

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 16TH JUNE, 2022



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Kia Ora (Maori/NZ), Hello (English), Bula (Fijian), <u>Welkom</u> (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)

Kia ora o te whanau

We have some great activities ahead over the next week or two. Our Book Week concludes with Pyjama day tomorrow, and our X Cross Challenge day next Wednesday. Details of these events are in this newsletter.

We are also looking forward to celebrating Matariki next week with our first ever Matariki Public Holiday on Friday 24th June, 2022.

Anne

PYJAMA DAY TOMORROW

This week our students have been connecting with authors and illustrators and asking them lots of questions! They have also been finishing the Book Oscars competition. The Year 0-2s are voting on the 'Best Picture Book' and the Year 3-4 are voting on the 'Best Opening Act' (the best first ten minutes of a chapter book). The Oscars will be handed out in the Award Ceremonies tomorrow, together with the prizes for the reading, writing, and reading selfie competitions we have been running.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER - CLOSES TOMORROW

A reminder that Scholastic Book Club orders close at **9.15am**, **tomorrow Friday 17th June**, **2022**. Please return the completed order form with the money into the School Office. Please make sure your children's name and room number is written clearly on the form. Alternatively you can order online via the Loop app. **Sorry**, **no late orders will be accepted**.



LEARNING PLANS ONLINE TOMORROW FRIDAY 17TH JUNE, 2022 @ 1.00PM ACCESS THESE THROUGH THE PARENT PORTAL

A Learning Plan for each student will be uploaded to the online Parent Portal on <u>Friday 17 June 2022</u>. However, if your child started at school in Term 2 you will not receive a Learning Plan yet.

We will send you an email on Friday 17th June at approx. 1.00pm using the email address we have on file, this will contain your User ID and Password details for the Parent Portal. Once you have successfully logged-in, we recommend you change



your password. Please check your spam or junk folder for this email if you do not receive it.

You can download a copy of the Learning Plan from the Parent Portal and save it to your computer. If you do not receive an email with login codes, please contact Marise Crow by email at <u>receptionist@tetotara.school.nz</u> The work involved in developing these Learning Plans is immense and reflects our goal of developing a personalised plan for each student. Much thought and consideration has gone into these Learning Plans. We have managed to include a lot more of each child's comments and goals, to ensure they have an increased sense of ownership of their Learning Plan.

We strongly advise that you:

- Go through the Learning Plan with your child
- Look especially at the "Where To Next" and "Goals set by Student, Parent and Teacher" sections and incorporate these into supporting learning at home.

It is important that we hold the correct email address for you to be able to send the link, please feel free to contact the School Office if you wish to check this (07) 853-0039. For our separated families, please ensure we hold both caregiver email addresses on file.

If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the School Office on (07) 853-0039 and we will arrange for a printed copy of the Learning Plan for your family.

LEARNING PLAN CHANGES

There have been some changes to the Learning Plans this year. Our modified Learning Plans now have a table for each of the Reading, Writing and Mathematics Curriculum areas. The table has green coloured boxes to indicate where children are expected to be working at, according to the New Zealand Curriculum Levels at the Mid-Year and End-of-Year assessment points.

Reading													
NZ Curriculum Levels	Year 0 Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6		
	End	Mid	End	Mid	End	Mid	End	Mid	End	Mid	End	Mid	End
At NZC Level 4													
Early NZC Level 4													
At NZC Level 3													
Early NZC Level 3													
At NZC Level 2										\star			
Early NZC Level 2													
At NZC Level 1													
Within NZC Level 1													
Beginning NZC Level 1													
Pre NZC Level 1 (Informed by Te Whariki)													
Comment:				-		•				-		-	
Next Steps:													

The placement of a red star on the graph indicates where your child is presently working at. Each table is followed by Comment and Next Step boxes for your information.

*Please be aware that every child is on their own learning pathway and the most important consideration is that they are making steady progress through the curriculum.

English as a Second Language (E.S.O.L) students' Learning Plans do not have the green progress line; they use the English Language Learning Progressions.

A 'Reach For the STARS' continuum has also been added into the Learning Plans. Teachers place a red star on the continuum where your child is presently working, in regards to each of our STARS. This continuum relates to your child's year

Smart Decisions	*	
	With Support	Independen
Trying Our Best		*
, 0	With Support	Independen
Always Learning		*
, .	With Support	Independen
Respectful		*
	With Support	Independen
Self Managing		*
	With Support	Independent

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level only. For instance, Year 1 expectations of independence in Smart Decisions will be different to the expectations of independence in Smart Decisions of a Year 6 student.

In our Junior Learning Plans we have added the Better Start Literacy Testing Data. Better Start Literacy is a new Reading Programme being taught in all Year 1 classrooms and also in Room 4. The other Year 0 teachers begin their BSLA training soon. The testing data will be added to these tables over the course of the year. On each box there is a proficiency level which means when the proficiency score has been reached this test may not be repeated.

On all Learning Plans there are **blue hyperlinks** which you can click on that will take you to an explanation of that particular section or word. Please do not hesitate to contact Jo Stewart, Deputy Principal via email: <u>dp@tetotara.school.nz</u> if you have any questions regarding these changes.

TE TOTARA X CHALLENGE - WEDNESDAY 22ND JUNE, 2022

Te Totara students will be taking part in the inaugural Te Totara X Challenge on Wednesday 22nd June. Postponement day is set for Tuesday 28th June, 2022.

The X Challenge is a fun obstacle course that will be set out on the back field. Children are encouraged to complete the course as many times as they can in their team time slot.

Obstacles will include, A frame climbing walls, cargo net, board/plank walking, tyre run, plank walk, hula hooping, skipping and many other activities.

Children are able to wear their school House colours (see below) on the day but please be aware they are likely to get wet and dirty, so old clothes would be best. **Some warm, dry clothes to change into would be a good idea for after their turn on the course.**

Parents are warmly welcome to come and watch from the right hand side of the hill. We have booked a coffee cart for those of you who would like a hot drink while watching the fun. This will be sited at the pool end of the car park. It will be fantastic to see our families in school again cheering the children on. We look forward to seeing you there.

Timetable:

9.00am - 9:20am	Get together in Galaxy - house chants etc
9:30am - 10:00am	Marama
10:00am - 10:30am	Milky Way
11:15am - 11:45am	Earth
11:45am - 12:15pm	Rā
1:30pm - 2:00pm	Neptune
2:00pm - 2:20pm	Orion
2:20pm - 2:40pm	Matawhero

TE TOTARA HOUSE COLOURS

There are four houses, all named in line with our STARS theme and space expeditions:

HOUSE:	COLOUR:
Apollo	Yellow
Challenger	Blue
Discovery	Green
Mercury	Red

"Apollo, Challenger, Discovery & Mercury"

- Children are placed in houses when they start at Te Totara Primary School. New Entrants with family members already at school will be placed in the same house.
- We will be able to use the houses for different school events and happenings e.g. Athletic Sports, Cross Country.
- Houses will provide our children with leadership responsibilities and provide good-natured competition.
- There are colours for each house.
- There will be a Lead Teacher looking after each house.
- Students will be meeting in house groups before the event e.g. School Cross Country.
- Children are encouraged to wear an item of a colour associated with their school house.

TO PARENTS OF OUR YEAR 6 STUDENTS



TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

If you are a Coach or Manager, please email the POD by Wednesday 1pm to stephy@tetotara.school.nz

Hockey

Strikers	Game rained out
Blue	Ciara Watts & Alisha Feez
Red Sticks	Harshitha Donthi
Red	Isabella Padron
Lions	Kyrie Te Kani
Netball	
Meteors	Emmabella de Beer
Magics	Chrismari Du Plessis
Comets	TBA
Invaders	Nadine Hechter
Ferns	Jasmine Galvin
Shooters	TBA

DATES COMING UP

Mon 13-17 June	Book Week
Fri 17 June	Pyjama Day
Wed 22 June	Te Totara X Challenge (postponement Tues 28th June)
Fri 24 June	Matariki Celebration Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Thurs 30 June	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
Fri 8 July	TERM 2, ENDS @ 3.00pm
Mon 25 July	TERM 3, BEGINS @ 8.55am
Tues 2 Aug	Photolife Class & Individual Photos
Wed 3 Aug	Photolife Class & Individual Photos
Wed 3 Aug	PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm
Wed 10 Aug	Photolife Groups & Cluster Sports Photos

Anne Fraser

Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: <u>pta@tetotara.school.nz</u> <u>www.facebook.com/TTPTA</u> Please 'like' our Facebook page to ensure you keep in the news loop: <u>www.facebook.com/TTPTA</u>

PTA AGM NEWS

Our AGM was held last night and it was awesome to have 6 new faces come to our meeting. Our Chairperson Shelley Bishop, Deputy Chairperson Julyan Hoyte and Treasurer Rilesh Patel all stepped down from their positions on the Committee. We would like to thank them all for the countless volunteer hours they have put in over the past few years to make the PTA a success.

A new Committee was elected last night and we would like to congratulate and welcome the following members onto our committee for the upcoming year.

The new Committee is:	
Chairperson:	Kerri Shanks
Deputy Chairperson:	Adelle Barach
Treasurer:	Navreet Bange
Secretary:	Kerry Jurgensen
Communications Officer:	Angelique Beumer

NEXT PTA MEETING

The next PTA Meeting will take place on Wednesday 3rd August at 7:30pm in the Staff Lounge. All parents and caregivers of students of Te Totara Primary School are able to attend, so please book this date in your diary today! We would love to have you join us. We will also be discussing and finalising our next events to be held in Term 4.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next PTA Meeting – Wednesday 3rd August at 7:30pm Your PTA Committee: Kerri, Adelle, Navreet, Kerry & Angelique

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.**







Hamilton City Libraries 7

Grow Waikato

Transport and Logistics

Monday 4th July Wintec City Campus – The Atrium 5pm to 6pm

Chris Joblin - Tainui Group Holdings David Speirs - Waka Kotahi NZTA Rosie Spragg - Te Waka Nicholas Down - EV Cars Mark Tumura - Waikato Regional Council







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