

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)

### EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE (ERO) REPORT

In November 2017, ERO visited our school. This is the Government agency that reviews all schools to examine the quality of education provided.

We are delighted with the report about the school and the acknowledgement of the work being done for our children. There are a large number of very positive affirmations about the school and three agreed next steps, to continue on what we are doing. We have included these in our draft 2018 Annual Plan which will be finalised shortly. The school is determined to continue to develop and be proactive moving forward.

The school has been placed on a four-five year return visit time frame due to our performance, this is for schools deemed to have high quality performance. 15% of Schools have attained this and 8% have achieved this in consecutive reviews. Our school has achieved a four-five year return time in consecutive reviews.

The criteria that has been used to determine this, from 2012 - 2017...

***ERO will next review the school in four-to-five years where it finds that the school's curriculum is consistently effective in promoting student learning - engagement, progress and achievement.***

***High quality performance will be evident and ERO will have no material concerns about the education and safety of students.***

***Overall, the school will convincingly demonstrate that:***

- ***Learners experience a coherent and rich curriculum that provides them with relevant choices and pathways and supports their successful transition through schooling and on to further education and training***
- ***Learners are actively engaged in their learning, and are progressing and achieving well; and the progress of priority groups of learners is being accelerated***
- ***Maori learners are actively engaged in their learning, progressing and achieving well and succeeding as Maori***
- ***There is a well-sustained culture of high expectations for students and staff***
- ***A school-wide culture of rigorous critical reflection and self review contributes effectively to sustaining the school's positive performance and continuous improvement***
- ***Leadership is highly effective and strategic, and is consistently improving student learning and achievement***
- ***Teaching consistently demonstrates high quality practices, makes very good use of student achievement information, and is highly effective in promoting outcomes for learners***
- ***The school has taken all reasonable steps to provide a safe and inclusive environment***
- ***Governance is highly effective in self review, direction setting, decision-making and ensuring school accountabilities are met***
- ***The school is highly effective in engaging the community in partnerships for learning and in the life of the school***

## ERO STATISTICAL INFORMATION 2012 - 2017

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The report is due to go live on the [ERO website](#) next week, but we wanted to share it with our community first. To view the report visit...[Te Totara ERO Review Jan 2018](#)

## CAMP FOR OUR YEAR 5-6 STUDENTS

Next week is an exciting one for our Year 5-6 Students as they head off to the Ngaruawahia Christian Camp. Many hours of preparation and planning has occurred and I am sure that the children and adults will have an exciting and fun time. These camps help build important relationships, support achieving challenges and building resilience. We wish our students all the best for their camp journey.

**Milky Way Team** Departing on Monday 12th February, returning on Wednesday 14th February  
**Marama Team** Departing on Wednesday 14th February, returning on Friday 16th February

We have a tradition of the rest of the school farewelling the students as they leave, so if you are around school at the beginning of the school day on Monday 12 February and Wed 14 February, you'll see this in action.

## NEWSLETTER TRANSLATION

Our school website has the option of using Google Translate. We have now added a "Translatable Newsletter" option so it can also be viewed in your chosen language. Please keep in mind that Google Translate is not perfect but it can be helpful.

<http://www.tetotara.school.nz/.../pages/113-translatable-news...>

The screenshot shows the school's website interface. At the top left is the school logo with the text "Te Totara PRIMARY SCHOOL Growing and Learning Together". A red navigation bar contains the text "Welcome to Te Totara Primary School" and a search box. Below this, a breadcrumb trail reads "Home > Our School > Newsletters and Notices > Translatable Newsletter". A message states: "To translate the Newsletter click on the Select Language drop box and select the language you would like." The main content area features a red header for "SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY, 2017". Below this is a green button labeled "Translatable Newsletter". A "Find us on: facebook." link is visible. At the bottom, a "Select Language" dropdown menu is shown.

From the Newsletters & Notices page itself, select the left green tab that says "Translatable Newsletter" then use the drop down box of "Select Language" to choose one of the many translatable languages available (see below).



## WEETBIX TRYATHLON

WELL DONE to all our students who have registered to do the Weetbix TRYathlon on Sunday! You are all STARS for signing up to give it a go and we are looking forward to watching you compete, supporting you at the event, and hearing about your exciting day!

Good luck! Do your best and have fun :)



## FOOD AT SCHOOL - ALLERGIES

We have children at our school who are highly allergic to dairy products and nuts and exposure to these foods could potentially be life threatening to them. We have procedures in place for 1:1 support for these children to ensure their safety. At present we will continue to carry on with our normal food eating programme, but we have to carefully plan school events/learning area celebrations etc. With this in mind, it would be very much appreciated if you **did not** bring into school any Birthday Cakes, baking etc for your child's class. Thank you in advance.

## TE TOTARA SCHOOL HOUSES

- Te Totara School has four houses, all named in line with our STARS theme and space expeditions: "Apollo, Challenger, Discovery & Mercury"
- Children are placed in houses when they enrol and arrive at school. New Entrants with family members already at school will be placed in the same house.
- We are able to use the houses for different school events and happenings eg. Athletic Sports.
- Houses provide our children with leadership responsibilities and provide good natured competition.
- There are colours for each house
- There are Lead Teachers looking after each house

## HOUSE COLOURS

<b>Apollo</b>	<b>Yellow</b>
<b>Challenger</b>	<b>Blue</b>
<b>Discovery</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>Mercury</b>	<b>Red</b>

## VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL (INCLUDING PARENTS)

If you are visiting our school for business reasons, or as a parent dropping off things to your child during school hours, please report to the School Office before entering the school grounds. In the event of an Emergency situation, we will know who is onsite at any given time.

## LOST AND FOUND PROPERTY

Please ensure that all school uniforms are clearly named and that your family has the correct clothing. We have our Yellow Lost & Found property box down outside our purple block Earth for Parents and Children to view daily.



## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 9th February, 2018 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**

This week our children from Matawhero, Earth and Milky Way will attend assembly.

This week we will be welcoming our new students from these classes.



# 2018 DONATION/FEES ARE AVAILABLE TO PAY NOW THROUGH KINDO NOW...

## **Aquatics / Mathletics / School Donation & Lost Library Books plus:**

- **2018 Year 5&6 School Camp**

Register for Kindo using our App or via our School Website [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://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.*

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## SCHOOL LUNCH SERVICE

We are excited to continue our school lunch service at school.

Our supplier is "Lunch Orders" who are based in Hamilton.

**A message from LunchOrders:**

It's time to update your child's details.

Heya LunchOrders whānau! 2018 is going to be a year where the team in the LunchOrders kitchen will continue to innovate and experiment to bring you the healthiest, and most attractive school lunches! **Just a quick reminder to update your child's classroom number for 2018** so their yummy lunch can be sent to the right place! To update go to "My Account" and then select "Family Details".



- Visit us online at [www.lunchorders.co.nz](http://www.lunchorders.co.nz)
- Sign up for a free account and select your school
- Top up your account using a credit card or direct credit
- Place your order and select delivery date
- Sit back and relax while your order is freshly made and delivered to your school

LunchOrders delivers to Te Totara Primary on **MONDAY - FRIDAY** at 12.15PM.



## HEALTH WAIKATO HEARING & VISION TESTING FOR STUDENTS THAT HAVE NOT COMPLETED ROUTINE TESTS

A Vision & Hearing Technician will be visiting our school on **Friday 2nd March, 2018** to complete routine tests for those students who have missed their pre-school/prior school checks. For further information, please contact Health Waikato direct on (07) 838-3565.

## FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY DENTAL CLINIC INVITATION

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 your home address 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 date/time, wanting to check/update contact details, or have questions/concerns.

Kind regards, Fairfield Team 33 Kensington Place, Fairfield, Hamilton



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due, **Friday 16th February, 2018 @ 9.15am**, to the School Office. Sorry **NO** late orders will be accepted.

**REMEMBER.... When completing the order form please fill in all the details i.e. name, room number, item number and title of the book.**

**A quick easy way to order and pay now, is to order and pay online with the book club loop.**

## DATES COMING UP

Mon 12 Feb	Milky Way Camp - Departing school Mon 12th Feb/Returning Wed 14th Feb
Wed 14 Feb	Marama Camp - Departing school Wed 14th Feb/Returning Fri 16th Feb
Fri 16 Feb	Scholastic Book Orders Close @ 9.00am
Fri 2 March	Routine New Entrant Vision & Hearing Testing at School
Sat 17 March	PTA Gala & Colour Run
Fri 30 March	Easter Friday - SCHOOL CLOSED

Mon 2 April  
Tues 3 April  
Fri 13 April

Easter Monday - SCHOOL CLOSED  
Easter Tuesday - SCHOOL CLOSED  
TERM 1, 2017 FINISHES @ 3.00pm

Kind regards,  
**Brian Sheedy**  
Principal



## TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: [tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com)

[www.facebook.com/TTPTA](http://www.facebook.com/TTPTA)

We hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday break.

Is this YOUR year to do make a difference in the community? We need new members for the PTA. You'll join a fun friendly and high-achieving group of fellow parents. Please come along to our **PTA meeting** in the school staff lounge, this **Thursday 8th Feb. 7.30pm**. No obligation, no pressure - but we need your input. Don't be shy!

## GALA & COLOUR RUN SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018

That's right, we're going to do another Gala & Colour Run next month – bigger, brighter and busier than the last!

This time round we're having large carnival rides, along with the ever-popular pod activities, dunk tank, craft market and much much more. Pop it on your calendars now, it will be a fantastic day for the school and community.



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Simply purchase through KINDO, OR the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/te-totara-2018-colour-run-17-march-2018-tickets-42859094706>

Please 'like' our Facebook page to ensure you keep in the news loop:  
[www.facebook.com/TTPTA](http://www.facebook.com/TTPTA)

Have a happy week ☺

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