

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), Geia sou (Greek), Mbote, Jambo (Congoese), Konnichiwa (Japanese), Hola (Spanish), Annyeonghaseyo (South Korea) Israel Shalom (Hebrew)

** URGENT NOTICE - SCHOOL CLOSED **

Teachers Strike - Wednesday 29th May, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians

NZEI TE RIUROA

The Te Totara Board of Trustees have recognised potential health and safety concerns due to the proposed full day Teachers strike by the N.Z.E.I. teachers union on **Wednesday 29th May, 2019**. During this strike, almost all Te Totara teaching staff will be on strike and therefore, the Board of Trustees have decided that the **school will close**. The Board understands that this is going to create difficulties for families, but, given almost all teaching staff will be striking, significant health and safety concerns will arise in caring for students at school in these circumstances.

Regards,

Rod Carpinter

Te Totara Primary School Board of Trustees Chair

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 NZSTA links below provides 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](#)

Kōrari - A programme that provides you with governance training to help you understand the role of school boards of trustees.

Key Dates for the Te Totara Primary School 2019 Board of Trustees Elections are:

~~Main Roll Closed – noon Wednesday 8th May~~

~~Call for Nominations – by Friday 10th May (by post)~~

~~Close Supplementary Roll – noon Wednesday 22nd May~~

~~BOT Nominations Close – noon Friday 24th May (tomorrow)~~



SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

“ Schools need us all to step forward.”

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school trustee. Contact your local school for a nomination form.

Step forward for our schools

Find out more: www.trustee-election.co.nz

Voting Papers Posted by – Wednesday 29th May
Election Day (voting closes) – noon Friday 7th June
Vote Count – Thursday 13th June
Board takes Office – Friday 14th June

JUNIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION

"Bada Bing it's Spring"



TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW THROUGH KINDO ONLY

Ticket purchase cut-off date is Wed 29th May @ 3.00pm

Please note: There is no ticket limit for any of the performances

Wednesday 5th June 2019 @ 2.00pm & 6.00pm

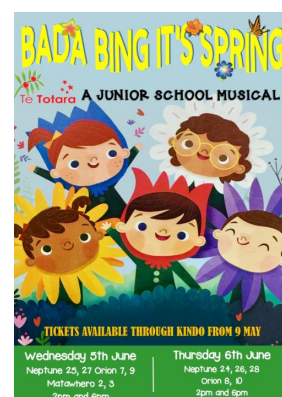
Both performances by: Neptune 25 & 27 and Orion 7 & 9 and Matawhero 2 & 3

Thursday 6th June, 2019 @ 2.00pm & 6.00pm

Both performances by: Neptune 24, 26 & 28 and Orion 8 & 10

ALL TICKETS ARE \$5.00 EACH

Children 3 years old and under are FREE, provided they are sitting on the knee of a paying adult ticket. Otherwise, you must purchase a separate ticket for them.



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

- Payment of tickets is through **KINDO**. Sorry, we will not be accepting any payments through internet banking or through the School Office.
- If you do not have access to a computer, you are welcome to use the school iPad which is available in the School Office. If you do not have an email address, please contact Marise Crow 07 853-0039 ext. 858.
- **Tickets are non-refundable nor transferable so please ensure you are ordering the correct day/time.**
- We acknowledge that some families may have children performing on both days and may have to purchase tickets for each of the days. Unfortunately, we cannot offer any solution to this as the money from ticket sales goes towards the costumes, lighting, sound, backdrops etc.
- Only 300 tickets are available for each performance so don't miss out!. NO extra seating or standing room will be allowed due to Health & Safety Regulations.
- The School Office will regularly check sales through KINDO and will send colour coded ticket/s home with the oldest child in each family within a few days of purchase:
Wednesday 5th June, 2019 (2.00pm/Yellow ticket and 6.00pm/Orange ticket)
Thursday 6th June, 2019 (2.00pm/Green ticket and 6.00pm/Blue ticket)
- Please remember to bring your ticket to the performance; this will confirm you have purchased a seat. Sorry, no ticket - no entry – there will be NO DOOR SALES. There will be no general reserved seating available for parents/families.
- **Doors open for Matinee Performances at 1.30pm / Evening Performances doors open at 5.30pm**
- The number on your ticket is NOT your seat number, **seating is on a first-come-first-served basis.**
- There will be an area allocated for wheelchair access and seating. If you require this service, please make sure you indicate this when purchasing your tickets through KINDO.

- **All Year 1 & 2 students** are required to attend each of their own team performances. Students performing on the day/evening do not require a ticket.
- For evening performances the Lead Characters (Narrators & Queen) are required to meet in the Staffroom at 5.30pm.
- All other evening performance students are to arrive at **5.30pm** and go directly to their allocated classrooms to meet their teacher where they will be supervised.
- All our students will have an opportunity to watch a dress rehearsal of the Junior School Production during school time so please do not buy your child who attends Te Totara a lunchtime performance ticket.

We look forward to welcoming you all to this very exciting event!

WHOLE SCHOOL KIRIKIROA MARAE VISIT

During Week 7 our school will be visiting Kirikiriroa Marae. As we have almost 750 children going, we will go in three groups over three days. Each trip will be about 2 hours. The trips will take place on Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th and Friday 14th June, 2019. Children will experience a pōwhiri (welcome), learn poi, weaving and listen to a kōrero in the wharenuī. This will be the third time our school has visited this Marae and we are incredibly grateful for the hospitality shown to us by the Tangata Whenua of Kirikiriroa Marae. There is no cost involved for the students, who will be travelling to/from the Marae by bus, the school very much values this curriculum experience and we cover all costs involved.

Parents are welcome to meet their child's group at the Marae and join them for the pōwhiri process and activities. If you are interested in joining us, please see your child's teacher for times and information on protocol and expectations.

Information for Parents joining their class to visit Kirikiriroa Marae

Parents and whānau are welcome to join their child's class when visiting the Marae however, it's important that we are respectful and follow the correct protocol. It is custom that when visiting a Marae for the first time, that you are to be welcomed in with a pōwhiri. A pōwhiri is a formal ceremony that brings together the manuwhiri (visitors) and tangata whenua (hosts). Visitors all walk onto the Marae together, so it's important that you are there ready to join your child's class at the time given by the classroom teacher. Once the pōwhiri has taken place you'll be free to move around with your child to the different activities, and leave whenever you wish.

LEARNING PLANS HOME - FRIDAY 7TH JUNE, 2019

If your family are in a shared care arrangement, please advise Marise Crow either by email or Ph: (07) 853-0039 ext. 858 a.s.a.p. as to who will be collecting the child/ren from school on **Friday 7th June, 2019**. If you are happy for both copies of the Learning Plan to come home in the same envelope, please also let me know. Email: receptionist@tetotara.school.nz

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.



Arbor Day Plant - Friday 31st May at Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park
Cut off date for registration is 3.00pm tomorrow, Friday 24th May, 2019

Junior Production - "Bada Bing it's Spring" (See above for dates/times)
Ticket purchase cut-off is 3.00pm Wednesday 29th May, 2019

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.

CAR PARKING, SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN

Thanks so much to almost everyone who takes care around the school, on behalf of our children, many thanks. Some tips to make sure we have a safe school:

- *Parking in Disabled car parks is not permitted at any time unless you have a current "Disabled Parking" permit on display in your vehicle. We have a number of families who legitimately require these carparks.*
- *We are noticing a few parents parking their cars on the cobblestones/footpath when picking up and dropping off children to and from school rather than on the driveway, particularly in front of the Administration Block.
Unfortunately, this is creating a problem with the cobblestones lifting, and the kerb cracking, so we would really appreciate your support.*

Ways you can help....

- *When the weather is fine, please encourage your child/ren to scooter, bike or walk to school.*
- *Arrive at 3.12pm - less traffic, parking is easier, less stress all round.*
- *Smile and accept that a few minutes wait is better than a lifetime of misery because one of our children has been injured or something worse has happened.*

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP ZONE FROM 8.15am-9.00am & 2.40pm-3.15pm

Please note that the drop-off zone is for you to drive in, drop-off (or pick-up) your children and depart. We ask that you do not park and leave your car as this causes a backlog of vehicles, this area is designed to keep traffic flowing. You are welcome to use the carpark beside the Matariki Hall if you wish to visit your child's classroom.

**** WE NEED YOUR HELP ****

Do you have a talent for art, sculpture, craft, photography, graphic design etc?



Te Totara Primary School are having an Art Exhibition in Term 3 on **Tuesday 24th September, 2019 (Week 10).**

We are also working with our PTA to hold an **Art Auction** as a fundraiser. Money raised will go towards the shade cover for the new playground.

We are keen to hear from anyone interested in donating some art for our auction. This would be a great way to promote and share your talent in our community.

Please email if you are able to donate any art or if you would like to meet with one of us to discuss anything.

If you have any art to donate, please email Angela Sweeney angelas@tetotara.school.nz or come and see me in Room 12, or contact Michele Gordon micheleg@tetotara.school.nz

We would love to hear from you!

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, please don't be offended if any kind offers of food to the school are scrutinised. Please ensure all food containers are clearly named. **We are also looking at the bringing of food to school for birthdays for the class as cakes etc may not be an option due to allergies.**

COLLECTING YUMMY STICKERS

Let's work together to help support our Te Totara students as they begin to start collecting Yummy stickers. The 'cut out' labels from the 2 kg bags of 'Yummy' apples or individual 'Yummy' apple stickers can be cashed in to go towards winning free DG Sport sports gear for our school. You can download a sticker chart from

<https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/>

and once it is all filled up, students can hand them to their classroom teachers.

It's time to get crunching!



PATRON OF READING!

We are pleased to announce that Te Totara has its first Patron of Reading - author **Dawn McMillan**. A Patron of Reading is a school's special children's author, poet, storyteller or illustrator. The Patron visits the school several times during the year and stays in contact in between. This means they can develop a relationship with students over a period of time. The Patron's main role is to encourage and develop a reading for pleasure culture in the school. **Dawn McMillan** has published a large number of children's picture books, and over 200 educational readers. For her first visit in 2019, Dawn will be meeting with our Year 3-6 students on Friday 24th May, 2019.



TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

If you are a Coach or Manager, please email the POD to celestem@tetotara.school.nz

NETBALL

Invaders	Abbey Leatherland
Magic	Rida Ali, Hayley Christensen
Meteors	Sone Pretorius
Shooters	Ava Killian

HOCKEY

Eagles	Hayzen Stack
Hawks	Caro Terblanche
Leopards	Hayley Coetzee
Strikers	Peyton Ellis
Tigers	Savannah Bourne



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 24th May, 2019** in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.

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

This week our children from Ra 29 will be sharing.

DATES COMING UP

Fri 24 May	Dawn McMillan (Patron of Reading) visiting our Years 3-6 students
Wed 29 May	TEACHERS STRIKE - SCHOOL CLOSED
Thurs 30 May	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm in the Meeting Room
Fri 31 May	Arbor Day - Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park from 10.00am - 3.00pm
Mon 3 June	Queens Birthday, Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Wed 5 June	Junior School Production - "Bada Bing It's Spring" <i>2.00pm Matinee & 6.00pm Evening Performances</i> Neptune 25 & 27 and Orion 7 & 9 and Matawhero 2 & 3
Thurs 6 June	Junior School Production - "Bada Bing It's Spring" <i>2.00pm Matinee & 6.00pm Evening Performances</i> Neptune 24, 26 & 28 and Orion 8 & 10
Fri 7 June	Touch Guy & Gal Challenge (Registered Year 5&6 Students only)
Fri 7 June	BOT Election Voting Closes at noon
Fri 7 June	Learning Plans Home
12, 13 & 14 June	Kirikiroa Marae Visit - Whole School <i>(each class will be assigned a day's visit, further information to follow)</i>
Thurs 13 June	BOT Elections - Count Votes
Fri 14 June	Newly Elected Board Takes Office
Thurs 27 June	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm in the Meeting Room
Fri 5 July	END OF TERM 2, School Finishes at 3.00pm

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Anne Fraser

Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: tetotara.pta@gmail.com www.facebook.com/TTPTA

SUPERSTAR 'SPELL-A-THON' FORMS ARE ON THE WAY!

Te Totara Primary School is holding a Spell-a-thon this term. This is a great way of improving our students' spelling, as well as fundraising towards a cover for our new Matariki playground. It is designed so that family, whanau and friends may sponsor your child. They may offer as little or as much sponsorship as they like – either by sponsoring per correct answer, or by offering a fixed amount sponsorship.



Class teachers will provide the list of age-appropriate spelling words to learn. Please help and encourage your child to learn their spell-a-thon words. The students will be tested later this term at a time to suit individual class timetables. Your child's test will be sent home so you can see how they did. This sheet will clearly indicate your child's test result. Please use this to write your child's test result on this sponsorship form. Please hand the sponsorship form and money collected (in a sealed envelope) to the Green PTA Box in the School Office once completed.

All students who return their sponsorship money on time will be eligible for cool prizes within their pod. We hope you and your families will support this fun initiative, thank you!

WE NEED YOU ON THE PTA!

Our PTA AGM is to be held in June and we have several committee members who are stepping down as their children near the end of their time here at Te Totara.

WE NEED YOU! Please consider joining the team – it is fun and easy to get involved. More details next week.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Want to save big on fine dining, cafes, events, attractions and local businesses? You'll not find a better deal than this!

The Entertainment Book offer great value discounts to a huge variety of businesses and events all throughout the region – you can easily recoup your financial investment within 3-4 uses of the wide and varied discount vouchers, Valid until June 2020.

As a special incentive, we will be having a special draw to win one of two prizes – receive one entry for each book sold. Tell your friends and family today!

However, if you would like to have your book sooner or would like a digital edition then click on the link below:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/15502m5>



Why buy digital?

- no more leaving your book at home as its on your phone.
- you can share your book between 4 phones - let the kids have the app too :)
- you get new coupons throughout the year
- you can use the 'near me' feature to check out everything close to you

Please 'like' our Facebook page to ensure you keep in the news loop:

www.facebook.com/TTPTA

Your PTA committee:

Scott, Fiona, Rae, Raewyn and Vicki

