

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERTHURSDAY 8TH APRIL, 2021

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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)

FINDING OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING

We have many ways of keeping up-to-date regarding events that are happening at school:

Online school calendar: Online School Calendar

School App: Download the School App

School Website: <u>Te Totara Website</u> - this has the option to translate the

newsletter into other languagesWeekly 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 Primary School now have a School App Go to the App. Hore on your Applie or Andro Device and Search to Totara to described the App. to your phone or tables.

School Ages*

OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS PERIOD FOR 2021

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available on our school website by clicking the following link: www.tetotara.school.nz

The Board has determined that **20 places for New Entrant (Year 0) students** whose 5th Birthday falls within the enrolment period of **1**st **July - 14**th **December 2021**, 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.

The deadline for receipt of out-of-zone applications is **3.00pm on Friday 23rd April**, **2021** and should be addressed to:

Te Totara Primary School

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Hamilton 3256

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>Monday 10th May</u>, <u>2021</u>. Parents will be informed of the outcome by **Wednesday 12th May**, <u>2021</u>.

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.

SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR TERMS 2 & 3

At this time of the year we are noticing an increasing need for warmer clothing.

Although not compulsory we advise wearing **black under garments** i.e. singlet, long sleeve polypropylene. Also, our winter uniform requirements are plain black socks or tights and plain black shoes.

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.

We understand families may still be sorting their children's winter uniforms due to the stores being closed and we would appreciate if your children could please be in the correct full winter school uniform after the school holidays.

<u>ALL</u> students are expected to arrive at school and leave from school in their correct Te Totara Primary School Uniform, including footwear.

- Uniforms are to be worn clean, neat and tidy. Please clearly name your uniform items.
- 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 natural hair colour.
- Nail polish and cosmetics are not permitted.
- Second hand uniforms may be available. Please see the School Office for details.
- 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.
- Extras for warmth such as polyprops or singlets, must be plain black.
- Plain black school sandals in summer (Terms 1&4) OR plain black school school shoes in the winter (Terms 2&3). No other colours on the sandal or shoe, just plain black.
- Any hair accessory is to be <u>plain</u> and of a single school uniform colour either red, white, black or green.









JEWELLERY

Items of jewellery can be easily lost or damaged at school. They may also cause injury to the wearer or other students. <u>For safety reasons items of jewellery are not to be worn</u>. The school accepts no responsibility in the case of loss, damage or injury.

However, students may wear:

- a) One small earring stud per ear. NO hoops or sleepers.
- b) A watch.
- c) A necklace of religious or cultural significance
 - to be worn underneath clothing.
- d) A Medical Identification Tag (Medic Alert) if required

SENSE IN THE SUN

During the summer (Terms 1&4), all pupils are encouraged to put on sunscreen at home before school and expected to wear the regulation school hat while outdoors.

Our Sun Sense Policy is: No hat – play in the shade

A reminder regarding the red Sports Polo Shirt with the words "Te Totara Primary School" printed on the back is <u>NOT</u> the everyday school uniform.

This Sports Shirt is for children who are part of a school sports team.





SPORTS TEAM JACKET



We have also introduced a red waterproof jacket which is an optional school uniform item.

These jackets are only to be worn to and from school. They are NOT to take place of our red school polar fleece which are to be worn in class.

If you child plays in one of our after school or weekend sports teams, the jacket may also be worn to their sports games.

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.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday**, **9th April**, **2021 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm**. This week our children from our Matawhero, Ra and Milky Way teams will attend assembly and our Ra 33 children will be sharing at assembly.

DATES COMING UP

Fri 9 Apr PTA, Iceblock Day

Fri 16 Apr END OF TERM 1, 2021 @ 3.00pm

Mon 3 May TERM 2, BEGINS @ 8.55am

Ngā mihi,

Anne Fraser - Principal



TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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ICE BLOCK DAY

Tomorrow, Friday 9th April is the last Ice Block Day for Term 1. Don't forget to bring your \$2.00 and show your support to the PTA. There will also be 60 packets of chips (a variety of flavours) for sale on the day.

These are \$2.00 each and will be sold on a first in first served basis.



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

This is the last week to receive a Bonus Countdown or JB Hi-Fi voucher (purchaser's choice) on any membership purchased, so get in quick. If you want to make savings in the upcoming holiday an Entertainment Membership is packed full of valuable 2 for 1 and up to 50% off offers. Memberships are valid over any 12-month period from date of activation. 20% of all sales using the below link will support Te Totara School PTA fundraising efforts. www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/15502m5



UPCOMING EVENTS

Ice Block Day - Friday 9th April

Your PTA committee: Shelley, Julyan, Rilesh, Kerry, Kerri

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.



