

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)

THANKS

Yesterday, the school was closed due to the Teachers Strike, the second time in 24 years that a strike has occurred. My thanks to families for their support and also coping with the inconvenience. Our teachers have been delighted with the very many positive comments of support for the work that they do.

Negotiations will soon begin again between the Ministry of Education and NZEI (Teacher Union) and we are hopeful that there will be a resolution. I'll keep everyone updated on any progress in this area.

CROSS COUNTRY

Today we were able to run our Cross Country in better weather than on Tuesday. It was great to see our children, staff and families come to school on Tuesday just like a normal day after the postponement notice went out just before 6.45am.

Our information processes to get the information worked well, this included our **School App** (2708 registered users), **Facebook Page** (1404 followers), the **School Newsletter** and on our **School Website** (available to the whole world!). Thanks for staying connected to us!

STAFF UPDATE

At the end of the term we say farewell to Alana Pulman, teacher of Year 5&6 students in Marama 12. Alana moves to Tauranga to take up a position at Otumoetai Intermediate, she goes with our very best wishes and thanks.

We are fortunate that Kelly Fletcher, who is an existing teacher at our school will take on the role. Kelly is very well known in our school and is an original staff member and a previous Team Leader.

SENIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

CIRCUS SPLENDIDA

Wednesday 26th September 2018 at 1.30pm & 7.00pm
both performances are by the Milky Way & Earth Teams

Thursday 27th September 2018 at 1.30pm & 7.00pm
both performances are by the Marama & Ra Teams



Please note: Tickets for both the evening performances will be limited to 2 tickets per family. There may be extra tickets available to purchase closer to the time. We will let you know in advance.

Further information will follow in our school newsletter over the next few weeks. Pop the above dates in your diary!

LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS

CLOSES MONDAY 20TH AUGUST 2018 @ 3.00PM



Learning Plan Discussions will take place on **Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd August, 2018** for all students **except Matawhero 2**.

We have arranged **15 minute time slots** for the discussion, there will be a change over bell so that everyone is aware of timings. If you have more than one child, you might like to have a break between each interview. To ensure the smooth running of our Learning Plan Discussions, we would be grateful if all our parents/caregivers kept to the timetable.

How do I book a time?

To make an appointment time for your child/ren, please use our online booking system

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz – our school code is **Z* U* Y**

An electronic confirmation can be sent to you via email upon completion of your booking, please don't forget to include your email address and select "**email**" from the confirmation screen.

If you are unable to access the internet, please phone the school (07) 853-0039 ext. 858 and leave a message with the time slot that you would prefer and Marise will collate these.

We will endeavour to give you the time as close as we can to your preference. If we are unable to assist we will go by first in first served. Please **do not** make arrangements direct with classroom teachers.

Bookings close on Monday 20th August, 2018 @ 3.00pm. We will not be able to accept bookings after this date/time.

School will finish at 2.00pm both days

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JOB VACANCY - TE TOTARA AFTER SCHOOL CARE

After School Care is looking for an ASC worker who will be available Monday through to Thursday. We need someone who enjoys working with children, and will actively supervise them in a variety of settings during our busy afternoons. If you think this is you, please email your CV and 2 references to afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz

SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

The Board of Trustees are looking to accommodate, if possible, younger siblings and children of staff in the 2019 school year. To help determine this, we urgently need to have out-of-zone Enrolment Forms into the School Office to help with this process by tomorrow, **Friday 17th August, 2018 at 9.00am.**

Please complete a standard Enrolment Form for each child, which is available online from our school website www.tetotara.school.nz or by visiting the School Office.

The Board will look at the number of enrolments, the level of projected student growth and determine how many spaces (if any) for out-of-zone students are available for the 2019 school year. Further information will follow via the school newsletter.

SWIM SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS, TERM 4 – LIMITED SPACES! 8th - 12th OCTOBER 2018, SCHOOL HOLIDAY - 1 WEEK BLOCK COURSE OF LESSONS

New Zealand has one of the highest drowning rates in the developed world. Unfortunately, 2018 has seen many drownings in New Zealand already.

We are looking at running a 7 week block course of Swimming Lessons in Term 4, 2018.

- Lessons will be 25 minutes one day per week, usually held on a Tuesday or Wednesday.
- These will be small class numbers of children which is a great way to boost your child's confidence in the water.
- Lessons will be held from 3.30pm - 6.00pm in our school pool.
- Approximate start date would be week 2, Term 4.
- Fees for this 7 week course are \$115.00 per child.

We are looking at running a 1 week block course of swimming lessons in the second week of the school holidays, 8 - 12 October 2018, lessons are generally held in the mornings from 9am - 1pm and fees for this block course of lessons would be \$80.00 per child.

Parents are reminded to please stay on site for your child's Swim School lesson as per our Swim School Terms and Conditions a copy of which is available on our school website or from our School Office.

Please e-mail Celeste: celestem@tetotara.school.nz if you would be interested in making a booking with your child's name and swimming level.

BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will arrive on **Friday 17th August and run until Thursday 23rd August, 2018.**

A brochure went home with children last week. All students will get a chance to look at the books with their classes on Friday 17th August - Wednesday 23rd August. There will be an EFTPOS machine available for purchases, and credit cards are accepted.

35% of the total sales go back to the school library.

Opening hours:

Friday 17th August	2.45pm - 4.00pm
Monday 20 August	3.00pm - 4.00pm
Tuesday 21st August	3.00pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday 22nd August	2.00pm - 5.30pm
Thursday 23rd August	2.00pm - 6.00pm

LIBRARY CLOSED

The library will be closed from Friday 17th August until Thursday 23rd August due to the Book Fair.

We have extended the loan period for books borrowed so students' library books will not become overdue.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 17th August, 2018 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**

This week our children from Orion, Kōpū & Marama will be attending assembly and our Orion 8 and Orion 9 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

Ferns	Paige Hopping, Tayla Palmer
Invaders	Emily Hancock
Shooters	Paige Blissett
Stars	Hunter Jones, Irene Li

HOCKEY

Strikers	Peyton Ellis
Shooters	Sophie Weatherell
Tigers	Mia Symes



DATES COMING UP

Fri 17 Aug - 23 Aug	Book Fair at School
Wed 22 Aug	2.15pm - 5.30pm - Learning Plan Discussions (School Finishes @ 2.00pm)
Thurs 23 Aug	2.15pm - 6.00pm - Learning Plan Discussions (School Finishes @ 2.00pm)
Tues 28 Aug	Fairfield Cluster Cross Country
Thurs 30 Aug	Fairfield Cluster Cross Country (Postponement Day)
Thurs 30 Aug	BOT Meeting at 6.30pm
Fri 31 Aug	Cancer Society Daffodil Day
Mon 3 Sept	Mid-Term Break - SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 14 Sept	PTA, SCHOOL DISCO - "T" PARTY Years 0-2 from 5.30pm - 6.45pm - \$2.00 entry fee on the night Years 3-6 from 7.00pm - 8.30pm - \$2.00 entry fee on the night
Tues 18 Sept	Fairfield Cluster Winter Sports (NO Postponement date)
Thurs 20 Sept	BOT Meeting at 6.30pm
Wed 26 Sept	Senior School Production (1.30pm & 7.00pm performances)
Thurs 27 Sept	Senior School Production (1.30pm & 7.00pm performances)
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Kind regards,
Brian Sheedy

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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SMITH AND MCKENZIE CHEESECAKE FESTIVAL

The annual Cheesecake Festival is on at Smith & McKenzie until Sunday 26th August, 2018. Te Totara's flavour is **Salted Peanut and Caramel** – how yum is that? Simply purchase a piece and vote for us – it's that easy! We are currently in 3rd place – only 9 VOTES behind the winner! Please 'take one for the team' by enjoying a delicious piece of dessert ☺

DISCO – "TE TOTARA 'T' PARTY"

We are holding a disco on **14 SEPTEMBER**. The Theme is 'T' Party, so start thinking of costume ideas – **anything that starts with the letter 'T'**. Will you be a tree, the Terminator, a T-Rex or a teapot? Maybe a turtle, a train or a Transformer? Tennis player, teacher or tiger? Get your thinking caps on, there will be spot prizes for the best costumes...

Your PTA committee:
Scott, Fiona, Rae, Jackie and Vicki

