

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 1ST AUGUST, 2019

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Kia Ora (Maori/NZ), Hello (English), Bula (Fijian), <u>Welkom</u> (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)

RESULTS OF THE TE TOTARA WHITE OR RED POLO SHIRT SURVEY - 80.3% YES, CHANGE TO A RED POLO SHIRT

In the graph below are the results of theTerm 2 survey and last Thursday night the BOT met and ratified a uniform change from the white to a red polo shirt **commencing from the start of the 2020 school year**.

This uniform survey coincided with the expiry of the current uniform contract at the end of 2019, to ensure any change ran smoothly for both the school and a supplier.

There will be a **2 year** change over period so that by the beginning of the 2022 school year, the white polo shirt will be totally phased out and no longer worn by our students.

What does this mean?

- For the remainder of 2019 the white polo shirt is part of our school uniform and the only polo shirt available to purchase.
- The new red polo shirt is still under design and will form part of the school uniform tender process which will happen towards the end of this year.
- Our current red Sports Polo Shirt with lettering on the back will remain for sports teams only. Students are <u>NOT</u> to wear this in place of the white polo - it is a separate uniform item. The new red polo uniform shirt will NOT have large lettering on the back.
- There will be no more white polo shirts sold from the beginning of 2020 however, for the next 2 years we will see a mixture of both white and red polo shirts in our school which is fine as colour-wise they all mix well.
- Our current suppliers (Direct Group) are running down their stock of white polo shirts and are currently out of stock of Sizes 6, 8 & 10. In the interim, they will be providing families with a plain white polo shirt with our logo on.

We are required by the Ministry of Education to tender for a school uniform supplier.

Further updates and information will be communicated via our school website as we undertake the tendering process.

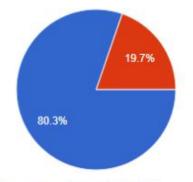
AFTER SCHOOL CARE - LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS

As the whole school will finish at 2.00pm on Wednesday 21st August & Thursday 22nd August 2019; After School Care will begin at 2.00pm, for those children enrolled.

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 <u>DO NOT</u> 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: afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz





Yes - change to a red polo shirt
No - retain the current white polo shirt

LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS - BOOKINGS Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd August, 2019



BOOKINGS OPEN TOMORROW, FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST @ 9.00AM

We have arranged <u>15 minute time slots</u> for the discussion, there will be a change over bell so that everyone is aware of timings. If you have more than one child, you might like to have a break between each interview. To ensure the smooth running of our Learning Plan Discussions, we would be grateful if all our parents/caregivers kept to the timetable. There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress on:

Wednesday 21st August, 2019

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm, 5.00pm, 5.15pm & 5.30pm

Thursday 22nd August, 2019

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm *(teachers break between 5.00pm-5.30pm)*, 5.30pm, 5.45pm, & 6.00pm

How do I book a time?

To make an appointment time for your child/ren, please use our online booking system

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz - our school code is **enryr**. You can also access this site via our school website www.tetotara.school.nz

An electronic confirmation can be sent to you via email upon completion of your booking, **please** don't forget to include your email address and select "email" under Parent Bookings when you have booked an interview time.

If you are unable to access the internet, please phone the school (07) 853-0039 ext. 858 and leave a message with the time slot that you would prefer and Marise will collate these.

We will endeavour to give you the time as close as we can to your preference. If we are unable to assist we will go by first in first served. Please <u>do not</u> make arrangements direct with classroom teachers.

Who should come?

We encourage the <u>student</u>, and family members who have an interest in learning, to come along and discuss this with the teacher.

What will the format be?

The discussion is a general one about how the learner is progressing, areas of strength and also discussing next steps in learning and how this can happen.

Bookings close on Monday 19th August, 2019 @ 3.00pm. We will not be able to accept bookings after this date/time.

FOOTWEAR IN LOST PROPERTY

Our Caretakers have accumulated a large number of unclaimed footwear in their shed.

If your child is missing footwear, please ask them to speak to lan or Terry. Items will be available for next week only. Any remaining footwear by the end of this week will be donated to refugee families who have just arrived in Hamilton.



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Just a reminder, all children should be arriving and departing school wearing their correct school uniform footwear.

** URGENT ** - SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2020 Enrolment Period of 20th December 2019 - 30th June, 2020

The Board of Trustees are looking to accommodate, if possible, younger siblings and children of staff in the 2020 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 <u>www.tetotara.school.nz</u> 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 **20th December 2019 - 30th June, 2020**. This will be completed in late September, 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 <u>Thursday 15th August</u>, 2019

PHOTOLIFE CLASS & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

Wednesday 7th August, 2019 – Class, Individual & Sibling Thursday 8th August, 2019 – Class & Individual & Sibling Note: Wednesday 16th Sept – Groups & Sports (NO Whole School Photo)



Students will need to look their best, so please ensure that ONLY our correct school uniform is worn and that it is in a <u>clean and tidy</u>

<u>condition</u> (black school shorts/skort, white polo shirt and red polar fleece).

Soon after Photo Day your son or daughter will bring home an online slip with their unique Shoot Key detailed on it. When you log-in your personalised Shoot Key number will display all the photographs of your child <u>including an individual photo</u> (and sibling photo if you have ordered one).

It is then an easy process for you to shop online and purchase the photographs you want. If you place your order within three weeks of receiving your Shoot Key you will receive free delivery of your order to the school.

If you order after the 3 week free delivery period, a postage & handling fee per order will apply and orders will be sent to your home.

For families who do not wish to use the Photolife online system, order envelopes will be available from the School Office soon after Photo Day.

A Photolife flyer will go home with next week's newsletter.

PHOTOLIFE SIBLINGS PHOTOS (**YOU MUST PRE-ORDER**)

Wednesday 7th August & Thursday 8th August, 2018

in the Matariki Hall between 8.00am - 9.00am Pre-ordered Sibling Photos involving pre-schoolers/older siblings NOT at our

<u>school</u> will be taken between <u>8.00am-9.00am on a first-come-first-served</u> basis in the Matariki Hall on both days.

<u>PLEASE NOTE: Students who have their sibling at our school will have their</u> <u>Sibling Photo taken during class time.</u>

Students must be wearing the correct school uniform.

If you wish to have a sibling photograph, please collect a "Sibling Photo Request Form" from the School Office and return it <u>BEFORE</u> Photo Day to the School Office. Sibling Photos can be ordered online and will be delivered to the school along with the Class and Individual photos at a later date.



SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY - TUESDAY 13TH AUGUST, 2019

Children to run in their house colours if possible.

Year 5&6 children may arrive in their running gear and change into their uniform during the day. There will be further information around Cross Country Day in next week's newsletter.

APPROXIMATE TIMETABLE

- 8.55am Roll taken, meet on courts and assemble in House Teams for cheers
- 9.15am Children return to teachers, first runners get organised
- 9.20am Year 6 Girls
- 9.25am Year 6 Boys
- 9.50am Year 5 Girls
- 9.55am Year 5 Boys

MORNING TEA

- 11.10am Year 4 Girls
- 11.15am Year 4 Boys
- 11.35am Year 3 Girls
- 11.40am Year 3 Boys
- 12.00pm Year 2 Girls
- 12.05pm Year 2 Boys

LUNCH

- 1.30pm Year 1 Girls Orion
- 1.35pm Year 1 Boys Orion
- 1.45pm Year 1 Girls Matawhero
- 1.50pm Year 1 Boys Matawhero
- 2.00pm Certificates written. Children back to classrooms, bags packed etc.
- 2.15pm Year 1-2 certificates in Matariki
- 2.35pm Year 3-6 certificates in Matariki

TE TOTARA HOUSE COLOURS

There are four houses, all named in line with our STARS theme and space expeditions:

HOUSE:	COLOUR:
Apollo	Yellow
Challenger	Blue
Discovery	Green
Mercury	Red

"Apollo, Challenger, Discovery & Mercury"

- Children are placed in houses when they start at Te Totara Primary School. New Entrants with family members already at school will be placed in the same house.
- We will be able to use the houses for different school events and happenings e.g. Athletic Sports, Cross Country.
- Houses will provide our children with leadership responsibilities and provide good-natured competition.
- There are colours for each house.
- There will be a Lead Teacher looking after each house.
- Students will be meeting in house groups before the event e.g. School Cross Country.
- Children are encouraged to wear an item of a colour associated with their school house.



LATE COLLECTION OF CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL - SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM

We have noticed an increased trend in children being picked up late after school. We understand that some children may be waiting for an older sibling from RJHS to collect them, or perhaps their sibling may be involved in after school sports at Te Totara.

However, **school finishes at <u>3.00pm</u>** and we would expect that our children have either been collected or have **left the school premises by 3.15pm**. After this time our staff are involved in meetings and are unable to supervise any remaining children. If children remain at school after 3.15pm, it is the parents/caregivers responsibility for the safety and supervision your child/ren.

Please note: The School Office closes at 3.30pm.

Special Rate: If your child is waiting for their sibling from RJHS to collect them, **After School Care (ASC)** facilities are available at our school at a rate of \$7.00 an hour per child (minimum charge of hour) instead of the casual fee which is \$9.00 per hour. This will provide a safe environment for your child and peace of mind for you as a parent/caregiver as they wait for their sibling. Please follow the process below to register your Te Totara child/ren for ASC.

Once you have registered, please email <u>afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz</u> and let them know that you are one of the families who requires ASC for a short period of time while your child is waiting to be collected by an older sibling attending RJHS, this is so your booking fee can be adjusted accordingly.

Here's what you need to do to enrol at ASC:

- 1. Go to our school website www.tetotara.school.nz and click red quicklink "Before and After School Care" then click on the "Enrol Now 2019" button.
- 2. Once you reach the Registration page, click the purple "register now" button.
- 3. Follow the registration process and enrol your child/ren
- 4. After this has been done, click the dashboard in the Menu Bar at the top of the screen, now you can make a booking :)
- 5. Click on the "make a booking" button and complete the booking into the desired programme
- 6. Once completed, your booking is now pending and will be confirmed via a confirmation email.

For all other families who are regularly collecting their child late (after 3.15pm), we urge you to use our After School Care facilities or arrange alternative care for your child. Our school does not encourage families to leave their children at school unsupervised after 3.15pm.

If you have any queries around After School Care, please do not hesitate to call Anna Herbert on (027) 8530031 or email: <u>afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz</u>.

BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

CAN YOU HELP OUR SATELLITE CLASSES -ROOMS 5 & 6

Please encourage your children to collect bread tags - keeping them out of landfills and funding wheelchairs for those in need.

The Satellite (Rooms 5 & 6) are collecting them and will deliver them to a collection point.

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs has been established in South Africa for the



past 13 years, with the NZ arm launching in February this year. The organisation is 100% run by volunteers, and further information can be found via the links below

In 5 short months, there are now over 80 collection points throughout New Zealand where the public can drop off their bread tags. You can either choose to collect, and drop them off to your nearest collection point, or you may become a collection point for your community. Map of NZ current collection points:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?hl=en&hl=en&mid=1jWluwGR_2p-PvmGlvep5Z7tT917K XxWd&ll=-42.719372320855825%2C171.95368659873031&z=6

<u>Website (including a brief utube clip)</u>: <u>https://breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za</u> <u>Facebook</u>: <u>https://www.facebook.com/nzbreadtags/?modal=admin_todo_tour</u>

KIDS FOR KID CONCERT - FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST, 2019 - CLAUDELANDS ARENA

Thirty of our Year 5-6 students have been practicing with our Music Teacher, Suzanne Newrick, for the past couple of months to participate with other Hamilton Schools in a **"Kids for Kids Concert"** (a mass Choir performance) with Jackie Clarke and Nathan King (hosts). This exciting event is tomorrow evening. Tickets are purchased through the Kids for Kids website **www.kidsforkids.org.nz** We are very proud of our students and are looking forward to seeing them perform.

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 <u>ONLY</u> way to register/pay for your child for sports teams.



Gymnastics Festival - Thursday 29th August, 2019 (<u>selected students only</u>) Cut off date for registration is 3.00pm on Friday 9th August, 2019

Questions?

Register for Kindo using our App or through our School Website (click on the link) <u>www.tetotara.school.nz</u> 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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by **Friday 2nd August**, **2019 @ 9.15am**, 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.

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 Magic Meteors Shooters HOCKEY Leopards MINIBALL Bucks Lakers
- Keira Watt Ariella Cartmill Alexis Torr-Williams Michē Cloete Mia Terblanche Miguel Araneta Caleb Billsborrow

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 2nd August, 2019 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.** This week our children from Matawhero, Earth and Marama will attend assembly. This week our children from Earth 37 will be sharing at assembly.



DATES COMING UP

Fri 2 Aug Fri 2 Aug Wed 7 Aug Wed 7 Aug Thurs 8 Aug	Kids for Kids Evening Concert at Claudelands Arena Scholastic Book orders close 9.15am PTA Meeting at 7.30pm Photolife Class, Sibling & Individual Photos Photolife Class, Sibling & Individual Photos
Tues 13 Aug	Cross Country
Thurs 15 Aug	Cross Country Postponement Date
Wed 21Aug	Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm - 5.30pm
	- School Finishes at 2.00pm
Thurs 22 Aug	Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm - 6.00pm
	- School Finishes at 2.00pm
Mon 2 Sept	Mid-Term Break - SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 16 Sept	Photolife Cultural & Sports Photos
Tues 17 Sept	Cluster Winter Sports at Southwell School
Tues 24 Sept	PTA Art Exhibition/Auction
Tues 24 Sept	School wide art exhibition in Pods
Fri 27 Sept	END OF TERM 3, School Finishes at 3.00pm

Ngā mihi,

Anne Fraser Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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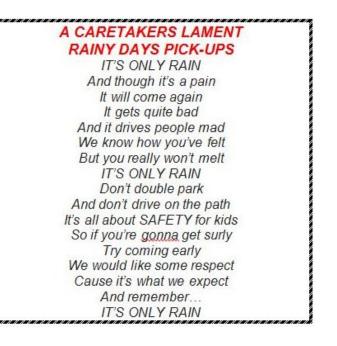
Please 'like' our Facebook page to ensure you keep in the news loop: <u>www.facebook.com/TTPTA</u>

Next meeting: 7.30pm, Wednesday 7th August, 2019. All welcome. Your PTA committee: *Fiona, Moshe, Rae, Kerry, Shelley*

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.





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ENROLLING AT FAIRFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

We are excited to welcome all prospective students and their whanau and invite you to make an appointment to visit our school to see the school in action.

We would also like to invite you to come and join us at our Information Evening and official open days. Students from our main contributing schools will also be visiting in term three to experience our school.

Information Evening 20 August 2019 at 7.00pm in the school auditorium. Open Days 28 August and 4 September, 9.00am to 2.30pm.

Enrolment packs (including a more detailed prospectus) are available from the school office from 29 July 2019. We will also be delivering copies of our prospectus and enrolment information to all of our main contributing schools.

www.fairfieldintermediate.school.nz Follow us on FACEBOOK or via SKOOL LOOP

CHEESECAKE FESTIVAL - SUPPORT THE TOURETTE'S ASSOCIATION

Smith and Mackenzie Steakhouse, Chartwell, have kindly given the Tourette's Association a cheesecake flavour at this year's Cheesecake Festival. The Tourette's Association will receive \$1 from each piece of their flavour cheesecake purchased. Please pop down to Smith & Mackenzie in August to support the Tourette's Association.

My son was diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome at 7 years old and attends Te Totara Primary. We have attended the Tourette's Association Camp Twitch twice. Every year families/whanau from throughout New Zealand get together at Camp Twitch to meet others just like them. The camps are alternated between the North and South Island to make it easier for families to attend.

Camp Twitch is an amazing experience for anyone living with Tourettes. It has allowed my son to feel accepted and given him the opportunity of meeting some amazing role models, and given him a huge boost in self-confidence. As a parent I am so grateful when adults with TS attend camp as it gives me a chance to speak to people experiencing the reality of life with TS and their insight is more valuable than the information that the health professionals provide. It has also allowed me to meet other parents who are going along this crazy ride that is Tourettes.

Donations help towards keeping the Association operational - covering expenses like paying for the ISP to keep the website live; paying for information brochures to be designed and printed to give to teachers; and administration for the likes of camp.

Enjoy a night out at Smith and Mackenzie and please order the Tourette's cheesecake. Thank you , Lorene Cottam

Click on the button below for a voucher for a complimentary kid's main meal during the month of August. https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=4b24a85aca&attid=0.2&permmsgid=msg-f:16397354703073817 96&th=16c182b8f9479224&view=att&disp=inline

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Every year fundraising gets harder and harder with more people in need; more charities are being created to offer services, meanwhile there is no government funding available to the Tourette's Association. If you can spare \$5 we would very much appreciate your support. https://www.tourettes.org.nz/support-us/make-a-donation/



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