

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERTHURSDAY 24TH JUNE, 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)

TE TOTARA CELEBRATES THE ARTS CURRICULUM THROUGH 'STELLA THE STARFISH'

This week we have had the pleasure of sharing our talented Junior School with our families and friends, through their fabulous production of 'Stella the Starfish.'

The children were very proud to share their learning in our Arts curriculum through song, music and dance. The costumes, props and green screen technology was wonderful.

Special thanks to our Teachers and Teacher Aides for their guidance and support of our learners. Also to the senior students who assisted with sound, lighting, and staging of the show. We couldn't put on these high quality performances without the support of our families, we are especially grateful to those who helped us with dance choreography and sewing of the amazing costumes.

We are grateful to have on our staff our fabulous Music Teacher, Suzanne Newrick, who has the vision and energy to produce such a marvellous show for our youngest students.

Suzanne even composed 2 of the musical pieces within the script!

By now she is probably even planning our next production for our lucky Senior students in 2022! Tino pai Te Totara team. You are all STARS.

Anne Fraser - your very proud Principal.



Te Totara Junior School produced a production of Stella the Starfish. When I arrived in the glittery hall, lights shimmered and glimmered just like the sun's rays. Jolly underwater music played, the wonderful sound filled our ears.

Suddenly, a table with a plastic fish tank appeared on the stage and two actors walked out.

The story is basically about Stella, a little red starfish finding her family in the enormous ocean with two helping friends. Stella and her friends pass through lots of glittery fish friends, they all try to help her find home, all except for the turtles who have bad behaviour and grumpy attitudes. They don't help at all!

After visiting the sharks and having been nearly goggled up, they end up in a beautiful coral reef. Stella finds her family worrying about her, but they finally are brought together.

The actors are from Year 1 and Year 2 and they have worked very hard on their production. It stands out as super and amazing and hooks you in right away.

Written by Bella (Room 32 - Year 4)

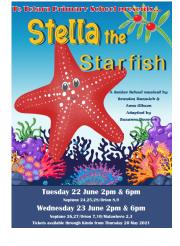
JUNE FUNDRAISER SUPPORTED BY CAFE INC - ROTOTUNA

Cafe Inc. is kindly supporting our school for the month of June.

For every house-made drink e.g. coffee, tea, hot chocolate or a smoothie purchased during the month

of June Cafe Inc. will donate \$0.10c to Te Totara Primary School. We are

hoping to raise around \$500-\$600 for our school so please support Cafe Inc. When you order your house-made beverage, just let them know that you are supporting Te Totara Primary School.







SMART WATCHES REMINDER

Smart watches are able to be worn at school for the purpose of telling the time only. If the watch is used as a communication or recording device then your child will be asked to put it in the teachers desk at the beginning of each day and collect it before leaving school at the end of the day. Your child's teacher may ask that the watch is kept at home if there are any continuing issues.



Please remember if you need to get a message to your child at school then it is best to contact the school office, and the office ladies will make sure your child gets the message. This allows your child to focus on their learning without interruption.

ROTOTUNA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ** PARENT INFORMATION EVENING **

Te Totara Primary School Wednesday 30th June @ 6.30pm

Join us for a presentation by Fraser Hill, Principal of RJHS, to parents/caregivers of current Year 6 students who are thinking of enrolling their child at Rototuna Junior High School in 2022.

From 6.30pm-7.45pm approx.

Everyone is welcome.

NOTE: RJHS Open Day: Thursday 5th August Tours at 9.45am & 2.00pm

(no need to register with RJHS)



EARLY ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL - BEFORE 8.15AM

Children are welcome to arrive at school from **8.15am onwards**. We have noticed a number of students arriving around 8.00am or even earlier. Teachers have planning to do before school in their classrooms and are unavailable to supervise any students arriving before 8.15am. We offer a Before School Care facility; Enrolment Forms are available online from our school website: **www.tetotara.school.nz**

SCHOOL START AND FINISH TIMES

Just a reminder to everyone that school starts promptly at **8.55am** when the roll is taken.

We finish school each day at <u>3.00pm</u> with the only exception being Fridays after assembly. All other days teachers have been asked not to release their students until the 3.00pm bell goes. This allows for the satisfactory conclusion of the afternoon teaching programme, student tidy up routines and for staff to manage the school exit areas.

If a student needs to be picked up before 3.00pm, for any unusual events such as urgent appointments then parents are asked to sign through the office area, including the reason for an early pick-up, prior to going to the classroom.

The conclusion of assembly on Fridays will be the only time when students will be released early to parents who have attended assembly.

Thank you for your assistance in ensuring we maximise learning programmes for your child.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held, **Friday 25th June, 2021 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**This week our children from our Ra, Matawhero and Milky Way teams will attend assembly and Milky Way 20 will be sharing.

SCOOTERS LEFT AT SCHOOL

Our Caretakers have some scooters that have been left at school and are now in their Caretakers shed.

If these are your scooters please contact our Caretaker to arrange pick up.

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

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

NETBALL

Comets MacKenzie Verster
Invaders Amber Cooke
Magic Samantha Billingham
Stars Amelia Cullen

HOCKEY

Eagles TBA Green TBA

Lions Shay Torr Williams
Red Savannah Bourne
Strikers Lacey James
White Charlotte Osborne

MINIBALL

Thunders Cameron Fallon, Monaya Mohammad



DATES COMING UP

Thurs 24 June BOT Meeting at 6.30pm

Tues 29 June PTA Mainstream Green Fundraiser (see below for more details)

Fri 9 July TERM 2 FINISHES @ 3.00PM

Mon 26 July TERM 3 BEGINS @ 8.55AM

Thurs 5 Aug RJHS Open Day - Tours at 9.45am & 2.00pm (no need to register with RJHS)

Mon 30 Aug Mid Term Break - SCHOOL CLOSED

Ngā mihi,

Anne Fraser - Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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PTA AGM NEWS

Our AGM was held last Wednesday evening. We had a great meeting and elected an unchanged Committee for the upcoming year.

Congratulations, and thank you to all of you for the countless volunteer hours you have put into helping our school. Our committee for the next 12 months is:

Chairperson: Shelley Bishop Deputy Chairperson: Julyan Hoyte

Treasurer: Rilesh Patel Secretary: Kerry Jurgensen Communications: Kerri Shanks



MAINSTREAM GREEN FUNDRAISER

Does living a life with less stuff, less waste and less impact on our planet

appeal to you then this is the event for YOU!

Nicola Turner of Mainstream green will cover lots of do-able ideas and practical hacks to help you simplify your life and reduce your impact. You will leave the event inspired and with lots of tools to help you and those around you create change.

Topics covered include: Food, beauty, fashion, kids, getting around, inspiring others and heaps more!

When: Tuesday 29 th June at 7pm

Venue: Archie's Cafe, Borman Village,

454 Borman Road, Flagstaff.



Cost: Adults \$40, Youth (Under 18) \$20. A complimentary glass of beer/wine is included with all adult tickets and tea/coffee and nibbles (from Archies Cafe & District Bites) will be available for all on the night.

Tickets: http://events.humanitix.com/living-lightly-hamilton SPOT PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN AWAY ON THE NIGHT.

Many thanks to our sponsors: Mainstream Green, Archies Cafe, Lush Bites, New World Rototuna, and Hamilton City Council.

PTA CHAIRPERSONS REPORT 2020 - 2021

Firstly a big thank you to everyone who volunteered at one of our events, and especially to our Executive team who keep the PTA running. The PTA is 100% volunteer run and driven by Te Totara parents, who enjoy seeing fundraising efforts used and appreciated by the students and school community.

After a challenging start to 2020, the Te Totara PTA kept a presence within the school community, but on a reduced level. Our Executive PTA have done an excellent job to keep funds coming in, whilst balancing it with keeping our community safe within the current climate. In 2020 the PTA managed to run several Ice Block Days throughout Term 4 and a Disco.

As the New Year rolled in, the PTA decided to keep fundraisers low-key as there were still many families recovering from the effects of a disruptive 2020. The decision was made to hold the Twilight Event bi-annually, so we will look to run this again in March 2022.

So far in 2021, funds have been raised through a Disco in March, 3 Ice Block days in Term 1 and sales of Entertainment Memberships. Events coming up in the near future include; Mainstream Green – a sustainable living evening with Nicola Turner, a Disco, Ice Block Days and a Spellathon.

PTA DONATIONS TO SCHOOL

In 2020 \$3,500 was donated by the PTA to the school for new outdoor furniture. The PTA is looking forward to seeing this installed within the school soon.

An additional \$20,000 will be donated towards a new garden project outside Matariki. This is due to be installed over the July School Holidays.

The PTA is always looking for more volunteers, so come along to one of our PTA meetings. We are a friendly team of people and would like to meet you all.

On behalf of all the PTA Committee and regular volunteers, we look forward to another year of PTA events.

Best wishes,

Shelley Bishop

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mainstream Green Event – Tuesday 29 th June Next PTA Meeting – Wednesday 4 th August

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.

ICAS, AMC & Otago Maths exam papers for practice

✓ ICAS Maths, English, Science, DigiTech, Writing & Spelling papers:

2010-2018 papers A to J available for school years 4 - 12

Australian Maths Competition (AMC)

2004-2020 Papers for years 4 - 12

All those ICAS and AMC test papers come with answers.

Otago Maths Problem Challenge Competition

Books 1 - 6 for years 6 - 8

Each of these 6 Otago maths books contains **all competition questions** with **fully worked solutions**. They provide invaluable resources, not only as preparation for new Problem Challenge competitions (such as Otago Maths, ICAS, AMC, WaiMaths, Kiwi Maths Competition), but also for training problem-solving skills at levels from school Years 5 to 9. All 6 books are unused in original good as new condition. I will email more details and some free papers to parents/students who are interested in these materials, please

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