

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 31st AUGUST, 2017

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Kia Ora (Maori/NZ), Hello (English), Bula (Fijian), Welkom (South African), Hu\u00e4n (Snoth African), Hu\u00e4n (India), Bem-vindos (Brazil),
Marhaba (Arabic), Hallo (Dutch), Choum Reap Sour (Cambodia), Gei\u00e1sou (Greek), Mbote, Jambo (Congolese), Konnichiwa (Japanese), Hola (Spanish), Annyeonghaseyo (South Korea)
Israel Shalom (Hebrew)

LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS

We were delighted with the turnout, and the time to meet and discuss with families about progress and future learning goals. Building and maintaining close relationships is vital in supporting our children and their learning. I know that our hard working teachers really enjoy the positive relationships to support the children.

SCHOOL CLOSED - MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

The break coming up on Monday is very timely. We have lots of illness and sickness through this winter, we had nine teaching staff who needed cover due to illness etc on Tuesday this week alone. We do hope that the break will help everyone with their health.

SCHOOL CLOSED - MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

A reminder school will be <u>CLOSED</u> for this mid-term break. School opens again on Tuesday 5th September, 2017

CANCER SOCIETY DAFFODIL DAY

Thank you for your wonderful support on Daffodil Day. With all the children dressed in yellow, it was a colourful and cheerful sight. **Your donations raised a total of \$1,018.10**. All contributions to the Cancer Society are greatly appreciated and you were all generous with the money you gave. Thank you.



FAIRFIELD CLUSTER INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday 29th August, 24 of our Year 4-6 students participated in the Fairfield Cluster Interschool Cross Country.

After some serious rain the night before, the conditions were wet and muddy underfoot, but we were lucky to experience sunshine for most of the day.

With the pace of each race being extremely fast, it was stamina and strategy that enabled all our runners to be very successful in their races.

A big congratulations to **Rylee Mardon** for a brilliant performance, taking the lead in the final 200m and winning the Year 6 Girls race in style.

Well done to all of our Te Totara Stars for completing their races strongly, supporting others and representing our school in a very positive manner.



OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available on our school website www.tetotara.school.nz

The Board has determined that <u>11 places for New Entrant (Year 1) students</u> are likely to be available to out-of-zone students for the enrolment period of <u>16th December 2017 – 30th June 2018</u>.

The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

In 2018 there will be two out-of-zone enrolment periods:

The First enrolment period runs from 16th December 2017 – 30th June 2018

The Second enrolment period runs from 1st July 2018 – 14th December 2018

For students seeking enrolment within the first enrolment period of 16th December 2017 - 30th June 2018, the deadline for receipt of out-of-zone applications is 3.00pm on Friday 29th September, 2017 and should be addressed to:

Te Totara Primary School PO Box 28134 Hamilton 3256

Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year. Students who live in the home zone are entitled to enrol at the school.

Applications from out-of-zone students will be processed in the following order of priority:

- a) **First Priority** must be given to students who have been accepted for enrolment in a special programme(s) run by the school and approved by the Secretary of Education*.
 - * This priority is not applicable at this school because the school does not run a special programme approved by the Ministry of Education
- b) Second Priority must be given to any applicant who is the sibling of a current student of the school.
- c) Third Priority must be given to any applicant who is the sibling of a former student of the school.
- d) Fourth Priority must be given to any applicant who is a child of a former student of the school.
- e) **Fifth Priority** must be given to any applicant who is either a child of an employee of the Board of the school, or a child of a member of the Board of the school.
- f) Sixth Priority must be given to all other applicants.

If the number of out-of-zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot supervised by a Justice of the Peace, a Practicing Lawyer or a Police Officer in accordance under Section 11G (1) of the Education Act 1989.

If a ballot for out-of-zone is required, it will be held on <u>Friday 13th October</u>, <u>2017</u>. Parents will be informed of the outcome by <u>Wednesday 18th October</u>, <u>2017</u>.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - SHOOT KEYS

We have had many queries from families regarding the "Shoot Keys" from Photolife; these will be arriving to school shortly and will be sent home with the oldest child in each family. You will then be able to order your photos online with this code.

PRINCIPAL AWAY NEXT WEEK

Next week I will be away working with the Education Review Office (ERO), helping review another school. This Is invaluable in helping me reflect on what we do at Te Totara. While away, Anne Fraser, our Deputy Principal, will be leading the school.

TE TOTARA FAMILIES... Please register for KINDO

Our school is now using KINDO, an online payment system, to manage school payments and complete permission slips (if required) for:

Aquatics

Mathletics

School Donation

All Sports Fees - e.g. Hockey, Netball, Basketball

Lost Library Books

Winter Sports Tournament Registration

Primary Research Project - Selected pupils only (now closed)

Gymnastics - Selected pupils only (now closed)

2017 Yearbook (coming soon)

2018 Year 5&6 School Camp (coming soon)



PLEASE NOTE: Some items on KINDO are listed as "Selected Pupils only" as it may apply to specific year levels or a specific group of children. THIS MEANS ONLY THOSE STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN GIVEN A LETTER FROM THE SCHOOL ARE ASKED TO REGISTER. OTHERWISE, THIS WILL NOT APPLY TO YOUR CHILD.

FIRST TIME REGISTERING FOR KINDO? <u>CLICK HERE</u> to set up an account easily. All you need is your email address which matches the one held by the school.

ALREADY REGISTERED? <u>CLICK HERE</u> to Pay school expenses anytime, anywhere. Choose to pay-as-you-go or add funds to your KINDO account in advance, using internet banking, account2account or Visa/Mastercard (fees apply).

OR register for Kindo using our App or via our School Website www.tetotara.school.nz then select the "Fees & Donations" tab.

Questions? 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.

2018 SCHOOL CAMP - YEAR 5 & 6 STUDENTS ONLY

School Camp is coming up in February 2018 (Year 5 & 6 students only). The approximate cost for camp will be \$170.00, the actual cost will be confirmed closer towards the end of 2017. "School Camp" will be loaded onto KINDO towards the end of the year.

Families are able to top-up their KINDO account by making regular payments into it. You can then allocate this credit to specific fees (once the school has loaded a fee onto KINDO). If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 1st September 2017**, in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm. This week children from Matawhero, Neptune, Ra and Milky Way will attend assembly.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by **9.15am on Friday 8th September, 2017** to the School Office. Sorry <u>NO</u> late orders will be accepted. *REMEMBER.... When completing the order form please fill in all the details i.e. name, room number, item number and title of the book.*

A quick easy way to order and pay now, is to order and pay online with the book club loop.

Visit: mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

KEEPING UP-TO-DATE

Many different things happen at school and we have many ways to keep up to date, including:

Online school calendar Online School Calendar

School App Download the School App

School Web site Te Totara Website

Weekly notices Weekly Notices

Facebook Page

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



SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAMME

Our school swimming programme will begin in Term 4.

More information regarding the timetable will follow before the end of this term.

SWIM SCHOOL TERM 4, 2017 AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS – LIMITED SPACES!

New Zealand has one of the highest drowning rates in the developed world. Unfortunately, 2017 has seen many drownings in New Zealand already.

We are looking at running a 7-week block course of Swimming Lessons in Term 4, 2017.

- 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 \$110.00 per child.

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

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

FAMILIES WELCOME TO OUR LIBRARY!

Our Library is open every Friday during term time from 8.00am to 9.00am and from 2.45pm-3.20pm. You can top up your children with books for the weekend by borrowing up to six books per child, including preschoolers. Pop in, we'd love to see you.

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

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

NETBALL

Magic Madison Beros

HOCKEY

Leopards Alexis Torr-Williams
Lightning Keeri Pera, Quinn James

Shooters Ella Leeson

Stormers Reegan Whanga, Lisa Bosman
Tigers Joshua Callan, Tejveer Randhawa

BASKETBALL

Shooters Benjamin Robins, Xavier McGrath

DATES COMING UP

BOT Meeting 6.30pm Thu 31 Aug

Mon 4 Sept Mid-Term Break - SCHOOL CLOSED

PTA Meeting 7.30pm in the Staff Lounge Wed 27 Sep

Fri 29 Sept TERM 3, 2017 FINISHES 3.00PM

Mon 16 Oct TERM 4 BEGINS @ 8.55AM

Wed 18 Oct Photolife Cluster Sports, Cultural & Y6 Leavers Photos

Kind regards, **Brian Sheedy** Principal



TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: tetotara.pta@amail.com

www.facebook.com/TTPTA

NO BAKE

1 cup pitted dates - soak in

water for 10min then drain

1 cup natural nuts - loosely

3 Tbsp. peanut butter

1 1/2 cup rolled oats Whizz up dates in a food processor and then add to oats and nuts in a separate bowl. Melt honey and peanut butter in

a pot or microwave then add to

3 Tbsp. honey

chopped

the oat mixture. Stir through to

Transfer to a dish lined with

Press down until flat then

plastic wrap or baking paper.

refrigerate until firm. Remove

approx. 15

mix all ingredients.

and chop into bars.

** RAFFLE ** RAFFLE ** RAFFLE **

We are getting set for our annual PTA RAFFLE, coming early in Term 4. Keep a look out – it's going to be even bigger and better than last year!

There are some absolutely amazing prizes on offer this year, we are working really hard to secure the best possible experiences for you to win.

In additional to a **BRAND NEW IPAD MINI** for the student who sells the most number of tickets overall, there will also be a PRIZE FOR THE TOP TICKET SELLER IN EACH POD. That means that Junior, Middle, Senior & Satellite school students will all have the same opportunity to win a

Please spread the word and support us! More details coming shortly.

PTA MEETING - WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2017 @ 7.30pm

All welcome, come along! 7.30pm in the staffroom. Please tell us, what would it take to get YOU involved?

Free Supper? Yes

Meeting great friendly people? Yes

An hour of your time occasionally? Yes

Achieving something worthwhile that YOUR child benefits from? Yes

Please 'like' our Facebook page to ensure you keep in the news loop: www.facebook.com/TTPTA

Have a great week ©

Your PTA team: Scott, Liz, Rae, Nalina, Vicki & Jemma



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.

SQUIGGLE OCTOBER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Squiggle Holiday Programme is OSCAR approved and is great for kids aged 5 to 12. Young Engineers (motorised Lego) is one of our most popular activities kids love! Our theme this holidays is 'Halloween'. We'll be making scarecrows, baking monster muffins, doing Box-Fit, going on PJ treasure hunt, learning about how the body works and heaps more.

We'll also be going to watch the Emoji Movie at Te Awa and head to the Unbelieve-a-bubble Science Fair at the Hamilton Gardens.

Squiggle runs from Waikato Diocesan School (Fairfield) from 8am-5.30-pm Mon-Fri. To enrol, please go online – www.squiggle.org.nz, or contact Katrina katrina@squiggle.org.nz or 027-909 3903.

Dear Parents/Caregivers

ORIENTATION FOR TE TOTARA SCHOOL TO FAIRFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Welcome to Fairfield Intermediate School. On Thursday 7th September we will be holding an Orientation Day which you and your child are invited to attend from 9.00am to 12.30pm at our school. There will be a number of activities to participate in and you will also have the opportunity to attend technology and specialist classes.

Morning tea will be provided and we would appreciate it if, for catering purposes, you could contact the school on Ph: (07) 855-9718 prior to Thursday 7th September to let us know if you will be attending.

If you haven't already done so, it would be greatly appreciated if you could complete the enrolment forms as soon as possible and, as per the information in the enrolment pack, deliver the enrolment form to Fairfield Intermediate School, or post them to Fairfield Intermediate School, PO Box 12 026, Chartwell, Hamilton. Enrolments close on Friday 3rd November, 2017.

Once we have received your child's enrolment forms you will be sent an acceptance letter. You are also invited to make an appointment if you wish to discuss your child's educational needs at our school. This appointment needs to be completed by 3rd November, 2017. We look forward to working with you and your family. Thank you

Yours sincerely, A.J. Shortcliffe JP White Ribbon Ambassador Principal

very much for your support.



CRYSTAL CLEANING SERVICES

We do house cleaning/carpet cleaning/strip and polish/water blasting and more.... Contact us: Deo 021150114/ Daya 0210632966 for a free quote.



PUPPY RAISERS NEEDED

ADNZ will soon welcome a new litter of Labrador X Retriever puppies into the world and are needing loving and secure volunteer family homes to be raised in. If you are able to help please contact Robyn 027 779 1488. For more information on ADNZ and becoming a puppy raiser please visit our website www.assistancedogstrust.org.nz



TOTARA SPRINGS HOLIDAY CAMP

Every school holidays we run three Holiday Camps. One for children in years 5-8 at school (approx. 9-12 years old), this is a five day long, OSCAR-funded Kids Camp. We also run an OSCAR-funded Junior Kids Camp for children in years 2-4 at school (approx. 6-8 years old) which is a shorter camp (two nights / three days) to help introduce kids to camping. The third camp we run is a Teens Camp for teenagers aged 13-17, this camp is a 4 days/3 night's camp and is not OSCAR funded.

These camps are a safe and fun opportunity for kids to stay away from home and have some amazing experiences. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Nicky Houghton, Phone 07 888 4700 ext 217. Email nicky.houghton@totarasprings.org.nz totarasprings.org.nz

TRI SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

9th to 12th October 2017

- * NEW * incorporating three of Waikato's most popular sports. Be the first to attend Hamilton's latest school holiday program
- Variety of sports for ages 8-13 years rotated each day
- Qualified experienced coaches
 Head Coaches

Cricket—Chris Kuggeleijn

Former Black Cap, Northern Districts Head Coach and NZ Coach of the Year

Football & Futsal—Mark Cossey

Former All White and Director of Football at Waikato Football Academy

Basketball—Anthony Corban

Waikato Basketball Community Manager and current NZ 3 x 3 National Coach

Safe, central location

Spring School holiday program 9th to 12th October

Start: 9.00am (sign in from 8.45am)

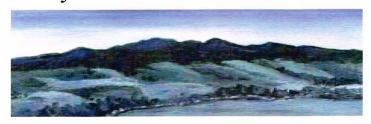
Finish: 3.00pm

Location: Hamilton Boy's High School gym Peachgrove Road, Hamilton

Link to our booking form available from the following website www.waikatofootballacademy.com

For queries please email: waikatofootballacademy@gmail.com or phone Mark on 0274 836 085

2017 Annual Pirongia Craft Day Only NZ Handmade / Home Grown



Live Entertainment, Art, Crafts, Plants, Food, Pottery, Jewellery, Clothes and many new stalls

> Ample Parking 9 am—3 pm

SUNDAY October 1st 2017

Wet or fine NO DOGS!

f Líke us on Facebook: Annual Pírongía Craft Day