

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 13TH JUNE, 2019

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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)

WHOLE SCHOOL KIRIKIRIROA MARAE VISIT THIS WEEK

This week our school has been visiting Kirikiriroa Marae. The trips have taken place on Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th and Friday 14th June, 2019. Children have experienced a pōwhiri (welcome), learn poi, weaving and listened to a kōrero in the wharenui. This is 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.

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 customary 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. Your child will return with the school.

Please be aware the third group of each day returns to Te Totara Primary School at 3.30pm.

	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere
	Wednesday 12th June	Thursday 13th June	Friday 14th June
Rōpu	R8 Caron Ace	R7 Julianne Wink	R3 Bridie Carr-Neil
Tuatahi	R36 Suzie Goile	R38 Natalie Gillies	R4 Maria Batters
(First)	R18 Morgan Hunter	R29 Komal Kumar	R13 Craig McAuley
9.00am -12.15pm	R2 Anna Littler & Rachel		R24 Teresa Lincoln
	96 students	73 students	R25 Jessica Grimson
			95 students
Rōpu	R30 Krissy Tantrum	R35 Cath Glyde	R27 Cyra Wells
Tuarua	R19 Karen Langley	R12 Angela Sweeney	R21 Rochelle Lingard
(Second)	R9 Jemma Shannon	R28 Niki Collins	R10 Julia May
10.45am - 2.15pm	R6 Lorene Cottan	R26 Jennifer Dalton	·
	R5 Monique Berger		
	73 students	95 students	70 students
Rōpu	R20 Jo Stewart	R14 Sue Robertson	R32 Dori Villasol-Alonso
Tuatoru	R33 Ashleigh Morgan	R15 Kristy Hanks	R31 Sarah Brister
(Third)	R34 Levi O'Halloran	R37 Brendan Gauld	R22 Nerida Turnbull
12.45pm -	70 atual auto	70 atual auto	00 atual auto
2 2000	78 students	79 students	80 students
3.30pm			

YEAR 5&6 TOUGH GUY TOUGH GAL CHALLENGE Friday 7th June, 2019

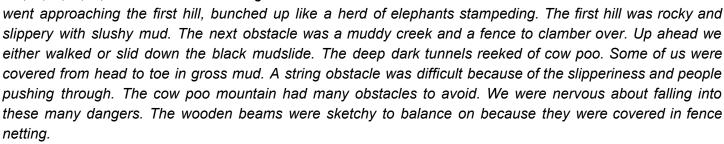
On Friday 7th June, 43 students from Te Totara got down and dirty and had a whole lot of fun. This was a

unique off-road running event that covered 3kms for our Year 5&6 students. They ran up hills, under obstacles, slid down mudslides and ran through swamps. Congratulations to our amazing students who

toughed it out! You are STARS!

Here is what some of our students wrote about their experience: On Friday 7th June at 8:15 we were all gathered in Milky Way pod to take the roll and then filed onto the bus for our adventure to begin. It was a cloudy, wet, windy and cold day for a mud challenge.

"10, 9, 8, 7, 6, walk walk walk walk go!" the clown announced. Off we



After many challenges we eventually crossed the finish line. The loaded drink felt so good to have after the long journey. The boiling showers were short due to the thousands of children wanting a turn. We also received a medal and a Hell's pizza voucher. Some lucky people won spot prizes at the end of the day.

The best part of our day was:

Sliding down the hills on my bottom - Austin

Climbing the tall muddy fences - Ashlee

Climbing the three fences that were different heights - Phoenix

Sliding down all the hills - Mathew

Thank you to all those involved in organising the day and for the parent support provided.

Written by Austin, Phoenix, Mathew and Ashlee (Milky Way 21)







SCHOOL SORES (IMPETIGO)

Just a reminder to keep an eye out for blisters on exposed parts of the body, such as hands, legs and face. The blisters burst and turn into a sore with a yellow crust that gets bigger each day. The sores are itchy and spread easily to other parts of the skin. Impetigo is easily spread to other children and adults by direct contact with the discharge from infected skin. They are highly contagious and children are infectious until sores are healed. To avoid the risk of infection, please ensure all open sores are kept well covered. If you have any concerns, please visit your Doctor as antibiotics are required to treat Impetigo.

For more information regarding visit: MOH Infectious Health Chart





PROCEDURE WHEN STUDENTS ARE UNWELL AT SCHOOL

We are having a small issue with some students about our procedures when they are not feeling well. Students need to go to the School Office whereby they will be assessed by our school staff. Home will be contacted if they need to be collected due to their ill health.

We are finding that a number of students are texting their parents to come and collect them from school. We would appreciate your support in letting your children know the correct procedure please, especially for Health & Safety reasons.

ILLNESS AT SCHOOL - STAND DOWN TIMES REMINDER

The School Office has seen quite a few cases of diarrhoea and vomiting amongst students at Te Totara Primary School over the past week.

As this can be very easily transmitted, please ensure all unwell students are kept at home until **48 hours after the diarrhoea and/or vomiting has stopped.**

It is important to encourage good hand washing and drying.

Please see a Doctor if vomiting and/or diarrhoea is severe or the illness does not improve.

ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

There are a lot of bugs going around school which have hit our children and staff badly.

If your child is absent from school, <u>please</u> let us know as early as you can on the morning of their absence. If you know your child will be away for several days, please also advise us of this. This saves valuable administration time which has been spent trying to contact families of absent children. Most of our families are really good at letting us know and with the amount of illness around it is vital that we have this information early in the day.

Earlier this week we had to contact a number of families who hadn't contacted the school about

student illness, along with 22 children arriving late after the school bell had rung at 8.55am. This placed extra pressure on our already hectic School Office chasing absences.

We would really appreciate your continued support.

For Absentee Messages, please leave your Child's Name, Room No. and Reason for their Absence <u>each day</u> to:

Use our School App

Phone the School Office on (07) 853-0039 (Press 1) OR

Text the School Office on (027) 2074466



COVERED COURT AREA

An update on our court cover: The cover itself is complete! However during the building process our turf has been damaged. We are in the process of getting the turf fixed so that we can enjoy our new covered court. Watch this space!







KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE PROGRAMME - PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Every second year at Te Totara we have as part of our Health Curriculum a programme which is delivered in conjunction with the New Zealand Police, a unit called **Keeping Ourselves Safe** This programme is scheduled to be taught in every class in Term 3 this year.

This programme enables children and young people to learn and apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others. Students recognise the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships, and those who have been or are being abused are encouraged to seek help. This is a very important part of our curriculum which is taught by our class teachers with some lessons taken by Constable Peter Van't Wout, our Police Education Officer who also liaises with our community.

As part of our preparation for teaching this programme Constable van Wout is available to give our families an overview of the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme and answer any questions in relation to it on **Tuesday 18th June at 2:30pm in our Staff Lounge.** You are very warmly invited to join this information session. There is also information contained on the NZ Police website that is hyperlinked in the underlined section above.

SCHOOL LIBRARY OPEN TO FAMILIES

A reminder that our School Library is open to families before school (8.00am-9.00am) and after school (2.45pm-3.20pm) every Friday during term time. Reading for pleasure is one of the best things you can encourage your child to do to help them with their future success. Parents/guardians are able to borrow up to six books per child, so you can top them up with books for the weekend. Children are more likely to read if they have a range of books available to choose from. Our Librarians, Michelle Simms and Esther Rorimpandey, are available if you would like help finding books for your children.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by tomorrow, **Friday 14th June**, **2019** @ **9.15am**, to the School Office. Sorry **NO** 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

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.



Kids for Kids Concert - Friday 2nd August, 2019 (selected students only)

Cut off date for registration is 3.00pm on Friday 26th July, 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.

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 Sophie Skipwith
Magic Ariella Cartmill
Meteors Isla Nelson
Shooters Lili Miller

MINIBALL

Lakers Everley Kalirai-Cairns

HOCKEY

Hawks Tobin Newman Stormers Emily Hancock Tigers Isabella Wright



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 14th June**, **2019** in the Matariki Hall at **2.00pm**. This week our children from **Neptune** and **Ra** will attend assembly.

This week our children from **Neptune 28** will be sharing.

DATES COMING UP

12. 13 & 14 June Kirikiriroa Marae Visit - Whole School

17 &18 June Spellathon Testing at School

Tues 18 June Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Information Session @ 2.30pm
Fri 28 June Last Day for Spellathon money to the PTA box in the school office

Fri 5 July END OF TERM 2, School Finishes at 3.00pm

Ngā mihi,

Anne Fraser Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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

SUPERSTAR 'SPELL-A-THON'

The Spell-a-thon testing is now well underway! We are very proud of each and every student who is trying their best. All students who return their sponsorship forms and money to the green PTA box in the office **before 28TH JUNE** will be eligible for cool prizes within their pod.

All funds raised will be going towards a cover over the new Matariki playground. 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 on 26 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. The PTA organizes fun activities like Ice-Block Days, Discos, Raffles and more. It's a friendly supportive environment, with all contributions of time and effort are appreciated. All parents and caregivers are welcome.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Thank you to all the families who heeded the reminders and returned their Entertainment Books last week. We now have <u>42 books outstanding</u> - \$2,730 worth. We will be sending out a 2rd reminder notice and starting to telephone people next week.

I am sure you can appreciate that this is a huge fundraiser undertaken by a PTA volunteer and is very time consuming. Your URGENT attention to this would be appreciated.

Please, please.... if you are a family who has an Entertainment Book outstanding, either pay online ASAP or return it the drop box in the School Office immediately. Thank you in advance.

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

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



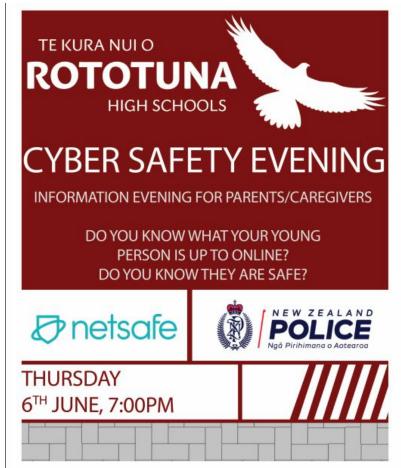
COMMUNITY NOTICES:

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.

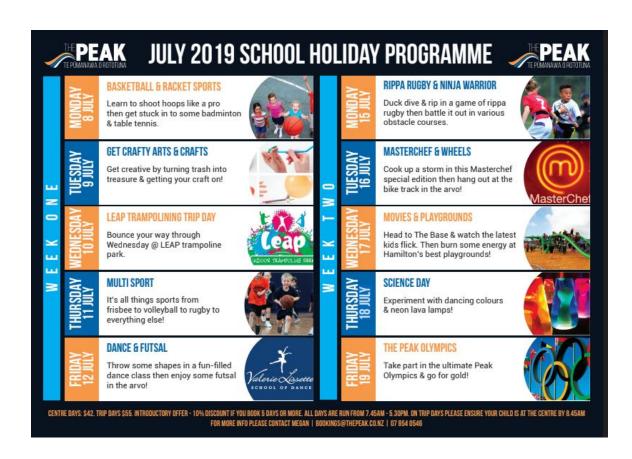


Save your annual leave and allow your kids to play in natural settings this Winter School Holidays!

The Conscious Kids Social Enterprise is inviting your children to a 100% play-in-nature school holiday programme. Nature play has proven physical, emotional and social health benefits. Our supervised programme allows kids to lead their own activities -mudslides, tree climbing, puddle splashing, hammock and hut building etc. Apart from the obvious safety restrictions and respect framework, there are few instructions for kids. The programme will during the July holidays (Week 1 / 9th - 11th and Week 2 / 16th - 18th) @ Hardy Centre close to the Botanic Gardens, at a cost of \$60 per day/child. Daily programmes run from 9 am to 4 pm and are designed for children aged 5 - 12 yrs old. For bookings and more information, please visit http://www.consciouskids.co.nz







LEADERSHIP TRAINING!

For recognition - leadership - handle conflict - bullies - stress - speaking & FUN! SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSE: July 8-11 Age 9-17 years For real life skills!

Gain CERTIFICATE Ring Roz - 027 248 2888 www.speak4success.co.nz



HUKA PRAWN PARK -TAUPO

Huka Prawn Park is an attraction park in Lake Taupo, during the 1st weekend of the July School Holidays we are offering a half price deal for Hamilton residents to spend the day at the park, we did this last year for Napier and Tauranga.

Being within 2 hours it's an easy day trip for families. A family pass is normally \$75.00 which includes all activities for 2 Adults and up to 5 x Children, for one weekend only Hamilton residents can do this for \$37.50 Here is a link with what families can enjoy here. https://youtu.be/4w723rAKQ70

Grow Waikato hosted by Jamie Strange

The Waikato has been referred to as the Silicon Valley of New Zealand, with the fastest IT growth over the past two years.

Date: Wednesday, 3 July 2019

Venue: The Atrium, WINTEC Hamilton City Campus (parking available in carpark building off Ward or Tristram Streets)

Time: 4:30- 4:45 pm:

mix-and-mingle/networking

4:45 - 6 pm: event

Please RSVP by Monday, 1st July to melissa.white@parliament.govt.nz

Guest Speakers: Jannat Magbool

Operations Manager, Cultivate IT, Techweek Co-ordinator

Mike Jenkins

Founder and Director, The Instillery

Paul Bowden

Economic Development Manager, South Waikato District Council

David Hallett

Company Director, Company-X
Followed by a Q&A session with speakers
and Jamie Strange MP

Save the Dates

Don't miss out on the upcoming Grow Waikato events:

Tuesday, 3rd September: Emerging Dairy

Industries

Thursday, 31st October: Tourism

The Atrium, Wintec (City Campus) 4:30-6pm For more information please subscribe to Jamie's newsletter "Strange Yarns" subscribe



HOCKEY



We will be holding our popular holiday program in the 2nd week of the July holidays.

Dates : Mon 15th July to Fri 19th July

Time: 8:30 am (Drop Off) - 4:30pm(Pick Up)

Open to Year 3 - 8 students \$50 / day or \$200 for all 5 days

Fun activities each day with Hockey being the core activity

Children will need; Hockey stick, shinpads, mouth guard

Lunch, Drink etc (Canteen will be open for Drinks, snack and Hot chips)

Suitable clothing (e.g. Wet weather)

REGISTER ONLINE

www.waikatohockey.org.nz/Registrations

