

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST, 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)

LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS - BOOKINGS Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd August, 2019 BOOKINGS CLOSE MON 19TH AUG @ 3.00PM



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 **do not** make arrangements direct with classroom teachers.

Who should come?

We encourage the <u>student</u>, and <u>family members who have an interest in learning</u>, 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.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE - LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS

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

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

LATE ARRIVALS (AFTER 8.55AM)

Unfortunately, over the past few weeks we have seen a big increase of students arriving late to school after the bell has rung at 8.55am, along with this increase we have also noticed that we are not being advised of your child's absence if they are away from school for any reason.

Your help with this matter would be much appreciated.

Have you ever arrived at a meeting late, everyone is settled in their chair, the presenter has welcomed them and is now outlining what the day has in store..... and as you walk in they all turn and look at you?

That is what it can be like for your child when they arrive late at school and their class is all settled. So please, we ask parents to ensure their children arrive at school with at least five minutes to spare, for them to organise themselves by hanging up their school bag and sorting their book bag independently.

We understand there may be rare occasions where your child arrives late at school (after 8.55am) and require families to report to the School Office for the child to be issued a "Late Card" prior to heading to their learning areas. We appreciate your effort in ensuring your child/ren arrive at school in good time before the first bell at 8.55am.

ABSENCES

If your child will be away from school then please let us know by either:

- Phoning the school on (07) 853-0039
- School App send an "Absentee" notification
- Texting the School Office on 027 207-4466 with name, details and reason for absence. Please note that we do not send a reply to text messages.

We would appreciate any absence messages before 9.00am.

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 until Monday next week only.

Any remaining footwear will be donated to refugee families who have just arrived in Hamilton on Monday 19th August, 2019.



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DENTAL CLINIC FOR TE TOTARA CHILDREN, FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY DENTAL CLINIC

Our school Dental Clinic is located at the Fairfield Community Dental Clinic Ph: (07) 853-8145 C/- Fairfield Intermediate School

Kensington Place, Davies Corner (end of road not far from Davies Corner Medical Centre)



FIRST CREDIT UNION SCHOOL BANKING

First Credit Union provides a school banking service to all pupils at Te Totara Primary School. Getting started is easy - just pick up an application pack from the School Office, fill in the application form and return it to the green "First Credit Green Drop-box" in the School Office. If your children are already doing school banking, remember that the school banking is collected on Wednesday at 9.00am each week!



SCHOOL LUNCH SERVICE

We are excited to continue our school lunch service at school.

Our supplier is "Lunch Orders" who are based in Hamilton.

Simple and easy to make online orders before 8.30am each day.

Visit www.lunchorders.co.nz

PROCEDURE WHEN STUDENTS ARE AWAY DUE TO FAMILY HOLIDAY ETC

From time-to-time families wish to take their children out of school for various events not related to illness. Simply notifying the teacher/school verbally is not sufficient.

To gain an exemption you will need to write or email the Principal (copy Carole Carter-Gregory) in order to follow the Education Act.

Email address for Anne Fraser **principal@tetotara.school.nz** c.c. **officeassistant@tetotara.school.nz**



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LunchOrders delivers to Te Totara Primary on MONDAY - FRIDAY at 12.15PM.



ALLERGIES/MEDICAL CONDITIONS

In the event of a medical emergency, if your child has a medical condition, is taking regular medicine/tablets or has an allergy (including sticking plasters etc), please advise the School Office (if you haven't already), so we can amend your records accordingly.

We also have several children in school with severe allergies and we have procedures in place to keep these children safe, including not sharing food/drink, washing tables, and hand washing before and after eating. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

MEDICATION PERMISSION SLIPS

From time to time it is necessary to administer medication to children at school. The Administration Team are happy to do this and follow the guidelines set out in the schools Administration of Prescribed Medication Policy. The Policy also requires parents/caregivers to complete a "Medicine Notification/Consent Form". This form is held at the School Office or can be downloaded from our school website www.tetotara.school.nz it is to be completed prior to any medication being administered. ALL medication must be held at the School Office.

APPOINTMENTS AT SCHOOL

We love to see families at school and appreciate the home and school partnership. However, we are finding that we have a number of "cold callers" arriving and expecting to see either a leadership person or a teacher. This can pose problems as we often have commitments elsewhere and can't do justice to any queries that you may have. We certainly don't want to stop the great communication in place, but would appreciate either a phone call or email so that we can make an appointment to give you the time needed to sort out any queries. This phone call or email will need to be done a day or two prior to the appointment.

FINDING OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING AT SCHOOL

We have many ways of keeping up-to-date regarding

events that are happening at school:

Online school calendar: Online School Calendar

School App: <u>Download the School Apps NZ</u>

School Website: Te Totara Website

(this has the option to translate the newsletter into other languages)

Weekly notices: Weekly Notices

Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/TeTotaraPrimarySchool230374533681330/
We have a great team at school who keep these all updated in real

time.





TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

If you are a Coach or Manager, please email the POD to

celestem@tetotara.school.nz

NETBALL

Meteors Sonē Pretorius Shooters Michē Cloete

HOCKEY

Hawks Caro Terblanche, Sarah Poborowska

Leopards Kyle Van Der Merwe

MINIBALL

Bucks Rafael Araneta Suns Taylor Baxter Lakers Grayson Baxter



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 16th August**, **2019 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm**. This week our children from Orion and Milky Way will attend assembly. This week our children from Milky Way 18 will be sharing at assembly.

DATES COMING UP

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

Fri 30 Aug Daffodil Day - Dress in Yellow (more details to follow)

Mon 2 Sept Mid-Term Break - SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 16 Sept Photolife Cultural & Sports Photos

Tues 17 Sept Cluster Winter Sports at Southwell School Fri 20 Sept PTA School Disco (more details to follow)

Tues 24 Sept PTA Art Exhibition/Auction - Viewing 3pm - 7pm

Tues 24 Sept School wide Art Exhibition in Pods - Viewing 3pm - 7pm

Fri 27 Sept END OF TERM 3, School Finishes at 3.00pm

Naā mihi,

Anne Fraser Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: <u>pta@tetotara.school.nz</u> <u>www.facebook.com/TTPTA</u>

SUPERSTAR 'SPELL-A-THON'

Congratulations to all the awesome learners who have done their best at the Spell-a-thon – we are very proud of all of you!

We raised \$14206! Well done!

All funds raised will be going towards a cover over the new Matariki playground. Thank you to you and your families for supporting this fun initiative.

Te Totara PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA



CHEESECAKE FESTIVAL

Thank you to Matthew Gunn for selecting this years flavour, **Mint**, **Cookies & Cream**.

Pop into Smith & MacKenzie to support our school. From every slice sold of our flavour, the school receives \$1.00 - for every vote received the school receives another \$1.00

UPCOMING SCHOOL DISCO

Towards the end of the term, on **Friday 20th September**, we will hold a School Disco, with the help of the Milky Way. The theme will be a **Winter Wonderland**. More details to come.

ART EXHIBITION

Come see your children's artwork in their pod on

Tuesday 24th September, 3.00pm-7.00pm. The PTA will also be running a silent auction in the Matariki Hall, with art from within our community. More details to come – Save the date! All funds raised will go towards the cover of the new playground.

NEW EMAIL

The PTA have a new email address: pta@tetotara.school.nz

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

Next meeting: TBA

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.

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

2019 DANCE CREATIONZ COMPETITION

9-10 November 2019 in Hamilton.

It's very empowering for students, and a lot of fun. It asks young dancers, aged 6-17, to choreograph **all** the dances they perform. It covers a wide range of dance genres – Jazz, Hip Hop, Ballet, Contemporary, Tap, and Musical Theatre – with opportunities to perform as solos, duos, trios, and crews.

The event is on our facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/West-Lake-Productions-104231187588852/events/?ref=page_internal



Grow Waikato is hosted by Jamie Strange MP

The Waikato dairy industry continues to grow, with new technologies, and investment in this field. The following companies will be presenting: Fonterra, Gallagher Group, Spring Sheep Milk, Waikato Innovation Park Followed by a Q&A session with speakers and Jamie Strange MP

Date: Tuesday 3rd September, 2019 **Venue:** The Atrium, WINTEC Hamilton City

Campus (parking available in carpark building access via Ward St on Nisbet St)

Time: 4:30-4:45 pm: mix-and-mingle/networking, 4:45 - 6 pm: event

Please RSVP by Monday 2nd September to melissa.white@parliament.govt.nz

