

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 24TH MAY, 2018

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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)

BOOK WEEK

Last week we celebrated Book Week and there were many activities that supported Reading in the school. The whole week was a massive undertaking and was led by our amazing Librarian, Michelle Simms, alongside were all our wonderful staff making this a special time for our children.



READ-A-THON STARTED MONDAY 21ST MAY, 2018

We have had an encouraging early response with this PTA event running alongside Book Week, with lots of children getting sponsors to support reading. The funds will be used to help with a new playground that we are hopeful of building. Start date for the Read-a-thon was Monday 21st May, best wishes to our children for their Read-a-thon!

CHANGE OF DETAILS/ADDRESS

With Learning Plans home soon.... it's 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 Ph: 07 853-0033 or email <u>michelled@tetotara.school.nz</u> so we can update your records accordingly.

FAMILY HOLIDAYS TAKEN DURING TERM TIME

We have noticed that a trend of parent condoned holidays taken during the school term. **Please** consider the effect this has on your child's learning by taking holidays at this time.

The school is more than comfortable for students not to be at school due to illness and health issues, and families are really good at liaising with us about this.

We do monitor trends and patterns on a weekly basis and will often liaise with families where there is a concern.

We aim for an attendance rate of **94%** and we are trying to lift attendance to this level at least. We are currently sitting at an attendance rate of **93.7%**

If you have any queries around this, please don't hesitate to contact me.

JUNIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION

"EDDIE THE PENGUIN"

WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE & THURSDAY 14TH JUNE, 2018 @ 1.30PM & 6.00PM

Tickets on sale Monday 28th May at 9.00am through KINDO



Matinee shows are at 1:30pm (doors open at 1.00pm) Evening shows are at 6:00pm (doors open at 5.30pm)

We ask families to please be mindful that there are many Year 1&2 families wanting to attend an Evening Performance therefore, we have to limit ticket sales to a <u>maximum of 2 Evening Performance tickets perfamily</u>. There may be extra tickets available to purchase closer to the event, we will let you know. Thank you in advance.

PLEASE NOTE: There is no ticket limit for the Matinee performances.

ALL TICKETS \$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 <u>must</u> purchase a separate ticket for them.

Limited to 300 tickets each performance. Sorry, <u>NO</u> door sales on the night.

Because of the number of classes involved we have split into two groups and have particular days that we are performing:

Wednesday 13th June @ 1.30pm (Matinee)

- Kōpū, Orion 10, Orion 8, Matawhero 3

Wednesday 13th June @ 6.00pm (Evening)

- Neptune Orion 7, Orion 9, Matawhero 1

Thursday 14th June @ 1.30pm (Matinee)

- Neptune Orion 7, Orion 9, Matawhero 1

Thursday 14th June @ 6.00pm (Evening)

- Kōpū, Orion 10, Orion 8, Matawhero 3





- 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 the School Office. If you do not have an email address, please contact Marise Crow 07 853-0039 ext. 858.
- 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.
- Please remember to bring your ticket to the performance; this will confirm you have purchased a seat. <u>Sorry, no ticket/no entry</u> there will be <u>NO DOOR SALES.</u>
- 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.
- <u>All Year 1-2 students</u> are required to attend each of their own team performances. Year 1&2 Students performing on the day/evening do not require a ticket.

- For evening performances children can arrive back at school by 5.30pm and go directly to Orion Block, where they will be supervised.
- Narrators and Main Cast Penguin members please meet in the staff room by 5.30pm.
- Main cast details for each show will be available at the School Office shortly. Students performing on the day/evening do not require a ticket.

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

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

Registering for Kindo using our App

Either download our Te Totara School App from the App Store OR "update" the existing App on your mobile. Register entering the email address the school has on file for you. It's that easy!

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 or you are unable to link your child/ren, 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.



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

TEACHERS UNAVAILABLE ON MONDAY AFTERNOON ON 25TH JUNE, 2018

- The Teachers Union (NZEI) have called a paid Union Meeting on **Monday 25th June at 1.30pm**, they are legally able to call this meeting at this time. It does mean almost all our Teachers will be attending this meeting to discuss important claims.
- This means that the school will struggle to function normally, so we will have a normal school day up until lunchtime 12.35pm. At this time we will operate as if it is the end of the school day, with the pick-up area supervised and parents are welcome to collect their child at that time.
- In the event that families are unable to make this happen we can offer very minimal supervision and After School Care will run from 1.25pm for those students who are enrolled and if parents want to take this option.
- I am very mindful of children who will be scootering/walking/biking home during the middle of the day, leaving school at 12.35pm. This disruption to their routine could cause problems with safety, so we will not be allowing children to leave unless with an adult or with express permission from families.
- Teachers will make contact with families for permissions (usually via Seesaw) so that if permission is given the teachers and parents know if the child can leave school to go home at 12.35pm.
- On the day teachers will put a smiley face stamp on the hand of each child who has permission to walk/scooter/bike home at 12.35pm.
- At exit points there will be teachers who will check if each child has a smiley face stamp on their hand to ensure they have permission to go home.
- Students who do not have this permission will remain at school and parents will be contacted.
- I do understand that these arrangements could cause concern as we try to manage this the best way we can. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

CAN YOU HELP WITH CLOTHING FOR OUR WELLNESS ROOM

We are running short of spare clothing in our Wellness Room. If you are able to donate any clean and tidy clothing we could use for our students we would really appreciate your help. In particular, we need boys underwear and girls uniform skorts, sizes 4 & 6.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on Friday 25th May, 2018 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.

This week our children from Neptune and Ra will attend assembly and our Neptune 27 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

Comets Ava Stent
Ferns Shae Mael
Invaders Sophie Mehrtens
Magic Kayleigh Neville
Shooters Paige Blissett
Stars Olivia Cullen

HOCKEY

All Stars Katio Fielder
Shooters Hamish Wai
Strikers Leah Askey
Tigers Paige Hopping

BASKETBALL

Shooters Zack Christensen

MINIBALL

Bouncers Zander Beumer, Devon Palmer



DATES COMING UP

Mon 28 May Routine Vision & Hearing Checks at school

Tues 29 May ICAS Science

Thurs 31 May BOT Meeting 6.30pm

Thurs 7 June Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge

Wed 13 June ICAS Spelling

Wed 13 June Junior School Production (1.30pm & 6.00pm performances)

Thurs 14 June ICAS Writing

Thurs 14 June Junior School Production (1.30pm & 6.00pm performances)

Fri 6 July END OF TERM 2, 2018

YEARS 4-6 ICAS EXAM UPCOMING DATES:

(For those students who have registered):

English Tuesday 31st July, 2018 Mathematics Monday 13th August, 2018

Kind regards, **Brian Sheedy**

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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



PTA AGM, 20 JUNE - COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

We are looking for new members to join the PTA Executive Committee. All welcome to attend and nominate:

Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Communications Officer, Events Co-ordinator.

Refreshments provided. Come along, we'd love to have you join! 20 June in the staffroom, 7.30pm.

DISCO LAST WEEK

We hope everyone had a great time at the disco last Friday. Huge thanks to all the wonderful helpers who assisted – we couldn't have done it without you.

Special thanks:

- Katrina, Anna, After School Care kids and Matthew for the great decorations
- Fleur, Niki and Kate for taking the photos (these will be on our Facebook page in the next few days)
- Gavin for the great music
- Shelley for the disco lights
- Andy for the fabulous MC work
- Liz for the popcorn machine
- All of the helpers on setup night and the actual disco night: sellers, door people, runners etc.

All your efforts are very much appreciated - thank you very much!

WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE FUNDRAISING MONEY?

The current PTA has had a super busy year, with many successful projects to raise funds for our school: the Raffle, Gala & Colour Run, Ice-block Fridays, School Discos, Entertainment Books and now the Read-a-thon.

We have completed the fundraising target that we set for the tennis court covers (planning of which is well underway), and we are delighted to announce that our fundraising for the new playground is going very well. Both of these projects will benefit current and future students to the school, and we are grateful for the support from the school and local community.

Please consider joining the PTA – it is a lot of fun, you get to make new friends and make a valuable contribution to our community.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

A **huge thank you** to those that have supported our School by purchasing this years book. We are very close to reaching our goal which is so exciting.

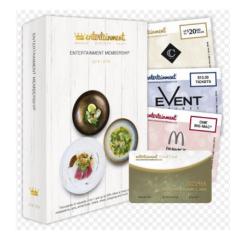
We do however still have 96 books outstanding, this equates to \$6,240.00

Books were due back on the last day of Term 1, so these are now very overdue.

For the Mum who runs this fundraiser to contact 96 families would be a lot of work.

We would really appreciate these being paid for or returned to the Entertainment Drop-box in the School Office immediately please.

Thanks everyone, have a great week. Scott, Liz, Nalina, Jackie, Vicki and Rae



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.

CHEAP LEGO

My 9 year old grandson has started a website selling hugely discounted compatible with Lego, bricks.

Go to www.brickadventure.net to begin your adventure and save heaps!

Any questions, email: barnie@tetotara.school.nz



Supporting our young people

Become a foster carer and make a positive difference in a young person's life. We deliver specialist services to support young people with challenging behaviors. If you want be remunerated to work in an evidenced-based program and are interested in providing full-time or respite care for a young person, we want to hear from you!

www.youthorizons.org.nz info.hamilton@youthorizons.org

ph: 07 838 3671

Divorce Recovery Workshop



Are you separated or divorced?

Suffering shock?

Disbelief?

Rejection, guilt, anger?

Feeling alone?

A 6 week divorce recovery course, for men and women,
is being held at Hillcrest Chapel

Starting on Tuesday 24TH JULY 2018 at 7.30pm.

(Runs for 6 consecutive Tuesday Evenings – Course Costs: \$50.00)

Note: We have been running this 'Community focussed Course' for 10 years now and it has been of Significant help, to those who have attended.

To find out more details or register, contact: Donna 021-965-006 or email to: drwhillcrest@gmail.com

