

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 29th 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)

*** MID TERM BREAK *** SCHOOL CLOSED Monday 2nd September, 2019

Just a reminder that School is closed on **Monday 2nd September**, **2019**. This date was set last year and is to help with everyone's wellbeing at this time of the year. It is usual that we have increased student illness at this time of the year and in previous years we have noticed a reduction in absences due to illness after this break.

DAFFODIL DAY TOMORROW - FRIDAY 30th AUGUST, 2019 SUPPORT DAFFODIL DAY - GOLD COIN DONATION

Most New Zealanders will have some experience of cancer, either personally or through a relative or friend.

One in three New Zealanders will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.

The funds raised will support the work the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Cancer Society do to provide free supportive care services and health promotion programmes, fund research and undertake advocacy. The organisation receives no direct government funding so let's support them! Thank you for your support.







SUPPORT DAFFODIL DAY - WEAR SOMETHING YELLOW (MUFTI CLOTHING) + CRAZY HAIR

Te Totara School will be raising money for this worthy cause by having a Mufti Day where students can dress in yellow clothing instead of school uniform for a gold coin donation. They can decorate their hair, faces and just be as yellow as they can!

There will be School Leaders at entry points to the school with containers to collect donations as the children arrive. They will receive a sticker as a recognition for their donation.

OUR AFTER SCHOOL CARE TEAM IN ACTION

After School Care started at 2.00pm on Wednesday & Thursday last week due to Learning Plan Discussions, they had approx 120 children attend each of the sessions. Some of the food on offer for their early afternoon tea was macaroni cheese, chicken bites, cocktail sausages, fruit kebabs, popcorn and of course yummy sandwiches - quite a feast!

Many thanks to all our After School Care Team for looking after our students so well.





FAIRFIELD CLUSTER INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday 27th August, 24 of our Year 4-6 students participated in the Fairfield Cluster Interschool Cross Country. The day started with beautiful sunshine which luckily stayed around all morning. Every race was extremely fast with runners from 13 schools around the Waikato.

A big congratulations to Hayley Giles, Daniel Kiely, Grace Hodgson, Daniel Hodgson, Phoenix McGrath and Holly Wine for placing in the top 6 of their races.

Every one of our Te Totara Stars competed with determination and should be proud of their efforts. Thank you to those parents who helped out on the day.



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.



Cluster Winter Sports - Tuesday 17th Sept, 2019 (selected students only)

Cut off date for registration is 3.00pm on Monday 9th September, 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.

OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

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 10 places for New Entrant (Year 1) students, whose 5th Birthday falls within the enrolment period of 20 December 2019 – 30th June 2020, are likely to be available to out-of-zone students. The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

There will be two 2020 out-of-zone enrolment periods:

The first enrolment period runs from 20 December 2019 – 30 June 2020

The second enrolment period runs from 1 July 2020 – 16 December 2020

For students seeking enrolment within the first enrolment period of **20 December 2019 - 30th June 2020**, the deadline for receipt of out-of-zone applications is **3.00pm on Friday 27th September**, **2019** 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 11th October, 2019</u>. Parents will be informed of the outcome by **Wednesday 16th October, 2019**.

CHICKENPOX

We have begun the term with a number of students away with chickenpox. According to the Ministry of Health Infectious Diseases Guidelines:

- Early signs are a fever and spots with a blister on top of each spot.
- The child is infectious from up to 5 days before the appearance of the rash until lesions have crusted (usually about 5 days).
- Time between exposure and sickness is 13-17 days.
- This disease is spread by coughing and sneezing and by direct contact with weeping blisters.
- Exclusion from school is approximately a week from the date of the appearance of the rash.

If you are unsure whether your child should return to school, please see to your family doctor. A copy of the Infectious Diseases Guidelines can be found on the school website under the Health & Medical red quicklink tab.

SAFETY TO/FROM SCHOOL

It is vital that our students stay safe. Therefore, we remind our students that;

If cycling, make sure cyclists:

- Wear helmets.
- Are visible; with working lights and reflectors, and that they wear visibility gear if possible.
- Stick to cycle lanes and ride single file.
- Ride according to the weather and conditions.

If walking:

- Do not cross roads in front of traffic you can't be seen.
- Use pedestrian crossings when available.

All students:

- Obey all traffic laws and rules.
- At traffic lights, wait for signals.

Thank you for helping us to keep students safe and healthy.

** URGENT ** UPDATED IMMUNISATION RECORDS

Several of our families have been contacted recently with regards to updating your child's Immunisation Record... many thanks to those families who have actioned our request.

It is important that we hold the correct immunisation information for each student as we may be required to produce a report for the Health Department if there is an outbreak of an infectious disease, such as measles.

If you are one of the families we contacted and you have not yet supplied the information, **your URGENT attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated**

- we are still awaiting approximately 56 families to provide an up-to-date Immunisation Record for their child/ren.

You are most welcome to check your child/ren immunisation details with the School Office.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by **Friday 30th August**, **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.

ASSISTANT CARETAKER APPOINTMENT

Unfortunately, due to a change in circumstances, Terry Kawaiti, our Assistant Caretaker who joined us last term has left our school to take up another opportunity. In the short time he was with us we benefited from his expertise in the areas of lighting and also advice regarding our intercom system that we have been looking to upgrade in 2020.

We have made a new appointment to the position and we welcome John Bremner to our staff. John has great skills to bring to this role as he has been in the carpentry trade, light engineering and has worked with chemicals, which will certainly be an asset when managing our pool. lan, our Caretaker and John have been working together for the past couple of days, it is great to see the camaraderie and work ethic that they both share.



TE TOTARA TOPA GROUP

All the very best to our Te Totara TOPA group who will perform during Tongan language week for the welcoming of the World Cup Rugby Team 'Ikale Tahi' to Hamilton on Monday 2nd September!

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS - CORRECTION

We need to make a correction to last week's Cross Country results, the correct results were: Matawhero Boys

1st Jaydee Pretorius 2nd Shay Torr-Williams 3rd Charlie Halse

Our apologies to our runners.

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 Blake McFarlane

HOCKEY

Hawks Charlotte Osborne Leopards Rishik Puvvula

MINIBALL

Bucks Daniel Wettasinghe

Suns Riley Cooper Lakers Daniel Chun



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on Friday 30th August, 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 26 will be sharing at assembly.

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 29 Aug BOT Meeting at 6.30pm

Fri 30 Aug Daffodil Day - Dress in Yellow + Crazy Hair (Gold Coin Donation)

Fri 30 Aug Scholastic Book Orders Close @ 9.15am
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 - Winter Wonderland

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

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

Wed 25 Sept Routine New Entrant Vision & Hearing Testing - Health Waikato

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

Mon 14 Oct TERM 4, BEGINS @ 8.55am

Ngā mihi,

Anne Fraser

Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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CHEESECAKE FESTIVAL

Thank you for heading along to Smith and Mackenzie and supporting our school over the past month.

UPCOMING DISCO

Friday 20 th September, with the help of the Milky Way, the PTA will be holding a Winter Wonderland Disco. Milky Way – please remember to get your slip back to your teacher.

ART EXHIBITION

Come see your children's artwork in their pod on Tuesday 24 th September, 3pm-7pm. 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

Next meeting: TBA

Your PTA committee: Fiona, Moshe, Rae, Kerry, Shelley





MATARIKI HALL, TE TOTARA YEARS 0-2 • 5.30pm-6.45pm YEARS 3-6 • 7.00pm-8.30pm

\$2 ENTRY PER PERSON
Refreshments and
novelties for sale



Come along and enjoy an evening of art and creativity!

View your CHILD'S ART in their pod between 3pm-7pm, then visit Matariki Hall for the SILENT ART AUCTION

Artists from our community have kindly donated their art pieces and you can bid on these. The highest bidder for each piece will be notified on Wednesday 25th September and can make arrangements to pay and collect their art by the end of Term 3 (Friday 27th September).

- GOLD COIN DONATION for entry to the Art Auction, which includes complimentary refreshments for the adults
- KIDS' SNACKS available for purchase
- RAFFLE TICKETS
- KIDS' LOLLY JAR guess the number and WIN!



PLEASE COME SUPPORT OUR CREATIVE SCHOOL COMMUNITY. ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS THE MATARIKI PLAYGROUND COVER. SEE YOU THERE!

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.

PUBLIC HEALTH



Measles resources

Waikato DHB public alerts - https://www.waikatodhbnewsroom.co.nz/health-alerts/
For information on measles see: Ministry of Health - https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/measles or Health Navigator - https://www.healthnavigator.org.nz/health-a-z/m/measles/

Measles in NZ reports - https://surv.esr.cri.nz/surveillance/WeeklyMeaslesRpt.php

Vaccination for 1 to 50 years

Measles cannot cause large outbreaks or epidemics when enough people are vaccinated. This is not the current situation in NZ. Please encourage your staff and your families to get at least one MMR vaccination. "On Time" vaccination at 15 months and 4 years of old is best, but "catch up" is recommended for anyone aged 1-50 who cannot show they have had two vaccinations. Many adults mistakenly believe that they had a measles-containing vaccine as a child, or that their children are fully vaccinated, so it is important to try to get proof before your school has a case.

Being fully vaccinated, isolating cases, excluding those who have been exposed but are not immune and promoting vaccination to your school community will all help protect others, especially those at risk of complications from the disease.

Thank you for your help in reducing the impact of measles in your community.

You can contact us for further advice if required on 07 838 2569

NUMBERWORKS'NWORDS

Help your child reach their potential with NumberWorks'nWords. Developed in New Zealand to support the New Zealand school curriculum, providing specialist Maths and English tuition for students from New Entrants to Year 11. By tailoring lessons for each student, setting and monitoring goals, using specialist tutors, and making it fun, they quickly grow in confidence and achieve amazing results.

Phone 07 8538323 to book a free lesson at the centre in Rototuna or visit **www.numberworksnwords.co.nz** for more information.

ROTOTUNA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are due in by August 31st and once all the documentation is completed a form will be sent to allow new students to indicate a friend they would like to be with in Advisory or Hapū. This form will only be open until August 31st so please get enrolments completed.



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



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