

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)

TEACHERS UNAVAILABLE ON MONDAY AFTERNOON ON 25TH JUNE, 2018

- 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.
- 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.

BOOK WEEK - MONDAY 14TH MAY TO WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY, 2018

We have a number of fun activities planned for the week, including visits from two fabulous authors, Angie Belcher and Dawn McMillan, and illustrator Ross Kinnaird. We are pleased to announce that we have arranged an event for parents. On Friday 18th May, from 9.00am-9.45am, Dawn McMillan and Ross Kinnaird will give a talk called "Read, Write, Draw - fun things to do with your kids". There will be Q&A time at the end.



READ-A-THON - STARTS MONDAY 21ST MAY, 2018

We have had an encouraging early response with this PTA event running alongside Book Week, with lots of children getting sponsors to support reading, with the funds used to help with a new playground that we are hopeful of building. Start date for the Read-a-thon is Monday 21st May, best wishes to our children for their Read-a-thon.

FRIDAY 18TH MAY - PYJAMA DAY / PINK SHIRT DAY

We are looking forward to Friday 18th May and wearing Pyjamas as part of Book Week. Then afterwards, the School Disco which our wonderful PTA have organised. When the date for Pyjama Day was set, we were unaware of Pink Shirt Day to support anti bullying, and it is something we do think is a good initiative. If children would like to choose what they would like to wear then this is fine, either pyjamas or a pink shirt or even a combination!

To find out more about this worthwhile event and for very valuable support, including ideas for parents and schools see... [Pink Shirt Day](#). **This is not a fundraising day, so no need for a gold coin.**

INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF DAY

Yesterday, we were able to celebrate our fantastic Support Staff with a morning tea. We are fortunate to have wonderful staff who fill vital roles in our school. This includes our Teacher Aides, Administration Staff, Caretakers, Library Team and our Before & After School Care Team. They, along with our teachers, form a team of 90 staff who do so much to make our school a special place to be. On behalf of our community and especially our children, thanks!

JUNIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Introducing...

Eddie the Penguin Saves the World

Our wonderful Year 1 & 2 Teams have been rehearsing hard to bring you a musical story about a Penguin and his family who save the world from the effects of global warming. All children from Matawhero, Orion, Neptune and Kōpū are involved.

Costume details will come from your child's teacher.

Tickets go on sale on Monday 28th May, 2018

Further details around how to purchase tickets will follow

Put the below dates in your diaries - you won't want to miss this!

Matinee shows are at 1:30pm - doors open at 1.00pm

Evening shows are at 6:00pm - doors open at 5.30pm

Please Note: 2 TICKETS PER FAMILY are allocated for Evening Performances; there may be an opportunity to purchase more tickets closer to the event.

Unlimited ticket purchases available for the Matinee Performances

ALL TICKETS \$5.00 EACH

Children 3 years old and under are FREE provided they are sitting on a parent's lap, otherwise you must purchase a ticket for them.

Limited to 300 tickets each performance. NO door sales on the night.

Wednesday 13th June @ 1.30pm (Matinee)

- Kōpū Team, Orion 10, Orion 8, Matawhero 3

Wednesday 13th June @ 6.00pm (Evening)

- Neptune Team, Orion 7, Orion 9, Matawhero 1

Thursday 14th June @ 1.30pm (Matinee)

- Neptune Team, Orion 7, Orion 9, Matawhero 1

Thursday 14th June @ 6.00pm (Evening)

- Kōpū Team, Orion 10, Orion 8, Matawhero 3



CHANGE OF DETAILS/ADDRESS

Just a little reminder that if you have changed any of your details i.e. phone, address, email etc; to please advise the School Office Ph: 07 853-0033 or email michelled@tetotara.school.nz so we can update your records accordingly.

STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Just a reminder that if you are removing your child from school for any reason during the school day, please ensure that you sign them out through the VisTab machine in the School Office. This is a Health & Safety requirement, should we have a LockDown or Fire Drill then we will know that your child is not on the school site.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly was held on **Thursday 17th May, 2018 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm due to the School Disco being set up during the day in the Matariki Hall on the Friday.** This week our children from Matawhero, Earth and Milky Way attended assembly and our Earth 34 children shared.

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 Jaime Hollmann

HOCKEY

All Stars Maya Damian

Cheetahs Aadi Kang

Shooters Sophie Davie

Strikers Quinn James

Tigers Tejveer Randhawa

BASKETBALL

Shooters Angad Aujla



DATES COMING UP

Fri 18 May	Pyjama Day / Pink Shirt Day at school (NO need for a gold coin)
Fri 18 May	9.00am - 9.45am, Read, Write, Draw... fun things to do with your kids <i>Parent event by author Dawn McMillan & illustrator Ross Kinnaird</i>
Fri 18 May	PTA Disco - "Pyjama Party Theme" (<i>See PTA News for more details</i>)
Mon 21 May	Read-a-thon starts
Mon 28 May	Routine Vision & Hearing Checks at school
Tues 29 May	ICAS Science
Thurs 31 May	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
Thurs 7 June	Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge
Wed 13 June	ICAS Spelling
Wed 13 June	Junior School Production (1.30pm & 6.00pm performances)
Thurs 14 June	ICAS Writing
Thurs 14 June	Junior School Production (1.30pm & 6.00pm performances)
Fri 6 July	END OF TERM 2, 2018

YEARS 4-6 ICAS EXAM UPCOMING DATES:

(For those students who have registered):

English Tuesday 31st July, 2018

Mathematics Monday 13th August, 2018

Kind regards,
Brian Sheedy

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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READ-A-THON NEXT WEEK

The PTA and library staff devised the Read-a-thon to coincide with the Book Week, and felt that it was a great way to encourage the kids in their reading. It is very similar to a Spell-a-thon which has been a staple of primary schools for many years.

The PTA and school staff try very hard to make activities as inclusive of as many students as possible. The sponsorship element is purely another way in which we are raising funds for the new school playground - we cannot do it by ourselves and it takes many hands to make it happen! The playground will benefit all current and future students, and we are proud of the legacy we are building. Please feel free to have a chat to your children to describe why we are doing this activity and why they should take part. Reading should be fun - and we certainly hope that they participate! Thank you.

PYJAMA DISCO TOMORROW!

\$2.00 entry per person at the door

Years 0-2 from 5.30pm-6.45pm

Years 3-6 from 7.00pm-8.30pm

PTA AGM

**ON WEDNESDAY 20TH JUNE, 2018
COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!**

We are looking for new members to join the PTA Executive Committee. All welcome to attend and nominate:

**Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson,
Treasurer, Secretary, Communications
Officer, Events Co-ordinator.**

Refreshments provided.

Come along, we'd love to have you join!



Thanks everyone, have a great week. *Scott, Liz, Nalina, Jackie, Vicki and 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.

ANZ PREMIERSHIP NETBALL SCHOOL DISCOUNT

On offer is a 33% discount on the Yellow (upper tier seats). The Waikato Bay of Plenty Magic team would absolutely love the support and we encourage as many people to come along to our home games as possible. The support that our fans provide us really makes a difference to how and why we play. All tickets can be purchased via Ticketek (Link below). For big groups (10+), call the Ticketek Groups line on 09 3075058. To redeem the special discount, enter the code: Schools2018.

<http://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=MAGICNET18>

Our first home game is this Sunday the 20th of May against the Wellington Pulse.

Fun Squash for Kids • Coaching & Games • All Levels • Age 8+

Hamilton Squash & Tennis Club
325 Tristram St, Hamilton

THURSDAYS – FROM 3rd May

Beginner	4pm – 5pm
Intermediate	5pm – 6pm

COST:
 *Club Members No Charge
 Casual \$80 per term
 WHITIORA Students \$60 per term

Payment plans available upon request
 *Membership is \$160/annum – 24 hr access to facilities, grading, competitions and more!

Mum or Dad can stay and play too for just \$5 subject to court availability or help and have a hit for free!

No black soled shoes, equipment provided.

Come and Try Squash for TWO FREE sessions Thursdays, Term 2 From 4pm



Complete and email to Tania O'leary at: tperiam@yahoo.co.nz

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Can an Adult from your Family help out on some Thursday nights if we provide training? YES / NO

We have Adult Squash Start Courses, Club Nights, Casual Play, Concession Rates for Adults

Do you want to know more about Adult Squash or membership options? YES / NO

Barnardos Kidstart

TE TOTARA EARLY LEARNING CENTRE
 Taking enrolments now for 0-5 year olds.

We'd love to meet you and your child.

7.30am – 6.00pm Monday to Friday

- ▶ The best possible start for your child.
- ▶ Great location situated next door to Te Totara Primary School.
- ▶ Convenient opening hours to suit working families.
- ▶ A learning environment that celebrates all cultures.

CONTACT US TODAY

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 0800 KIDSTART (543 782)




Pet Bunny found at Te Totara Primary School yesterday. Is safe and warm and fed. Contact the school for further information on 07 853-0039.