

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER, 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)

#### COMMUNICATION WITH OUR FAMILIES

As we are approaching the end of the school year, to keep up-to-date we suggest you use one of our communication methods:

Online school calendar Online School Calendar

School App **Download the School App** 

Go to the App store on your Apple or Android device and search "School Apps NZ" to download the App to your phone or tablet and then add "Te Totara".

School Website **Te Totara Website** 

Weekly Notices Weekly Notices

School Facebook Page Facebook

We have a great team at school who keep these all updated in real time.





#### END OF YEAR CELEBRATION - TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER AT 5.45PM

This is our annual event to celebrate another great year at Te Totara. Here is some information to help make it a special event:

- It is a school event, so children need to be in a <u>clean and tidy uniform</u> and will be together as a school and are under the control of school staff.
- Please leave your child with us; we will take care of them.
- Students will need to stay through the whole event.
- There will be very limited parking available at the school car park and none in the turning bay.
- It will be best to find a car park on a nearby street and walk.
- It is like a concert in a park so bring a picnic, a rug to sit on, something to eat and drink and enjoy a variety concert.
- We use the hill behind Ra and Earth as outdoor stages where children perform.
- Toilets are open in the Ra and Earth blocks.
- Pre-schoolers are welcome to use the playground away from the performers so they don't distract from the performance.
- Other children not involved in the school are asked to be respectful and if they want to play, then the court area is a good place. There are likely to be over 2500 people at the event so we strongly advise walking to the event.
- Please <u>NO umbrellas</u> as it blocks the view of people behind. Low set chairs only are advisable if needed.
- **NO dogs** are allowed on our school grounds.
- We will have a "Paparazzi" section at the front for parents of those performing to use to get a good photo.
- If the weather is not good, we will postpone to Wednesday 11th December 2019, same time.
- Notifications will be put on the school Facebook page, school app and the website.
- The event is weather dependent, so may be cancelled at the last moment, but we will do our best to let everyone know as early as possible.
- At the end of the event which should conclude by 7.30pm, we will need to stagger people leaving due to Health & Safety, so please be prepared to wait a little time. Announcements will be made to help.



#### FAIRFIELD CLUSTER ATHLETICS

Yesterday, three of our teachers took a group of 50 students to Southwell to compete in the Fairfield Cluster Athletics. We had a massively successful day with exceptional results across the field and track events (50m sprint, 100m sprint, 800m, 4x100m relay, high jump, long jump, cricket ball throw). Well done to all the students who competed and also to all the teachers and parents who spent time helping our athletes to master correct techniques and build resilience, speed, strength and stamina leading up to competition day. We felt very proud of the students' general behaviour and their demonstration of all our Te Totara STARS. Well done!

#### Results were:

Year 4 girls long jump - 3rd Rida A

Year 4 girls - 3rd Ava S

Year 4 boy 50m- 1st Tyler C

Year 4 boy 100m- 1st Tyler C

Year 4 boys high jump- 1st Aidan T

Year 4 boys long jump - 1st Aidan T

Year 4 boys cricket ball throw – 3rd Raven S

Year 5 girls 100m- 3rd Abby L

Year 5 girls high jump- 1st Lilly, 2nd Olivia D

Year 5 girls cricket ball throw - 2<sup>nd</sup> Lily S

Year 5 boys 100m- 1st Daniel K

Year 5 boys 50m- 1st Daniel K

Year 5 boys high jump- 2nd Joel B, 3rd Daniel H

Year 5 boys cricket ball- 3rd Josh B

Year 6 girls 800m - 2nd Phoenix M

Year 6 girls long jump - 3rd Miche C

Year 6 boy high jump- 2nd Kane F 1.35m

Year 6 boys 50m- 1st Max

Year 6 boys 100m- 1st Max

Year 4 girls relay- 3rd

Year 4 boys relay- 1st

Year 5 boys relay- 1st

Year 5 girls relay-1st

Year 6 boys relay-1st

Year 6 girls relay- 3rd



### **ADDITIONAL TEACHER ONLY DAYS DURING 2020**

The conclusion of the recent employment agreement negotiations for teachers established an additional eight Teacher Only Days for principals or teachers, covered under the Primary Teachers' Collective Agreement and Primary Principals' Collective Agreement. The eight Teacher Only Days will be used during the term of the current three year collective agreements.

These days are focused to provide teachers and principals time to:

- Professional development
- Assessment tools for learning and teaching
- Respond to the reviews and changes that are occurring through the Ministry of Education work programme in education.

The Board of Trustees has decided on the following two **Teacher Only Days** within the 2020 school year:

Friday 29th May, 2020 (Friday before the three-day Queens Birthday Weekend holiday)

Friday 23rd October, 2020 (Friday before the three-day Labour Weekend holiday)

We have chosen these dates as families may decide to take an additional day off and enjoy a 'longer long weekend' of 4 days. These will be on our School Calendar for 2020.

### STUDENTS LEAVING TE TOTARA

If you have not already notified us and are planning to leave our school at the end of 2019 (other than Year 6 students), it would be appreciated if you could please urgently advise us by emailing Marise Crow at:

# receptionist@tetotara.school.nz

If you have a child coming to Te Totara in the future, we would love to have an Enrolment Form - it would be very much appreciated and certainly help with our future planning.

# ORDER YOUR STUDENT STATIONERY FOR 2020 NOW!

We've teamed up again with OfficeMax to make Back to School easy! You'll find your child's school stationery list **online** 

www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara (click on the link) Simply select your child's class and/or subject lists and follow the instructions on the website.

Buying through OfficeMax MySchool also earns School Rewards for our school which we can redeem for much needed educational supplies, equipment for our classrooms or to help those students in need.



OfficeMax MySchool makes Back to School easy for you with these great benefits:

- Order the easy way online at myschool.co.nz OR at your local OfficeMax store located at cnr of Victoria Street & Princes Street, Hamilton Ph: (07) 838-8612 OR Freephone 0800 724 440.
- **Price Match Promise** find a lower price and OfficeMax will match it. Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details.
- Free Delivery for orders over <u>\$46.00 inc GST</u> Choose delivery to your home or workplace. Receive your order during the holidays, straight to your door at a time that suits you. See <u>myschool.co.nz</u> for delivery windows.
- Save valuable holiday time avoid busy shopping malls and traffic queues by shopping online from the comfort of your home so your child starts the year with the correct stationery supplies.
- **Multiple Payment Options** including secure internet banking, credit/debit card and cash in your local OfficeMax store.

If you do not have access to the internet, you can purchase stationery direct through OfficeMax (cnr Victoria St & Princes St, Hamilton) Ph: (07) 838-8612. Advise them that you are from Te Totara Primary School and the Year Level your child/ren is in 2020. They will have hard copies of stationery lists available at the OfficeMax shop from Monday 25th November, 2020.

Many of our families used this online system last year and will be familiar with the ordering process. This website is available from today for ordering at: <a href="https://www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara">www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara</a>

Step-by-step instructions on how to order student stationery for 2020 will be placed on our website under the "Newsletters" tab.

Please note: You do not need a Student ID, please leave this field blank. If you have a 5-year-old new entrant starting in Term 1, 2020 your child will be classified as a Year 1.

Please ensure you have placed your online order no later than **Thursday 23rd January**, **2020** to ensure delivery before school starts on **Monday 3rd February**, **2020**.

Please ensure your child/ren have all their school stationery items before school begins for 2020.

# Order your child's stationery online at myschool.co.nz in December... and you decide when you pay.



The OfficeMax team have done all the hard work for you! Your school's stationery lists are already online at **myschool.co.nz** 

Order online between 1–31 December 2019 then choose when you pay – and when we deliver... no holiday worries and no back to school hurries! Plus, you'll get a free gift\* with your order.





### PHOTOLIFE CULTURAL & SPORTS PHOTOS

Photos ordered before 1st December have now arrived at school and have been handed out today to those families who placed an order

# A massive thank you to all our 2019 Yearbook sponsors...

Five Cross Roads Medical Direct Group Uniforms Number Works 'N Words TKMA, Martial Arts Barnardos, Te Totara Lightning Automotive Rototuna Optometrists

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

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

Lost Library Books \$95.25 Aquatics (Swimming) \$10170.00 Mathletics \$3560.00 Voluntary School Donation \$33704.00



We would really appreciate it if all outstanding fees are paid by <u>Monday 9th</u> 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.



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.

#### LEAVING TE TOTARA? CLOSE YOUR KINDO ACCOUNT



If your family is leaving our school and moving to another school that does not use KINDO for school payments, you need to close your account. If you're not sure about the new school, log in, go to "My Details" and click on the list of schools, scrolling to find your new school.

If your new school is NOT on the list, you will need to close your account. Send an email to helpdesk@tgcl.co.nz requesting to close your account. This request will need to:

- 1. Be emailed from your mykindo account email address
- 2. State the current balance on the account
- 3. Provide the bank account number for refunding the balance (or ask for it to be forwarded to the school)

Refunds and account closures will be actioned during January/February 2020.

### **URGENT - ALL LIBRARY BOOKS DUE BACK TO SCHOOL NOW**

All library books should have been returned by <u>Friday 6th December, 2019</u> (tomorrow). We still have 646 books outstanding. Could you please have a good look for any library books around the house, no students should have any books at home. Please return these to the Library urgently.

#### 2020 TERM DATES

Term 1 Mon 3 Feb - Thu 9 April (10 weeks)

Term 2 Tue 28 April - Fri 3 July (10 weeks)

Term 3 Mon 20 July - Fri 25 Sept (10 weeks)

**Term 4** Mon 12 Oct – Wed 16 Dec (10 weeks)

Holiday - Thu 6 Feb Waitangi Day

Holiday - Mon 27 Apr (ANZAC Day) &

- Mon 1 June Queen's Birthday

Teacher only day - Friday 29 May

Holiday - Mon 31 Aug School Mid-Term break

Teacher only day - Friday 23 October

Holiday - Mon 26 October Labour Day

REMINDER.... SCHOOL FINISHES ON THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2019 @3.00PM

#### **HOLIDAY READING**

Over the holidays, students can experience the "summer slump". This is a loss in reading achievement over summer if students stop reading. Providing some fun reading experiences during the holidays can help prevent the summer slump. Here are a few ways to encourage children to read:

- Read aloud to your child. It is the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for their own success in reading. It stimulates their imagination and improves their language and listening skills.
- Encourage your child to read anything the TV guide, magazines, joke books, recipes, travel guides, video game instructions...
- Find a series for your child to get hooked on. This will make choosing their next book to read easier. A recent survey showed that the primary factor in choosing a book for 7-12 year olds was a familiar character or series.
- Find books that match your child's interests e.g. arts and crafts, skateboarding, cooking, animals.
- Read graphic novels. These comic books can be really appealing for children.

#### LIBRARY OPEN DATES

The library will be open for parent borrowing on the following dates:

Friday 6th December, 2019 8.15am-9.00am & 2.45pm-3.20pm Friday 13th December, 2019 8.15am-9.00am & 2.45pm-3.20pm

Monday 16th December, 2019 3.00pm-3.30pm Thursday 19th December, 2019 3.00pm-3.30pm

If you would like to stock up on books for the holidays, please pop in and borrow up to six books per child. The books are not due back until Thursday 6th February, so you are welcome to hold on to them for the whole holidays

We are also happy to confirm that our library will be open in the school holidays on these dates:

Monday 6th January, 2020 1.00pm - 4.00pm Monday 13th January, 2020 1.00pm - 4.00pm Monday 20th January, 2020 1.00pm - 4.00pm Monday 27th January, 2020 1.00pm - 4.00pm

#### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB GIFT BOOKS

Our Scholastic Book Club orders have arrived and been delivered to students. If you ordered a book as a gift, it is being held at the office for your collection.

#### LOST PLATTERS/DISHES FROM OUR YEAR 6 LEAVERS SUPPER

We have had a few parents mention that their platter/dish/plate they brought food on to school for our Year 6 Leavers Supper is missing.

If you did happen to pick up a platter/dish/plate that is not yours, could you please return this back to the School Office. Many Thanks

### **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 ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 6th December**, **2019 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm**.

This week our children from Neptune and Ra will attend assembly and the end of year Class awards will be presented to these classes.

# DATES COMING UP

Tues 10 Dec End of Year Celebration @ 5.45pm

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

Mon 3 Feb TERM 1, 2020 Begins

Wed 12 Feb PTA Meeting

Ngā mihi,

Anne Fraser

Principal





# TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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

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

# **PTA 2019**

The Te Totara PTA has had another very successful year. With the completion of the Court Cover and the Matariki Playground over the summer holidays, where the PTA donated over \$145,000 towards these projects.

All our fundraising efforts were well supported by the school and wider community, and we are very grateful for all the donations of money, time and expertise.

With monthly meetings throughout the school year, countless planning, brainstorming, fun times, with lots of laughs in there and over 1000 lolly bags bagged and unwrapped over 2500 ice blocks this year!

The PTA, which is volunteer run and driven by Te Totara parents for our children, have completed the following events and raised money from these events for the school...

#### **EVENTS**

Spellathon	\$13,760
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Around the World Disco	\$1,510
Art Auction	\$3,260
Winter Wonderland Disco	\$2,760
Cheesecake Festival & Dough Raiser	\$310
Ice Block Days approx	\$5,300
Entertainment Books	\$2,700

#### PTA DONATIONS TO SCHOOL

\$20,000 To cover the Matariki Playground (being installed over Summer holidays)

We would like to thank everyone for their support this year. From the parents who organise and volunteer at the events, to the teachers, parents, children, family and friends who come along to support the events, sponsor our children... and especially to the Executive of the PTA who attend every event and meeting and make the events and activities possible for our children and the school community.

2020 has some exciting events planned and we are always looking for new ideas and more people to help in bringing these ideas to fruition. Please let us know or attend a meeting if you are able to help in anyway. Come along to PTA meetings next year, you'll find a friendly team of people that are committed to making our school a wonderful place for learning and fun.

On behalf of all the PTA committee and regular volunteers, we wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a happy 2020!

Best wishes,

PTA Executive Team 2019:

Fiona Hurst, Rae Gunn, Kerry Jurgensen, Shelley Bishop, Moshe Malal

## ICE BLOCK DAYS COMING UP:

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:**

Wednesday12th February, 2020

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

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# **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.









Is your child short-sighted? (myopic)

Manage their myopia progression with our myopia control therapies.

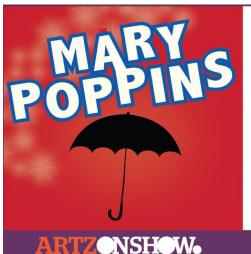
Contact us today to make a free myopia appointment\* to discuss the risk and progression of your child's myopia with our specialist optometrist.

Rototuna Shopping Centre Cnr Thomas & Horsham Downs Roads, Rototuna, Hamilton PH: 07 852 5625 E: reception@rototunaoptom.co.nz









## Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop

This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5-15 years.

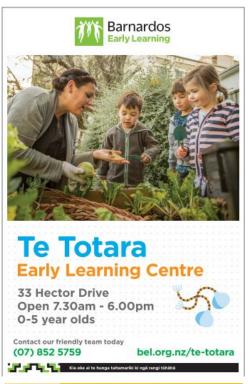
Students participate in a range of performing arts classes, concluding the week with a performance!

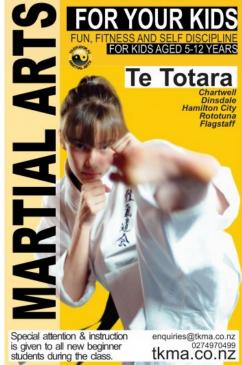
20 - 24 January 2020, 9 am – 4 pm daily Held at Southwell School

View our website; www.artzonshow.co.nz or contact Hayley on either artz@artzonshow.co.nz or 09 294 7129









## LEADERSHIP - School Holidays

CRUCIAL TRAINING: Conflict - Bullies - Depression - Stress - Life's Challenges
Dynamic Fun Real life Learning: 20-23Jan; Ages 9+; And Gain Certificate ...
RING Roz 027 248 2888 roz@speak4succes.co.nz







♥Jolle Hopping Ph 021 II7 9633♥ Email Jitterbugsdancelessons@outlook.com

Term 1 2020 Proposed Session Times/Days (note these are subject to change based on demand): Monday (Rototuna Junior High School Dance Studio)

- 3.45 Jitterbugs Seniors (have to be selected to be in this session)
   4.15 MiniJam (unisex class for kids aged 3 5 ½)

- 4.40 Jitterbugs Junior (ages 5 % 7)
   5.10 Jitterbugs Advanced (have to be selected to be in this session)
  Tuesday (Rototuna Junior High School Dance Studio)

- 3.45 Jitterjam (unisex class ages 5½ 12)
- 4.15 Jitterbugs Junior (ages 5 ½ 7)
- 4.15 Jitterbugs Junior (ages 5 ½ 7)
   4.45 Jitterbugs Junior Plus (ages 6½ 8)
   5.15 Jitterbugs Hip Hop (kids aged 9 13) Session taught by Sammie Wednesday (Te Ao Marama School Hall)
   3.35 Jitterbugs Mini's (ages 3 5½)
   4.00 Jitterbugs Intermediate (ages 7 12)
   4.20 Jitterbugs Seniors (Auty to be releated to be in this session)

- 4.30 Jitterbugs Seniors (have to be selected to be in this session)
   Thursday (Rototuna Junior High School Dance Studio)
   3.40 Jitterbugs Junior (ages 5 ½ 7)

- 4.10 Jitterbugs Intermediate (ages 7 12) 4.40 Jitterbugs Mini's (ages 3 5 1/2)

Start Date and Show Date:
Classes start week Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>
February and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February. The end of term show <u>proposed</u> date is Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>
April (waiting for the school to confirm availability). This is an informal show held at Rototuna Junior High where the kids can invite friends and family along to watch what they have learnt

Cost for the term is \$103, or \$200 for a family of two (or if your child wants to do two sessions) or \$300 for a family of 3 (including GST). Note this cost includes the use of a shirt/outfit for the end of term show and Bank account details: 02-0488-0210115-002 Jitterbugs Dance Lessons.