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MEET THE TEACHER LAST NIGHT

Thank you so much to all the families who came to our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings last night. It was a great feeling to start our school year with on such a lovely summer's evening.

It was so pleasing to chat to so many of you and to see the partnerships that are developing between you and your child's teacher.

I urge you to build on that partnership during this year by remaining connected to your child's teacher face-to-face informally and formally, as necessary and also through our classroom Seesaw connections. We love working with our students and their whanau and are all focussed on gaining the best learning and wellbeing outcomes for your child.

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING TRIALS (FOR YEAR 4-6 STUDENTS ONLY)

Tuesday 19th February 2019 to be held at the Fairfield High School Pool

We will be holding Swimming Trials on Tuesday 19th February for our Year 4-6 students who are interested in representing Te Totara Primary School at the Fairfield Cluster Swimming Competition to be held in March.

If your child belongs to a Swimming Club or has shown an interest in participating in the trial, please register through KINDO. A Letter of Interest with further details was handed out today to those students interested in trialling.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Your child **must** be able to swim **25m** in freestyle or backstroke and/or breaststroke at a **competitive** level to be able to trial.

The reason we are holding our trials at Fairfield College and not in our own pool is due to the fact that students will be racing over 25m without any turns. The competitive nature of Cluster Swimming Sports requires us to take our most competitive athletes, so trial times are important.

These trials are to determine who will represent the school at the Fairfield Cluster Swimming Sports day on **Tuesday 19th March, 2019** (Years 4-6 students only).

There is **no charge** for this as students will travel by private motor vehicle however; **you must register your child for the trial through KINDO. Registrations close on Sunday 17th February at 6.00pm** As part of the registration process you will be asked if you are able to provide transport to/from this event.

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WEETBIX TRYATHLON - SUNDAY 17TH FEBRUARY, 2019

Held at the Waikato University Grounds

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 :)





MUFTI DAY IN HONOUR OF LOGAN TUSON FRIDAY 22ND FEBRUARY, 2019



In honor of Logan Tuson, our Year 3 student, who tragically passed away on 10th January 2019 at Raglan Beach, we would like to hold a **"Mufti Day"** with the proceeds being donated to Raglan Surf Lifesaving - an invaluable charity supported by his parents Rosina & Colin and extended family.

Students are welcome to come to school wearing clothing of their own choice, rather than their school uniform for that day.

We will have Year 6 students at entry points into the school who will collect your gold coin donation. *Your support is much appreciated.*

**** LOST PROPERTY VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED ****

We would really appreciate volunteer help to sort out our Lost Property Box. If you can spare approx. 1 hour of your time once a fortnight, we would love to see you! It would entail checking the names on uniform items and returning them to their rightful owners.

If you have any questions or you would like to help out, please contact Marise on (07) 853-0039 ext. 858

Please, please remember to name your school uniform items. 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 at the end of term, with the proceeds returned to the school.



Volunteers



PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR SALE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

We currently have a great supply of pre-loved school uniform in the School Office for sale. Polar Fleece, Shorts, Skorts, Summer hats, Winter Beanies and a few White Polo Tops. All priced to sell at \$5.00 each

MIGRANT FAMILY RESOURCES

We have a selection of resources available at our School Office that may be of interest to our migrant families. These resources, along with many more, can be obtained from the Waikato Migrant Resource Centre, Boundary Road, Hamilton Ph: (07) 853-2192 or visit www.wmrc.org.nz



CONGRATULATIONS TO ISAAC STEEL

Isaac is going to the Gold Coast at end of month to play in the US Kids Trans Tasman Cup for Golf. New Zealand against Australia in the 11-year-old division. *Well done Isaac, we wish you all the best!*

SWIMMING AT TE TOTARA - SATURDAYS

This is the perfect time for giving your child the opportunity to swim with Te Totara Swim School. We have now opened lessons on a Saturday morning (16th Feb – 6th April) focusing on Toddler (2-3 year olds) and pre-schoolers up to 5 years. To register your interest please email Mark at: Swimfin@xtra.co.nz.

LIBRARY OPEN ON FRIDAYS

Our school library is open every Friday during term time, from 8.00am - 9.00am and 2.45pm - 3.00pm. We lend up to six books per child to parents/caregivers, and are happy to lend books for preschoolers. Our librarians, Esther Rorimpandey and Michelle Simms, are able to provide book recommendations if you would like some. They can also help you get set up with the school's eplatform app/website that provides free ebooks and audiobooks for your children.

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

A Vision & Hearing Technician will be visiting our school on **Monday 8th April, 2019** to complete routine tests for those students who have missed their pre-school or prior school checks. For further information, please contact Health Waikato direct on (07) 838-3565.

FINDING OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING AT SCHOOL:

We have many ways of keeping up-to-date regarding events that are happening at school:

Online school calendar: [Online School Calendar](#)

School App: [Download the School App](#)

School Website: [Te Totara Website](#) - this has the option to translate the newsletter into other languages

Weekly notices: [Weekly Notices](#)

Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/TeTotaraPrimarySchool230374533681330/>

We have a great team at school who keep these all updated in real time.



2019 FEES AVAILABLE TO PAY VIA KINDO NOW

*This online system allows you to pay for our school's fees (Mathletics, Aquatics, Voluntary School Donation, Lost Library Book Fees etc) and is also the **ONLY** way to register/pay for your child for sports teams.*



Questions?

Register for Kindo using our App or through our School Website (click on the link)

www.tetotara.school.nz then select the "Fees & Donations" tab.

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.



MATHLETICS, TO HELP LEARNING

We have joined the whole school for 2019 at a much discounted price of: **\$20.00 per student for 2019** (usual rate is \$99.00 per year, per student)



Teachers are encouraging their students with this interactive computer programme as it helps with important maths skills; you will also find teachers using it in their daily maths programmes.

We have been so impressed with how motivated the children have been producing excellent results. Shortly, we will be invoicing families \$20.00 per student to join Mathletics for 2018. Please pay this fee by KINDO.

Students will be issued their User Login ID & Passwords shortly by their classroom teacher. The Mathletics site is <http://www.mathletics.co.nz>

If you have any queries on how Mathletics works, please don't hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.

SCHOOL DONATION

We certainly appreciate the fantastic support we are receiving for the school voluntary donation, it is appreciated and the funding will be used for resources for the children.

If you wish to pay your voluntary School Donation, we are happy to accept payment through KINDO. The Board of Trustees has set payment at:

\$120.00 for the first family member

\$ 60.00 for each subsequent child

Please check with the School Office as the voluntary School Donation is adjusted during the year depending on which term your child/ren started school.

A GST receipt can be issued if requested. A % of your donation may be claimed as a tax rebate using a "Rebate Claim Form" – please refer to Inland Revenue for further details.

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 so we can update your records accordingly. We encourage our families to check your contact details are correct through the parent portal at www.atschool.co.nz using the User ID and Passwords that were provided with your child/ren previous Learning Plan given out in December 2018.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 15th February, 2019** in the **Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**

This week our children from **Neptune & Ra** will attend assembly.

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

DATES COMING UP

Sun 17 Feb	Weetbix Tryathlon at Waikato University Grounds
Wed 20 Feb	PTA Meeting 7.30pm in the Staff Lounge
Fri 22 Feb	"Muffi Day" in honour of Logan Tuson
Mon 8 April	Routine New Entrant Vision & Hearing Checks at school
Fri 12th April	3.00pm End of Term 1, 2019

Kind Regards,

Anne Fraser

Acting Principal



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Questions

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NEXT PTA MEETING:

Please come along to our next PTA meeting next **Wednesday 20th February @ 7.30pm** held in the school Staff Lounge.

We have had a busy few years raising funds for some rather large projects including the covering of the tennis courts and the new playground. This year we are working on a raising funds to provide sun shades over the new playground. Of course we are also planning more discos, other activities and we would LOVE your involvement.

Light refreshments provided, all welcome.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The latest financial report from our wonderful treasurer Rae is now online, please check out our page on the school website, or visit Facebook. It has been a very successful time for the PTA and school, and we thank every person who has donated their money, time or expertise.

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.

Young Engineers

Term 1 Enrolments Now Open

e2 Young Engineers -Lego challenge and Gali-Lego are exciting programmes that will boost a student's mind in creative thinking and problem solving. Students will explore basic principles of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and get a practical experience building motorised Lego models. It's fun, its challenging, and it'll help them prepare for other educational pathways in science, physics or engineering!

Places are strictly limited. For more information contact Katrina on 027 909 3903 or email katrina@squiggle.org.nz



♥ Jolie Hopping Ph 021 117 9633 ♥
Email JITTERBUGSDANCELESSONS@OUTLOOK.COM
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Just three spaces left for Term 1 2019 at Jitterbugs Dance Lessons:

- Monday 4.15 MiniJam (unisex class for kids aged 3 – 5 ½) **1 Space**
- Tuesday 5.15 Jitterbugs Hip Hop (kids aged 10 – 13) **2 Spaces**

Your child is welcome to come along for a FREE trial next week if there are still spaces. Cost \$93 which includes an informal show held at Rototuna Junior High where the kids can invite friends and family along to watch what they have learnt for the term. Message Jolie for more information or checkout the Jitterbugs Facebook page.

SUBURBS COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB 2019 JUNIOR RUGBY WEIGH-IN

Sunday 3rd 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

Frankton Junior Rugby Weigh in for 2019

Feb 28th 5.30pm – 7pm March 2nd 11am – 1pm. Clubrooms on Rifle range Road.

We want GIRLS and BOYS to join our family club so bring a copy of birth cert or passport with you

All new players please register at sporty.co.nz/franktonrugbysports Click on the junior tab.

Any questions email: franktonjuniorrugby@gmail.com or phone: Haley 0210590036

Barnardos is a small family centre that enjoys a close relationship with Te Totara School. The centre is open from 7.30am to 6pm, catering for children from 3 months to up to six years.



Barnardos

- We offer **free six hour and four hour sessions** for over 3 years olds.
- Healthy, nutritious meals
- 100% qualified staff
- School ready programme for four year olds – trip to school library, assemblies, classrooms, and school events

If you would like further information contact us on 07 852 5759, email Totara.ELC@barnardos.org.nz, or just pop in and see Miranda Smith, Centre Manager or one of her team.

Hamilton City Council Water Alert Level 2

Hamilton City Council moved to Water Alert Level 2 on Tuesday which means sprinklers and watering systems can only be used on alternate days (eg even street numbers on even days; odd street numbers on odd days) between 6- 8am and 6- 8pm. Hand-held hosing can still be done any time. As high temperatures continue this week, Hamilton City Council is urging residents to cut back on non-essential water use to avoid moving to further water restrictions.

Please help us spread the word by including the image attached in your school newsletter and on your school Facebook page if you have one.

For further information visit www.smartwater.org.nz

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