeMax MySchool also earns School Rewards for our school which we can redeem for much needed educational supplies, equipment for our classrooms or to help those students in need.

OfficeMax MySchool makes Back to School easy for you with these great benefits:

- **Price Match Promise** - find a lower price and OfficeMax will match it! Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details.
- **Free Delivery** - for orders over **\$46.00** Plus, you can choose delivery to your home or workplace and receive your order during the holidays, straight to your door. See myschool.co.nz for delivery windows.
- **Multiple ordering options** - online at myschool.co.nz OR Freephone (0800) 724440 OR in at the OfficeMax retail store located at cnr Victoria Street & Princes Street, Hamilton.
- **Save valuable holiday time** - avoid busy shopping malls and traffic queues by shopping online from the comfort of your home so your child starts the year with the correct stationery supplies.
- **Quality product** - your child will start the year with the correct supplies that will last.
- **Multiple Payment options** - including secure internet banking, credit/debit card or pay by cash in an OfficeMax retail store.

The banner features a family (mother and two children) holding school supplies. Text includes: 'Back to School made easy', 'OfficeMax MySchool', 'We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make Back to School easy!', 'Your child's school stationery list requirements are uploaded on myschool.co.nz. You can shop online, in-store, by phone or simply download a copy of your child's list.', 'Earn SCHOOL REWARDS for our school*', 'Price Match Promise', 'Free Delivery For orders over \$46*', 'myschool.co.nz', 'OfficeMax Stores', and '0800 724 440'.

If you do not have access to the internet, you can purchase stationery direct through OfficeMax (cnr Victoria St & Princes St, Hamilton) Ph: (07) 838-8604. Advise them that you are from Te Totara Primary School and the Year Level your child (ren) in 2018. They will have hard copies of stationery lists available at the shop from Monday 4th December, 2017.

Many of our families used this online system last year and will be familiar with the ordering process.

This website is available from today for ordering at: www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara

Step-by-step instructions on how to order student stationery for 2018 will be placed on our website under the "Newsletters" tab.

Please note: You do not need a Student ID, please leave this field blank. If you have a 5-year-old new entrant starting in Term 1, 2018 your child will be classified as a Year 1.

Please ensure you have placed your order no later than **Thursday 25th January, 2018** to ensure delivery before school starts on **Tuesday 30th January, 2018**. Please ensure your child/ren have all their school stationery items before school begins for 2018.

Your child's school stationery list requirements are uploaded to myschool.co.nz. You can shop online, in-store, by phone or you can simply download a copy of the list.

The banner is green and white. Text includes: '1ST - 31ST DECEMBER 2017', 'BUY NOW, PAY LATER! *', 'Get Back to School stationery sorted early so you can relax these holidays.', 'When you order online at myschool.co.nz in December you won't be charged until we deliver - you choose when and where! Plus, you'll receive a FREE magnetic family organiser.', 'FREE magnetic family organiser', 'Peek At Our Week', and 'OfficeMax'. Small text at the bottom: '* Payment by credit/debit card only. School donations and charges will be charged when you place your order. Further terms and conditions apply - see back page. ^ While stocks last'.

SCHOOL LOST PROPERTY BIN, ITEMS ON DISPLAY

Please check out our lost property bin. The BIG YELLOW bin is located outside the Earth building; there are LOTS 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 will endeavour to return named school uniform items of clothing to their rightful owner, however any unnamed school uniform will be given to the School Office and sold, with the proceeds returned to the school.



TERM DATES FOR 2018

Term 1	Tuesday 30th January - Friday 13th April
Term 2	Monday 30th April - Friday 6th July
Term 3	Monday 23rd July - Friday 28th September
Term 4	Mon 15th October - Friday 14th December

Holidays during the 2018 School Term

Term 1	Tuesday 6th February	Waitangi Day
	Friday 30th March	Easter Friday
	Monday 2 April	Easter Monday
	Tuesday 3 April	Easter Tuesday
Term 2	Monday 4th June	Queen's Birthday
Term 3	Monday 3rd September	Mid-Term Break
Term 4	Monday 22nd October	Labour Day

REMINDER.... SCHOOL FINISHES ON FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2017 @3.00PM

YEAR 6 LEAVERS SUPPER EVENING

Tuesday 5th December 2017 from 6.30pm-8.00pm in the Matariki Hall

This will be a night to remember, our Year 6's are leaving us.

Invitations have been sent home and RSVP's were due by Tuesday 28th November, 2017.

Please bring a plate of finger food to share for supper and BYO drink.

Due to limited space, no siblings please. We are really looking forward to this special evening.

Reminders have been sent home today with your child.

TE TOTARA DANCE GROUP - HIP HOP

Do you currently dance? We are looking for children who will be Year 5 and 6 students next year to form a competition dance squad.

This will involve practice after school on Wednesday afternoons starting in Term 1 and attending 2 school based competitions in 2018.

We require you to have some dance experience and auditions will be held Wednesday 6th December 2017 at 3:15pm in the Ra Pod.

PARENTS AND STUDENTS QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for returning your questionnaires.

This information will be analysed independently and will be shared back to the community and our Board. The information will support our future Strategic and Annual Planning, so your help is important. **We do ask that surveys are returned to the Mooloo Box, with the last date for collection being this Friday 1st December, 2017.**

LIBRARY STOCKTAKE

Our yearly Library stocktake will be held between the 4th - 7th December, 2017. We would really appreciate parent help from 5th December onwards during the stocktake. If you are able to help, please email Esther at: estherr@tetotara.school.nz Thank you in advance.

STUDENTS' LIBRARY BOOKS DUE BACK BY MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 2017

Could you please make sure that all school library books, except those borrowed by parents, are returned to the library by 4th December so that we can do our stocktake.

AUTHOR VISIT

Best-selling author James Russell will be speaking to most of our school next Wednesday. If you would like a signed, personalised copy of one or more of his books please complete the enclosed order form and return it to the Mooloo Box in the School Office by Tuesday 5th December, 2017.

AVAILABLE TO PAY NOW THROUGH KINDO...

- **Aquatics / Mathletics / School Donation / Lost Library Books**
- **2018 Year 5&6 School Camp (OPEN NOW)**

Register for Kindo using our App or via our School Website
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 1st December 2017, in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**
This week our children from Orion, Kōpū, Earth & Marama attended assembly.
This week will be our assembly for Class end of year awards.

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

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

CRICKET

Midgets James Galvin

TOUCH RUGBY

Rockets Eve Jordan, Aaron Ardern, Joel Beros

Pacers Dinupa Yakupitiyage

GUNNS Jayson Yang

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 30 Nov

BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm

Fri 1 Dec

Learning Plans go home with oldest child

Tues 5 Dec

Year 6 Leavers Supper

Wed 6 Dec

Volunteers "Thank you" Morning Tea @ 9.00am

Mon 11 Dec

Art Work on Display in Classroom Pods

- all day for viewing until 4.00pm

Tues 12 Dec

Art Work on Display in Classroom Pods

- all day viewing and also in the evening for End of Year Celebration

Tues 12 Dec

End of Year Celebration

Wed 13 Dec

Block 1&2 - whole school tour to view art work

Wed 13 Dec

End of Year Celebration (postponement date)

Thu 14 Dec

Students visit new classes for 2018 from 1:30pm - 2.00pm

Fri 15 Dec

END OF TERM 4, SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM



Kind regards,
Brian Sheedy
Principal

'COLOUR CARNIVAL' GALA AND COLOUR RUN: SATURDAY 17th MARCH, 2018

That's right, we're going to do another gala & colour run next year, bigger, brighter and busier than the last! Pop it on your calendars now, you definitely won't want to double book that date!

RAFFLE TICKETS AND MONEY DUE BACK TOMORROW PLEASE

A FIRM BUT FRIENDLY REMINDER THAT WE NEED RAFFLE TICKETS AND MONEY BACK TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE TOMORROW (FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER) PLEASE.

There will be a prize for the top ticket seller in each pod, but to be in the draw for ticket sellers' prizes, your tickets must be returned ON TIME!

Remember there is a brand new iPad Mini 4 128GB Wifi for the student who sells the most number of tickets overall. *There is some very hot competition for the top prize, every ticket counts!*

Thanks to our sponsors for their generous support:

- Air New Zealand
- Copthorne Lakefront Hotel, Queenstown
- Skyline Restaurant, Queenstown
- Shotover Jet, Queenstown
- Madam Woo, Hamilton
- Rainbows End, Auckland
- New World, Rotorua

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

The PTA will be selling extra treats (Xmas hats, Xmas headbands, popcorn etc) for \$2 at the End of Year celebration, please bring along some coins and get into the festive vibe.

ICE BLOCK FRIDAY – NEXT WEEK

Thanks to everyone who enjoyed Ice Block day last week, we will be holding another one next Friday, 8th Dec. Please note: iceblocks will be \$2 each, please try and supply correct change to your children, thank you.

Also, we require some helpers please, from 12.15pm-1pm approx – please email/PM us if you can spare a bit of time to help out, thank you.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Friday 8th December - Ice Block Friday! \$2 per iceblock**
- **Tuesday 12th December - Domino's Dough Raiser - buy your pizzas for the end of year celebration and Dominos will donate to the PTA - more details to come**
- **Tuesday 12th December - Raffle Drawn at the End of Year celebration**

Please 'like' our Facebook page to ensure you keep in the news loop:

www.facebook.com/TTPTA

Have a great week peeps! ☺

Your PTA team: Scott, Liz, Jackie, Nalina, Vicki & Rae

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.

DOJO: TE TOTARA SCHOOL HALL

Martial Arts training for children aged 4 and above and adults of all ages. First lesson free.

The following classes are cancelled Tuesday 5th and 12th December, 2017.

Our final class for 2017 at Te Totara school is the Thursday 14th December.

2018 classes start on Tuesday the 30th January and Thursday the 1st February from 6.00 to 7.00pm.

These classes are suitable for beginners of all ages as well as existing students.

Existing students – grading is on the 11th of March so make sure you are back to training as soon as possible to enable you to grade.

Phone or text Marie Thom 027 497 0499 or check our website www.tkma.co.nz for more details.



2018 KIWI TENNIS - TO BE HELD AT TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 1, 2018 - Tuesdays from 3.15pm - 7.00pm

For more details visit www.kiwitennis.co.nz

The Summer Holidays are almost here!!

Check out our active and fun filled Holiday Programme at our five fantastic venues:

Hamilton Girls' High, Southwell, Te Totara, Bankwood and Leamington Schools

We are OSCAR/WINZ Approved

Programme and bookings www.kellysports.co.nz

Email: waikato@kellysports.co.nz

Phone Kim, Mark or Hine 07 839 9017, Text 022 053242



ENROLMENTS 2018, BARNARDOS EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Barnardos has some spaces available at the end of January 2018. The centre is open from 7.30 to 6pm Monday to Friday. We offer full time care, afternoon and morning sessions only, along with 20 ECE hours free for over three year olds (no top up fees are charged). Barnardos is a small family centre who enjoys a close relationship with Te Totara School.

If you are thinking about enrolling your child next year please contact as soon as possible 07 852 5759 or email TeTotara.ELC@barnardos.org.nz or just pop in and see us.



JITTERBUGS DANCE LESSONS TERM 1 2018

Now taking names for the wait list for Term 1 2018. Limited spaces available.

Lessons held on a Monday – Thursday from 3.45pm – 5.45pm for girls and boys aged 3 – 13

All sessions are held at Rototuna Junior High School

***BRAND NEW HIP HOP CLASS ADDED FOR TERM 1 2018 ** only 5 spaces left

Cost: \$95 for the term which includes a show and access to video's for your kids to practice to at home.

Come and be part of the Jitterbugs family with over 185 kids. Email jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz for more info, visit www.jitterbugsdancelessons.co.nz or checkout the Jitterbugs Facebook page

JITTERFIT PRE-XMAS BOOTCAMP SESSIONS

Wednesday 6th and 13th December (with a backup date of the 20th Dec if a session has to be postponed) at 6.15 – 7.00 at Te Totara Primary School.

Cost is \$8 for one session or both sessions for \$15 if you sign up and pay before Friday 1st December. Cost after that date is \$10 for a one-off session or two sessions for \$18.

Both men and woman welcome

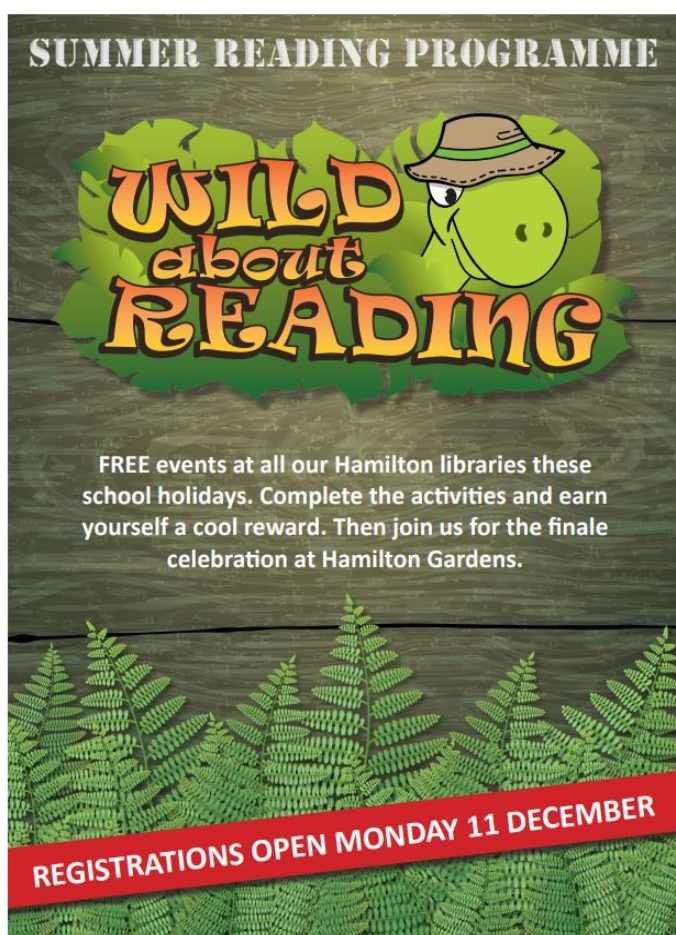
Limited Spaces, Contact Jolie at jitterfit@outlook.com for more info or check out the JitterFit Facebook page

SQUIGGLE 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! Our theme this holidays is learning about the outdoors.

Squiggle runs from one of the best locations in Hamilton - Waikato Diocesan School (Fairfield) from 8am-5.30-pm Mon-Fri. We offer 20% discount for siblings and eligible families can apply for WINZ funding. To enrol, please go online – www.squiggle.org.nz/enrol, or contact Katrina katrina@squiggle.org.nz or 027-909 3903.

Ngā mihi,



SUMMER READING PROGRAMME

WILD about READING

FREE events at all our Hamilton libraries these school holidays. Complete the activities and earn yourself a cool reward. Then join us for the finale celebration at Hamilton Gardens.

REGISTRATIONS OPEN MONDAY 11 DECEMBER

WWW.HAMILTONLIBRARIES.CO.NZ



Hamilton City Libraries
TE OHOMAURI O KIRIKIRIROA



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!

22 - 26 January 2018, 9 am – 4 pm daily
Held at Southwell School

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

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