

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)

Tena Koutou Katoa

Te Totara Primary school is a member of a large Community of Learning (C.o.L.) which is mainly based in the North Eastern area of Hamilton. It takes in all the schools of the Fairfield Cluster stretching right up to our school in the Rototuna area (19 schools in all). Collaborative work began between these schools in Term 2 last year with the main objective being to enhance learning opportunities, achievement and wellbeing for all learners across the C.o.L.

One of the important initiatives underway has been named "Rongohia te Hau" which is a way of gathering information across the Community of Learning about how families and whanau feel about your children's experiences and your own experiences in our learning areas. It also gathers information about our acknowledgement of your cultural groups.

The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete with a few simple statements that you need to choose a response to. I have listed one example below:

**'Teachers in this school know me and my child/children and I know who they are.'**

The responses to choose from are:

**Never,                      Hardly ever,                      Sometimes,                      Mostly                      Always**

Your participation in this survey is voluntary and your responses are anonymous. The responses will be collated by the University of Waikato as part of their work with the wider Community of Learning. It is used to provide evidence to inform decision making about next steps with regard to professional development in our school. We are also doing teacher surveys, student surveys Year 4-6 and classroom observations so that we are able to build a full picture of our current situation.

Your survey link is here:

[Te Totara Families / Whanau Survey 2019](#)

The survey link is only open for a short time so we are asking you to grab 10 minutes of your time to complete the survey **before the end of next Thursday 7th March, 2019.**

If you don't have access to an iPad or computer please see your child's teacher or the office staff.

We can provide you with one to use onsite to complete the survey.

It is very valuable to the school to get feedback in this area so we are able to respond to the data and build actions for next steps, that reflect the wishes of our all school community.

Your participation is very much appreciated.

**Anne Fraser**

(Acting Principal)



### MUFTI DAY IN HONOUR OF LOGAN TUSON

Thank you to everyone who supported our "Mufti Day" in honour of Logan. We raised a total of **\$1,384.20** which will be donated to Raglan Surf Lifesaving - an invaluable charity supported by Rosia, Colin and their extended families.

## **\*\* URGENT \*\* - SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2019** **Enrolment Period of 1st June 2019 - 19th December, 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. Please complete our standard Enrolment Form for each child, which is available online from our school website [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://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 for out-of-zone students are available for the upcoming enrolment period of **1st June 2019 - 19th December, 2019**. This will be completed in late May, allowing for lots of time for families to know what is happening. Further information around the number of out-of-zone spaces to be released will be communicated via the school newsletter over the next few weeks.

**Please return the completed OUTZ Enrolment Form, including the relevant documentation, to the School Office by Friday 15th March, 2019.**

### **CHANGE OF FAMILY DETAILS/ADDRESS**

Just a little reminder that if you have changed any of your details i.e. phone, address, email or your family circumstances have changed.... please advise the School Office so we can update your records accordingly.

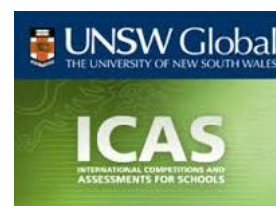
We encourage our families to check your contact details are correct through the Parent Portal at [www.atschool.co.nz](http://www.atschool.co.nz) using the User ID and Passwords that were provided with your child/ren previous Learning Plan given out in December 2018.

### **ICAS EXAMS**

UNSW Global, the company behind ICAS have undertaken a comprehensive reimagining of their assessments which has resulted in them going for an online format for 2019.

We have carefully considered the impact of these changes and are unable to accommodate them. **We will not be able to offer ICAS exams at Te Totara Primary School this year.**

For more information, visit the UNSW Global website.



### **WINTER SPORTS MUSTER INTEREST LETTERS**

Interest letters for our winter sports of Hockey, Miniball (Basketball) and Netball were handed out at our Winter Sports Muster yesterday. If your child missed out on attending the muster or getting an Interest Letter and they are keen to play one of these sports for Te Totara, copies of the letters are available from the School Office. Alternatively, you can contact Craig Rodger for Hockey, Craig McAuley (rm 13) for Miniball and Levi O'Hallahan (rm 34) for Netball.

**All sports registrations** are completed online via your KINDO account. *See below for cut-off dates.*

**Sorry, no late registrations will be accepted.**



**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.



**Fairfield Cluster Swimming (selected students only)**  
Registrations close on Friday 1st March, 2019 @ 3.00pm

**Hockey (Terms 2 & 3)**  
Registrations close on Friday 8th March, 2019 @ 3.00pm

**Miniball (Term 2 only)**  
Registrations close on Friday 27th March, 2019 @ 3.00pm

**Netball (Terms 2 & 3)**  
Registrations close on Friday 27th March, 2019 @ 3.00pm



**Questions?**

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

[www.tetotara.school.nz](http://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 **07 853 0039**

**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.**

**5:00pm School Finish**

School will finish at 2.00pm both Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th March for all students. Students will need to be collected at 2.00pm - Thanks.

Further information about booking an interview time will be in next week's newsletter"

**5:00pm School Finish**

As the whole school will finish at 2.00pm on **Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th** After School Care will begin at 2.00pm, 2.00pm

Spaces are limited.... so if your child/ren normally attends ASC on either/both those days, please advise ASC two weeks in advance if you DO NOT require your booking. Otherwise, your child/ren will be booked in for the earlier start time of 2.00pm automatically on those days.

Any queries, please email Anna Herbert: [anna.herbert@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:anna.herbert@tetotara.school.nz)

## 2019 BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

This year there is a Board of Trustees election coming up and we wanted to give everyone plenty of opportunity to think about standing for the Board. The below links provide a brief guide as to what it entails:

<http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/>

[Community Member Guide to the Role of the Board of Trustees](#)  
[Kōrari Programme](#)

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Close Main Roll – noon Wednesday 8th May

Call for Nominations – Friday 10th May

Close Supplementary Roll – noon Wednesday 22nd May

Nominations Close – noon Friday 24th May

Voting Papers Sent by – Wednesday 29th May

**Election Day (voting closes) – noon Friday 7th June**

Vote Count – Thursday 13th June

Board takes Office – Friday 14th June

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 2nd March, 2019** in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.

This week our children from **Matawhero**,

**Earth and Marama** will attend assembly.

This week our Marama 12 children will be sharing at assembly.

## TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

If you are a Coach or Manager, please email the POD to [celestem@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:celestem@tetotara.school.nz)

### TOUCH

Pacers

Nate Hamilton, Lukas Cobby

### CRICKET

Superstars

Lucas Templeton, Nate Hamilton

## Kōrari programme form

The Kōrari programme is set up for parents and people in the community who would like to learn more about the role of school trustees.

Kōrari is an introduction workshop and a set of resources that NZSTA has developed to provide governance training. We run a series of free Kōrari workshops around the country.

Register with NZSTA to find out more about Kōrari workshops in your region.

## DATES COMING UP

Fri 22 March

PTA Ice-block Day

Wed 27 March

Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm - 5.30pm

- **School Finishes at 2.00pm**

Thurs 28 March

Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm - 6.00pm

- **School Finishes at 2.00pm**

Fri 4 April

PTA "Round the World" School Disco (\$2.00 Entry Fee at the door)

Years 0-2 from 5.45pm - 6.45pm

Years 3-6 from 7.00pm - 8.30pm

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

**SPORTS DRINKS**

**DRINKS**

Sports drinks are high in sugar and are not needed for our bodies to perform at their best. Water is the best drink to rehydrate our bodies during and after sport and activity. Feel like something extra? Eat a piece of fruit!

**11tsp SUGAR**

Developed by Sport Waikato 2019



# TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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



## SCHOOL DISCO FRIDAY 5TH APRIL, 2019

Our first School Disco of the year is coming up soon! The theme is **'Around the World'** so come along in a costume from anywhere in the world: national costumes, traditional cultural outfits, sports team, flags.... there is a huge amount to choose from!

This year we are running things a bit differently – The Senior Pods will take it in turns to be the 'hosts' of the Disco! Marama is first up.... Marama children and parents will be sent out a newsletter with more details explaining what this means. Fun fun fun!

### HELPERS NEEDED!!! - ICE BLOCK DAY ON FRIDAY 22ND MARCH, 2019

We are seeking volunteer parents for the lunchtime Ice-Block day on **Friday 22nd March**. It's just for 45 minutes of your time (12.15pm-1.00pm) and it will result in hundreds of happy little faces. It is so worth it! Please send us a message via our Facebook page (details below) or by texting Vicki on (021) 884 820 if you can help. *Thank you.*

### PTA EVENTS COMING UP

**Wed 20 March** PTA MEETING, 7.30pm in the staffroom, all welcome

**Fri 22 March** ICE-BLOCK DAY, \$2.00 each at lunchtime.

**Fri 5 April** DISCO – **'Around the World'**. Come dressed in a costume from anywhere in the world!

### NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

We are happy to officially announce that Raewyn Oliver is the new PTA Secretary. Raewyn has already done a wonderful job assisting the PTA with the Gala and Raffles, and we are so pleased that she has agreed to help us further. Massive thanks to Jackie Smith for doing such an amazing job over the years.

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

Your PTA committee: *Scott, Fiona, Rae, Raewyn and Vicki*



