

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER, 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)

# YEARS 3-6 ATHLETICS DAY TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER, 2019

Our Senior Athletic day is coming up in Week 6. We have an exciting programme planned for the day which is detailed below.

Note to parents: Children are encouraged to wear their school house colours on Athletics Day.

Postponement date is <u>Thursday 21st November</u>, <u>2019</u>. We will notify families via our School App and Facebook page. If you are in doubt, please check these areas before phoning the school.

Time	Long Jump Boys	Long Jump Girls	50m Sprint	Tennis Ball Throw Boys	Tennis Ball Throw Girls	100m Sprint 80m sprint (Year 3)
	Behind Milky Way	Field	By hill	Field	Field	Far side of field
9:00am	All children gather on Turf for welcome in their house colours.					
9:10am – 10:00am	Year 6	Year 6	Year 3	Year 4	Year 4	Year 5
10.00-10:25am & 11:10 – 11:35am	Year 5	Year 5	Year 6	Year 3	Year 3	Year 4
11:40 –12:30pm	Year 4	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 6	Year 3
12:30pm	800m race for those who are keen. No heats. Straight finals. Year 4-6.					
LUNCH						
1:35pm – 2:25pm	Year 3	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 5	Year 6
2:30pm – 2:55pm	House Relays if time permits					

# **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

We are delighted with the large number of students who look really great by wearing their uniform in the correct manner. However, we have noticed a few students who are not complying with our Uniform Expectations and we ask for your assistance with this.

**<u>ALL</u>** students are expected to be wearing their full correct uniform.

- Uniforms are to be worn clean, neat and tidy.
- Footwear needs to be worn to and from school.
- Students are encouraged to take pride in their school uniform and to wear it well.
- Hair is to be off the face, tied back if longer than the bottom of the collar, and be the <u>natural</u> hair colour.
- Nail polish and cosmetics are not permitted.
- Pre-loved uniforms may be available, please see the School Office.
- Variations in relation to the Human Rights Act may be negotiated with the Principal.
- All pupils are encouraged to use sunscreen at home before school and expected to wear the regulation school hat while outdoors. No hat play in the shade (Terms 1 & 4).
- All uniform items should be clearly named.
- Any hair accessory is to be <u>plain</u> and of a single school uniform colour red, white, black or green.









A number of students are appearing with different coloured jackets/sweatshirts. Children are asked to **wear the red Te Totara Micro Fleece top as prescribed only.** If you have any queries on the uniform, please feel free to contact me.

From the beginning of Term 4, 2019 we expect all students to be wearing their summer school uniform.

## **OUR LOST PROPERTY BIN IS FULL AGAIN!**

Weather permitting; we will endeavour to display all lost property items EVERY Friday until the end of term.

Please check out our lost property bin. The BIG YELLOW bin is located outside the Earth building; there are <u>LOTS</u> of polar fleeces!

Please check to see if any items belong to your family as all unclaimed items (other than school uniform) will be donated to charity.

We ask ALL families to please check your child's uniform on a weekly basis to ensure they are wearing their own uniform, rather than someone else's.



# **SCHOOL MUFTI DAY - SUPPORT THE SPCA**

We raised **\$1034.10** for the SPCA from our Animal Mufti Day last week, a fantastic achievement!



Many thanks to our families on behalf of the SPCA.

# TODAY WE SUPPORTED OUR SCHOOL "SUPPORT STAFF"

Today our whole staff wore black and white clothing to work in support of our "Support Staff". The NZEI is currently in negotiations with the Ministry of Education around a new collective agreement and pay equity. Approximately 90% of Teacher Aides are currently earning less than the current living wage of \$21.15 per hour.

Our Support Staff are the frontline of student support, they are the glue that holds schools together dedicated to making a difference in children's lives, they are experienced and skilled! Teacher Aides are supporting the children of NZ but often can't support their own families.

Now it's time for the people on the frontline of education to get a fair deal and standing together we can make a difference.

Feel free to message Minister Chris Hipkins to share your feelings and stories about **Support**Staff workers: <a href="mailto:chipkins@ministers.govt.nz">chipkins@ministers.govt.nz</a>



# \*\*\* LAST CHANCE \*\*\* 2019 YEARBOOK ORDERS CLOSE @ 3.00pm Friday 22nd November

SORRY, NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED



Our wonderful school Yearbook is currently being put together, it's a great record of the years' learning and events and includes over 100 full colour pages. Children love reading the pages and do so for many years. Yearbook orders are placed through KINDO and close at 3.00pm Friday 22nd November, 2019 @ 3.00pm. Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.

Please note: If you have Grandparents or friends who wish to order their own copy of the Yearbook, this must be ordered through KINDO and combined with your family order.





# SHOOT KEYS - PHOTOLIFE CULTURAL & SPORTS PHOTOS "FREE DELIVERY" TO THE SCHOOL EXPIRES MIDNIGHT 01/12/19

The Shoot Keys for the Cultural & Sports Photos taken on Monday 16th September, 2019 have finally arrived and were sent home last week, it includes details on how to order online. Families who have a shared care arrangement can still use the same Shoot Key to order online. If you have any queries, please phone Photolife direct on **0800 501040** 

If you do not have access to a computer, we have Photolife Payment Envelopes at the School Office you are welcome to use.

# PLEASE NOTE:

The cut-off date for "Free Delivery" orders to the school is midnight on <u>Sunday</u>

<u>1st December, 2019.</u> Photos will be delivered to the school before the end of the school year



# **OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS - TO BE PAID THROUGH KINDO**

As at today's date, the following amounts are still outstanding:

Lost Library Books \$265.00 Aquatics (Swimming) \$13,800.00 Mathletics \$4,635.00 Voluntary School Donation \$39,713.50



We would really appreciate it if all outstanding fees are paid by Monday 2nd December, 2019.

Voluntary School Donation payments can be made at the beginning of the year or throughout the year; the funds will be used for resources for the children.

Any queries regarding your invoice, please email Wendy Bulloch, our Business Manager at **wendyb@tetotara.school.nz** 

# 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.



# 2019 Yearbook

Cut off date for registration is 3.00pm on Friday 22nd November, 2019. Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.

# 2020 School Camp - Year 5&6 Students only

Full Payment & Medical Questions OR 1st installment & Medical Questions 2nd Installment - Due by 13th December, 2019

3rd Installment - Due by 7th February, 2020

4th Installment - Due by 6th March, 2020

# 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.

# CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS OR FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES

Just a little reminder that if you have changed any of your details i.e. family circumstances, phone, address, email etc; to please advise the School Office on (07) 853-0039 or email michellegenet@tetotara.school.nz so we can update your records accordingly.

We encourage our families to check your contact details are correct through the Parent Portal at <a href="www.atschool.co.nz">www.atschool.co.nz</a> using the User ID and Passwords that were provided with your child/ren previous Learning Plan.

# SWIM SCHOOL, JANUARY 2020 HOLIDAY LESSONS & TERM 1, 2020 LESSONS

We are looking at running Swimming Lessons in the January 2020 School Holidays and an 8-week block course starting in Term 1, 2020.



# School Holiday Lessons - January 2020

This will be a 1 week block course for your child/ren.

Block courses will be held over 2 weeks if we get enough swimmers,

13th - 17th January and 20th - 24th January if there is enough interest.

Your child/ren's lesson would be held at the same time each day for the week's course. Lessons are held at school between 9.00am - 12.00pm. Fees \$85.00 per child.

# Term 1, 2020 Lessons

This will be an 8 week block course for your child/ren.

Pre-school children's lessons will also be available if there is enough interest.

Lessons will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week after school.

We are looking to start these lessons on Tuesday 11th February 2020, with the last lessons being held Thursday 2nd April 2020. Fees \$135.00 per child.

Parents are reminded that **you must stay on site for your child's swim school lesson** as per our swim school terms and conditions.

If your child/ren attend our ASC, arrangements can be made for your child to attend these lessons.

A copy of our terms and conditions is available on our school website or from our School Office.

Please e-mail Celeste if you would be interested in making a booking with your child's name and swimming level celestem@tetotara.school.nz

# HEALTH WAIKATO HEARING & VISION TESTING FOR STUDENTS THAT HAVE NOT COMPLETED ROUTINE TESTS

A Vision & Hearing Technician will be visiting our school on **Tuesday 3rd December**, **2019** to complete routine tests for those students who have missed their pre-school or prior school checks. For further information, please contact Health Waikato direct on (07) 838-3565.

# **SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS**

Scholastic Book orders are due by **Friday 22nd November, 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.

## CAR PARKING. SECURITY OF YOUR VALUABLES AND SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN

Thanks so much to almost everyone who takes care around the school, on behalf of our children, many thanks. Some tips to make sure we have a safe and secure school:

- Parking in Disabled car parks is not permitted at any time unless you have a current "Disabled Parking" permit on display in your vehicle. We have a number of families who legitimately require these carparks.
- Please do not leave <u>any valuables in your car in view of other people</u>, if you have to leave your hand bag or devices in the car, pop these in the boot where they are not visible and <u>please</u> make sure your vehicle is locked at all times.
- If you are in the main car park, please **don't double park** as it causes a grid lock behind you from cars entering and exiting the school car park. If you are behind someone who does this please feel free to toot, we won't mind...
- **Do not leave your vehicle if you are parked in the drop-off zone**, this will allow for the continued flow of traffic.
- Please be extra careful when backing out of a parking space, there may be children behind you that you cannot see.
- The use of hand-held mobile phones is not permitted while driving.
- 5 kms is the speed limit in the school car park and our pick up/drop off zone. Please keep to this speed to keep everyone safe.
- We are noticing a few parents parking their cars on the cobblestones/footpath when picking up and dropping off children to and from school rather than on the driveway, particularly in front of the Administration Block.
  - Unfortunately, this is creating a problem with the cobblestones lifting, and the kerb cracking, so we would really appreciate your support in not parking there.

Ways you can help....

- · When the weather is fine, please encourage your child/ren to scooter, bike or walk to school.
- · Arrive at 3.12pm less traffic, parking is easier, less stress all round.
- · Smile and accept that a few minutes wait is better than a lifetime of misery because one of our children has been injured or something worse has happened.

# DROP-OFF & PICK-UP ZONE 8.15am-9.00am & 2.40pm-3.15pm

Please note that the drop-off zone is for you to drive in, drop-off (or pick-up) your children and depart. We ask that you do not park and leave your car as this causes a backlog of vehicles, this area is designed to keep traffic flowing. You are welcome to use the carpark beside the Matariki Hall if you wish to visit your child's classroom.

# **SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 15th November**, **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 27 will be sharing at assembly.

# TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

If you are a Coach or Manager, please email the POD to **celestem@tetotara.school.nz** 

## **CRICKET**

Superstars Manaia Grace-Fry, Logan Ollington Thunders Zane Prinsloo, Edith Newman-Lander

TOUCH

Green Machines Quinn Torr-Williams



# DATES COMING UP

Tues 19 Nov Senior Athletics Day

Thurs 21 Nov Senior Athletics Day (postponement day)

Fri 22 Nov PTA - Iceblock Day

Wed 27 Nov Year 6 Orientation to RJHS (9.30am - 12.30pm)

Thurs 28 Nov BOT Meeting 6.30pm

Tues 3 Dec Vision and Hearing Checks at School

Tues 3 Dec Year 6 Leavers Supper

Wed 4 Dec Volunteers "Thankyou" Morning Tea @ 9.00am - 9.45am (Staff Lounge)

Wed 4 Dec Cluster Athletics at Southwell
Tues 10 Dec End of Year Celebration

Wed 11 Dec End of Year Celebration (postponement day)

Fri 13 Dec PTA - Iceblock Day

Thurs 19 Dec END OF TERM 4, School Finishes at 3.00pm

Ngā mihi,

**Anne Fraser** Principal



# TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: <a href="mailto:pta@tetotara.school.nz">pta@tetotara.school.nz</a> <a href="www.facebook.com/TTPTA">www.facebook.com/TTPTA</a>

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# **ICE BLOCK DAYS:**

Friday, 22nd November, 2019 Friday, 13th December, 2019

# KEEP THESE DATES FREE FOR 2020 FUN, FUN, FUN....

Friday 13th March, 2020 - Twilight Family Event - Details to come Friday 3rd April 2020 - School Disco

- Details to come

# **NEXT MEETING:**

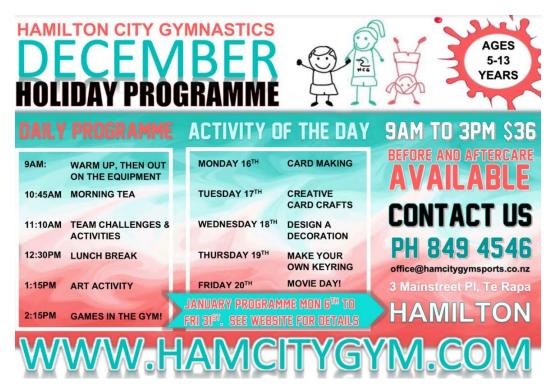
Wednesday, 12th February 2020



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.









# INTRODUCE ANOTHER COUNTRY INTO YOUR HOME HOST A STS STUDENT IN JANUARY!

### Niklas from Sweden -

Niklas is half Dutch/half Finnish and moved to Sweden in 2014. He enjoys playing instruments, such as guitar, drums and piano. He enjoys sports including sailing, hiking, snowboarding and skiing. Niklas is here for a yearlong exchange.

## Matheo from France -

Matheo lives in Africa with his family but is from France and attends a French school. He enjoys scuba diving, snow-sports and running amongst many other sports. He likes spending time with family and friends, reading novels, watching movies and caring for animals. Matheo is here for a semester length exchange

Contact us for more details or to apply to become a host family today!

https://www.sts.eu/en-nz/hostfamily/ 0800 991 991