

# **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**THURSDAY 28TH MAY, 2020

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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)

## **SCHOOL CLOSED - MONDAY 1ST JUNE, 2020**

**Queens Birthday National Public Holiday** 

## TEACHER ONLY DAY - CANCELLED FRIDAY 29TH MAY, 2020



Our planned Teacher Only Day has been cancelled. Our

staff were due to attend a seminar with a C.O.L. Professional Development Teacher - this event has been cancelled, due to the potential of large gathering of 500 + teachers being a risk at this time. Also, relevant to this decision is the fact that the students are only just returning to school and families to work and we need to prioritise school time and uninterrupted work time for families, at the moment

We have a Teacher Only Day planned for **Friday 23rd October**, **2020** which is connected to Labour weekend, this will still go ahead.

## MINISTRY OF EDUCATION WEEKLY ATTENDANCE COLLECTION FOR COVID-19 PERIOD



We will be sending student attendance data to the Ministry of Education weekly, from Friday 29th May. The purpose is to:

- Report to the National Crisis Monitoring Centre and government on levels of attendance during the COVID-19 period.
- Inform and support Ministry of Education planning for students and schools returning to normal operation, and
- Evaluate and report on the effectiveness of initiatives implemented by the Ministry of Education to respond and manage its response to COVID-19.

#### RAMADAN AND EID CELEBRATIONS

During this last month it's been Ramadan, the Islamic faith's holy month and one of the most important times of the year for Muslim families. It's a month long dawn to sunset fast that has this year been hugely affected by the lockdown. Ramadan's beginning and end is determined by something really quite beautiful: the sighting of the new moon. For a short time at sunset as the new moon moves away from the sun, a super slim crescent will be visible. Muslims call it the "Shawwal Moon". "Shawwal Moon" is the start of Eid al-Fitr, also called the "Festival of Breaking the Fast." It's a special holiday celebrated by Muslims across the world, and involves all kinds of events.

Some of our wonderful Te Totara families have celebrated the end of Ramadan. We hope you are enjoying the special family celebrations this week. Warm wishes and Happy "Eid al-Fitr to our Te Totara whanau. "Eid Mubarak!"

#### 2020 FEES PAYABLE VIA KINDO

This online system allows you to pay for our school's fees (Mathletics/Mathseeds, Aquatics, Voluntary School Donation, Lost Library Book Fees etc) and is also the ONLY way to register/pay for your child for sports teams.



Please make school payments through your myKindo account. You can pay via American Express, Visa, Mastercard, UnionPay (fees apply), POLi or bank transfer (no fees). Add regular top-ups if you'd like, then allocate to payments when you're ready, or just pay as you go.





### **HOCKEY TERMS 2&3 (Years 1-6 students)**

Cut-off date for registration 3.00pm tomorrow - Friday 29th May, 2020

### **NETBALL TERMS 2&3 (Years 3-6 students)**

Cut-off date for registration 3.00pm tomorrow - Friday 29th May, 2020

Note: Please ignore the cut-off dates showing on KINDO for Hockey & Netball. The above cut-off dates are the correct ones. There is no Miniball in Term 2.



Fees and Donations

### 2020 SCHOOL CAMP (Years 5&6)

URGENT - all outstanding amounts to be paid via KINDO now under the

"Fees & Donations icon" We currently have \$4,000.00 outstanding in camp payments.

Kindo Questions?

To register for Kindo using our 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" then click. on the "Fees & Donations" icon OR register 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.

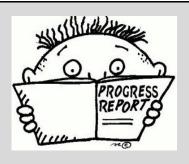
#### **FOOD AT SCHOOL - ALLERGIES**

We have children at our school who are highly allergic to dairy products and nuts and exposure to these foods could potentially be life threatening to them. We have procedures in place for 1:1 support for these children to ensure their safety. At present we will continue to carry on with our normal food eating programme, but we have to carefully plan school events/learning area celebrations etc. With this in mind, please don't be offended if any kind offers of food to the school are scrutinised. Please ensure all food containers are clearly named.

#### LEARNING PLANS HOME - FRIDAY 3RD JULY, 2020

If your family are in a shared care arrangement, please advise Marise Crow either by email or Ph: (07) 853-0039 ext. 858 a.s.a.p. as to who will be collecting the child/ren from school on **Friday 3rd July, 2020**.

If you are happy for both copies of the Learning Plan to come home in the same envelope, please also let me know. Email: receptionist@tetotara.school.nz



## WHEELIE DAY AT TE TOTARA TUESDAY 2ND JUNE & THURSDAY 4TH JUNE

We will be having a fun "Wheelie Day" at school next week, this will be held in the children's lunch break after eating for learning.

When: Tuesday 2nd June and Thursday 4th June, lunchtimes

Where: Asphalt area at school

**What:** Scooters, skateboards, rollerblades and skates and <u>helmets</u>

**NO** bikes will be used in this lunchtime activity



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

A Vision & Hearing Technician will be visiting our school on **Monday 29th June**, **2020** 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.

#### FREE EAR CLINIC FOR CHILDREN

Waikato District Health Board offer a Free Ear Clinic for our children. All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. The service included glue ear assessment and management, wax/ foreign body removal, grommet check and treatment of discharging ears. For enquiries please phone (07) 838-3565, clinic hours are by appointment only.

## DATES COMING UP

Thurs 28 May BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm

Mon 1 June Queens Birthday, SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 2 June Wheelie Day at school @ lunchtime
Thurs 4 June Wheelie Day at school @ lunchtime

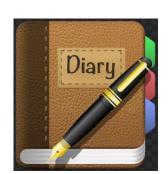
Wed 24 June PTA AGM @ 7.30pm in the School Staff Lounge

Thurs 25 June BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm

Mon 29 June Routine Hearing & Vision Testing at school

Fri 3 July Learning Plans go home Fri 3 July 3.00pm End of Term 2, 2020

Mon 20 July Term 3 Begins at 8.55am



Ngā mihi,

Anne Fraser

Principal

### TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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## PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) WEDNESDAY 24th JUNE @ 7.30pm in the School Staff Lounge (if regulations allow)

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up and we would like to invite all parents/caregivers along to come find out about the PTA and what we do for our children at Te Totara. Come see how you can help our school and how the PTA contributes to our school community. A few of our executive members are standing down, after several years helping on the PTA. Details to come... The PTA needs you!

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.

#### **ASTHMA WAIKATO**

Asthma Waikato has been providing support, advice and education to the people of the Waikato for over 40 years. They work tirelessly to help kids and their whānau manage asthma better in order to keep them out of hospital and keeping up with their peers.



You can find out more here: <a href="https://www.asthmawaikato.org.nz/">https://www.asthmawaikato.org.nz/</a>

Please note, families can also self-refer to us for asthma education by using this form on our website: https://www.asthmawaikato.org.nz/page/asthma-education/



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