

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 1ST JULY, 2021

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TE HUIHUI-O-MATARIKI

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)

** JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ** MONDAY 12TH JULY TO FRIDAY 23RD JULY, 2021

The School Office will be open on Friday 23rd July from 9.00am - 2.00pm for Enrolment enquiries School Begins on Monday 26th July at 8.55am

TE IWA O MATARIKI

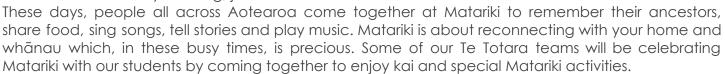
Matariki is a star cluster that appears in the early morning sky in New Zealand during the mid-winter

months. The star cluster is well known throughout the world and is one of the brightest clusters in the sky.

The rise of Matariki signals the Lunar New Year.

Historically, the stars were closely tied to planting, harvesting and hunting. If the stars appeared clear and bright, it meant there was a good season ahead.

Matariki takes place in mid-winter from late May to early July. The dates do vary according to tribes and geography. The best time to view the Matariki cluster is early morning, just before dawn.



Nau mai ngā hua Welcome all things that have grown

Nau mai ngā pai Welcome all things that are good

Nau mai kia nui May they be plentiful and abundant.

Kia hāwere ai.

KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE PROGRAMME - TERM 3, 2021

During Term 3 throughout the school we will be teaching the **"Keeping Ourselves Safe"** Health Education Programme. We have made a commitment as a learning community, within our Board of Trustees Policies, to teach this programme every two years.

This is a comprehensive personal safety programme that has been developed by the Ministry of Education and the New Zealand Police to meet current best practice in education and child protection. Students will learn and apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others.

Year 0-2 teaching focus areas are: I am Unique, My body is my own, Unwanted behaviour or touch, Adults who helps

Year 3-4 teaching focus areas are: Confident Me, Safe or Unsafe?, No excuse for abuse, Why should I tell?

Year 5-6 teaching focus areas are: Keeping one step ahead, I'm responsible for others too, Finding out about abuse, Families working together, Reporting abuse and What happens now?

Keeping Ourselves Safe has been designed to give our children the skills to cope in situations involving abuse. It has three overall aims:

- to teach children a range of safe practises they can use when interacting with other people
- to teach students how to recognise the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships
- · to make teachers and parents more aware of their responsibility to help students avoid abuse.

The programmes will be taught by your child's teacher, with one lesson being taught by our Police Education Officer.

To be successful, **Keeping Ourselves Safe** needs your help and support. Your child may have some home activities to work on with you and it is important that you participate as much as possible by talking to your child about what they have been learning. This will reinforce the message the school is giving, and help your child to use his or her new skills with confidence.

Click on the below link to find some excellent resources about the programme and to have any questions you may have answered.

www.police.govt.nz

For further information, check out the New Zealand Police Education website school portal Information Guidelines for Parents. Please don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher if you have any further queries or contact myself, Mrs Fraser or Mrs Brook-Watt, available through the School Office.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

We have noticed a trend of parent condoned holidays taken during the school term. Please consider the effect this has on your child's learning by taking holidays at this time.

The school is comfortable for students not to be at school due to illness and health issues, and families are really good at liaising with us about this.

We do monitor attendance trends and patterns on a weekly basis and will often liaise with families where there is a concern.

The Ministry of Education has asked for an attendance rate of **94%** and we are trying to lift attendance to this level at least. As a whole school we are currently sitting at an attendance rate of **93.13%**

If you have any queries around this, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Research indicates a direct correlation between school attendance and school success and future lifework prospects.

- Students who have over 95% attendance have the most opportunity to learn, and consequently achieve a higher level of success.
- Students with under 92% attendance rate are starting to compromise their every day learning and put themselves at risk of falling behind.
- Students with 85% or less attendance place themselves at very high risk of not being able to meet curriculum requirements due to significant gaps in their learning. They often find learning difficult.

At Te Totara Primary School we want all our students to have every opportunity to be learning and achieving and meeting with success. **EVERY DAY COUNTS.**

TE TOTARA GYMNASTICS TEAM - WELL DONE

Last week we had 3 students represent Te Totara Primary in the Waikato Regional Gymsports Open Junior Competition. The students showed great skill and commitment.

Quinn James came 2nd in vault and 6th overall for MAG level 3.

Lily Taylor and Sarah Poborowska entered the trampoline competition with Lily coming 4th and Sarah **1st overall.**

Both Sarah and Lily were selected to compete for Waikato at the New Zealand Championships for Trampoline in July.



2021 FEES & DONATIONS PAID VIA KINDO

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

kindo.
The online one stop school shop

Please Note: Aquatics will be charged after your child's class has had their lessons.



Sports

MINIBALL TERM 3 ONLY - Years 5&6 ONLY

Cut-off date for registration is Friday 9th July @ 3.00pm

Kindo Questions? 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.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held, **Friday 2nd July, 2021 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**This week our children from our Orion and Earth teams will attend assembly and Earth 34 will be sharing.



















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Julia - juliam@tetotara.school.nz

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 TBA Invaders TBA Magic TBA

Stars Morgan Wenham

Ferns Ekam Aujla

HOCKEY

Eagles Ariana Edwards-Greenwood

Green Eden Wise
Lions Kaiden Dheda
Red Jayana Dheha
Strikers Liam Svenson
White Iceaniah Marshall

MINIBALL

Thunders Blake Taylor



Calling all Te Totara Artisits! Prizes to be won!

Would you like to design the cover of the 2021 Te Totara Primary School Yearbook?



This would be a great holiday project! Please include on your A4 sized paper:

- the school logo (see above)
- "Te Totara School Yearbook 2021"
- graphics that depict what makes our school so special.

Out theme this year is "Celebrating the cultural diversity of Te Totara School"

Deadline: Friday 30th July @ 3pm

DATES COMING UP

Fri 9 July TERM 2 FINISHES @ 3.00PM

Mon 26 July TERM 3 BEGINS @ 8.55AM Thurs 28 July BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm Wed 4 Aug PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm

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

Wed 11 Aug Photolife Class & Individual Photos Thurs 12 Aug Photolife Class & Individual Photos Mon 30 Aug Mid Term Break - SCHOOL CLOSED

Ngā mihi,

Anne Fraser - Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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MAINSTREAM GREEN FUNDRAISER

On Tuesday night the PTA hosted Nicola Turner from Mainstream Green. Nic shared her story of how she changed her way of thinking when it came to making purchasing choices, and found these small changes resulted in her family of four living a more sustainable life, surrounded with less stuff, less waste and more time for doing the things they love. Everyone that came along left the evening with a

mind packed full of ideas and advice, on how best to implement change into their everyday life.

If you missed out on the evening and would like to know more, look out for Nic's new book titled Living Lightly.

The PTA would like to thank our amazing sponsors for the night: Mainstream Green – Thanks for choosing to support Te Totara PTA's fundraising efforts,

Archies Cafe – Allowed us to use your venue,

Lush Bites Hamilton – Supplied the amazing platters of food New World Rototuna – Supplied bottles of wine and beer Wired Installation Ltd – Provided spot prizes on the evening Ethique – Provided mini butter block bars for all the guests Brews Hamilton – Provided glassware

Hamilton City Council – Funded Nicola to share her story

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Next PTA Meeting – Wednesday 4th August, 2021

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.



Kiwiclub Holiday Program

Site open 7:15am-5:30pm Rototuna Primary School Hall

Contact Yuki 021 294 9351
Email Kiwiclub05@hotmail.com
Registration:
kiwiclubrototuna.aimyplus.com



Nominations are now open for the 2021 Waikato Sport & Active Recreation Awards!





