

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)

### LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS – BOOKINGS CLOSE TOMORROW!!!! (ALL CLASSROOMS, EXCEPT MATAWHERO 1)

Learning Plan discussions will take place on **Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th August, 2016**. To make an appointment time for your child/ren, please use our online booking system [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) – our school code is **jpvs6**. You can also access this site via our school website [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz)

If you are unable to access the internet, please phone the school (07) 853-0039 ext. 858 and leave a message with the time slot that you would prefer and Marise will collate these.

We will endeavour to give you the time as close as we can to your preference. If we are unable to assist we will go by first in first served.

Please **do not** make arrangements direct with classroom teachers.

There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress on:

#### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2016

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm, 5.00pm, 5.15pm & 5.30pm

#### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2016

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm (**break between 5.00pm-5.30pm**), 5.30pm, 5.45pm, 6.00pm, 6.15pm & 6.30pm.

**Please note: School will finish at 2.00pm on both days for all students. Students will need to be collected at 2.00pm please.**

We have arranged **15 minute time slots** for the discussion, there will be a changeover bell so that everyone is aware of timings.

To ensure the smooth running of our Learning Plan Discussions, we would be grateful if all our parents/caregivers kept to the timetable.

If you have more than one child, you might like to have a break between each interview.

Bookings close on **Friday 19th August @ 3.00pm**. We will not be able to accept bookings after this date/time.

**As the whole school will finish at 2.00pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August & Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August; After School Care will begin at 2.00pm, for those children enrolled.**

### MID-TERM BREAK - MONDAY 29TH AUGUST, 2016

A reminder school will be **CLOSED** for this mid-term break.

**KELLY SPORTS MID-TERM BREAK PROGRAMME**  
Unfortunately, due to insufficient bookings  
this one-day programme has now been **cancelled**.



## BOOK CHARACTER DAY

On Friday 19th August we are having our Book Character Day, where students can dress up as their favourite character from a book. Watch our Facebook page each day for special, top secret spy videos!

## BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will arrive on Friday 19th August and run until Thursday 25th August. A brochure will go home with each child today; extra copies of the brochure can be obtained from the School Office. All students will get a chance to look at the books with their classes on Friday 19th, Monday 22nd or Tuesday 23rd August. There will be an EFT-POS machine available for purchases, and credit cards are accepted. 35% of the total sales go back into the school library.

Opening hours:

Friday 19th August	3.00pm - 4.00pm
Monday 22nd August	3.00pm - 4.00pm
Tuesday 23rd August	3.00pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday 24th August	2.00pm - 5.30pm
Thursday 25th August	2.00pm - 6.15pm



## LIBRARY CLOSED

The library will be closed from Friday 19 August until Thursday 25th August due to the Book Fair. We have extended the loan period for books borrowed so students' library books will not become overdue. Please keep library books at home until the library opens again on Friday 26th August.

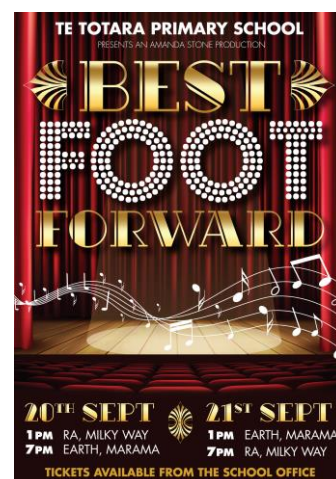
## "BEST FOOT FORWARD" PRODUCTION TICKETS

**TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> & WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2016 @ 1.00PM & 7.00PM**

Tickets go on sale on **Tuesday 30th August, 2016** (Week 6) and will be available to purchase at the School Office by cash, cheque or EFT-POS only. *Sorry, no payments via internet banking accepted nor any refunds given.*

Ticket prices are:

<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>Per adult (13 years and older)</b>
<b>\$5.00</b>	<b>Per child (12 years and under)</b>
<b>\$5.00</b>	<b>Pre-schooler requiring own seat</b>
<b>Free</b>	<b>Pre-schoolers (when sitting on the knee of an adult paying ticket)</b>



Because of the number of classes involved (18 classes), we have split into two groups and have certain days that we are performing:

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2016**

**1.00pm (Ra & Milky Way) & 7.00pm (Earth & Marama)**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2016**

**1.00pm (Earth & Marama) & 7.00pm (Ra & Milky Way)**

- **Only 300 tickets are available for each performance so don't miss out!**
- **Doors open at 12.30pm for matinee & 6.30pm for evening performances.**
- **The number on your ticket is NOT your seat number. Seating is on a first-come-first-served basis. However, there will be wheelchair access with allocated seating - if you require this service, please advise the School Office when purchasing your tickets.**
- **Main cast details for each show is available at the School Office.**
- **Please remember to bring your ticket to the performance; this will confirm you have purchased a seat.**
- **We acknowledge that some families may have children performing on both days and may have to purchase tickets for each of the days. Unfortunately, we cannot offer any solution to this as the money from ticket sales goes towards the costumes, lighting, sound, backdrops etc.**
- **For evening performances Year 3-6 children can arrive back at school by **6:30pm** and go directly to Orion Block, where they will be supervised.**
- **Everyone will need to arrive at school with make-up (foundation and powder) on. MAIN CAST members will meet in the staff room by **6.15pm**.**
- **All Year 3-6 students are required to attend each of their own team performances.**

## ORION TEAM HERITAGE VILLAGE CLASS TRIP

Next week the Orion Team are going on a trip to the Heritage Village at Mystery Creek to learn about childhood in Victorian times and how technology has changed.

Orion 7, 8 & 9 will go on **Monday 22nd August at 9:30am**

Orion 10 & 11 will go on **Tuesday 23rd August at 9:30am**

Parents of these children should have already received a notice.

Please return permission slips and payment to the School Office as soon as possible.



## DAFFODIL DAY FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2016

Te Totara School will be raising money for this worthy cause by having a **muffi day** where students can dress up in yellow/gold clothing for gold coin donation. **Fabric daffodil flowers will be on sale before school in the Matariki Hall Foyer from Monday 22nd August, 2016.**

Further details about the events on this day will follow in next week's newsletter.



## KEEPING UP-TO-DATE

Many different things happen at school and we have many ways to keep up to date, including:

Online school calendar [On line School Calendar](#)

School App [Download the School App](#)

School Web site [Te Totara Web Site](#)

Weekly notices [Weekly Notices](#)

Facebook Page

We have a great team at school who keep these all updated in real time.

## FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held Friday 19th August 2016, in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.

This week Matawhero, Neptune, Ra and Milky Way children will attend assembly.

This week our Ra 30 children will be sharing.

## SCHOOL SWIMMING, CLASS LESSONS STARTING AGAIN VERY SOON

Now that we are almost into Spring we are ready to begin our school swimming programme again. The pool is being heated to a warm 30 degrees and our Waterworld instructors have prepared another challenging learning programme. Our Year 5-6 students are the first classes to begin our second semester of swimming.

Due to the mid-term holiday on Monday 29th August, the first classes will begin swimming on Friday 26th August. Those classes are Room 12, 13 and 14 who will be swimming in Weeks 6 & 7 as well as Friday in Week 5. Following those classes, in Weeks 8 & 9 of this term Rooms 15, 18 & 19 will do their swimming programme.

In Weeks 1 & 2 in Term 4, Rooms 20 & 21 and the remaining Year 2 class from last term, Room 25, will be swimming. We then will start working with our Year 1 classes throughout the remainder of the year. The timetables will be updated closer to the swimming times.

## SWIMMING CERTIFICATES

We have recently developed our own exciting Swimming Certificates for our students based on our STARS characters. The certificates are being worked on for our first half year swimmers and a colour copy of the certificates will come home shortly with your child when it is completed. The master certificate will be kept in your child's school profile folder and updated each year at the completion of the swimming cycle.

## SWIM SCHOOL TERM 4, 2016 AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS – LIMITED SPACES!

New Zealand has one of the highest drowning rates in the developed world and unfortunately 2016 has seen many drownings in New Zealand already.

We are looking at running a 7-week block course of Swimming Lessons in Term 4, 2016. Lessons will be 25 minutes one day per week, either a Tuesday or Wednesday, and there will be small class numbers of children which is a great way to boost your child's confidence in the water.

Fees for this 7-week course are **\$105.00 per child**. These lessons will be held from 3.30pm-6.00pm. Approximate start date would be week 2, Term 4. Parents are reminded please to stay on site for your child's Swim School lesson as per our Swim School Terms and Conditions. A copy of our Terms and Conditions is available on our school website or from our School Office.

Please e-mail Celeste if you would be interested in making a booking with your child's name and swimming level at [celestem@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:celestem@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](mailto:celestem@tetotara.school.nz)

### BASKETBALL

**Breakers** Max Singh  
**Turtles** Blake Finlayson

### HOCKEY

**Thunders** Anika Cuppanda, Reegan Whanga  
**Tigers** Eva Carter  
**Lightning** Kyla Torr-Williams  
**Strikers** Kaidin Strong  
**All Stars** Isaac Lee  
**Leopards** Joshua Callan

### NETBALL

**Magic** Poppy Williams  
**Shooters** Tayla Read



## DATES COMING UP

<b>Mon 15 Aug to 19<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Book Week at School – 15<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Fri 19 Aug</b>	<b>Dress up as your favourite Book Character Day</b>
<b>Mon 22 Aug</b>	<b>Heritage Village Class Trip – Orion 7, 8 &amp; 9</b>
<b>Tues 23 Aug</b>	<b>Heritage Village Class Trip – Orion 10 &amp; 11</b>
<b>Wed 24 Aug</b>	<b>Learning Plan Discussions – <i>School Finishes at 2.00pm</i></b>
<b>Thurs 25 Aug</b>	<b>Learning Plan Discussions – <i>School Finishes at 2.00pm</i></b>
<b>Fri 26 Aug</b>	<b>Cancer Society Daffodil Day</b>
<b>Fri 26 Aug</b>	<b>PTA Iceblock Friday</b>
<b>Mon 29 Aug</b>	<b>Mid-Term Break – <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b></b>
<b>Tues 30 Aug</b>	<b>Fairfield Cluster Cross Country (Yrs 4-6 Representatives)</b>
<b>Thurs 1 Sept</b>	<b>Fairfield Cluster Cross Country Postponement date</b>
<b>Tues 13 Sept</b>	<b>Winter Sports Tournament (Yrs 5&amp;6 Representatives)</b>
<b>Tues 20 Sep</b>	<b>Ra &amp; Milky Way 1.00pm School Production</b>
<b>Tues 20 Sep</b>	<b>Earth &amp; Marama 7.00pm School Production</b>
<b>Wed 21 Sep</b>	<b>Earth &amp; Marama 1.00pm School Production</b>
<b>Wed 21 Sep</b>	<b>Ra &amp; Milky Way 7.00pm School Production</b>

Kind regards,  
*Brian Sheedy*  
**Principal**



## TE TOTARA PTA

Who else is loving this sunshine? Spring is on the way, yahoo! To celebrate the (slightly) warmer weather, we're holding another lunchtime **ICE BLOCK FRIDAY** next week to coincide with Daffodil Day. Lemonade ice blocks will be available for sale outside Matariki after 'Eating for Learning'. Price to be confirmed next week. Pop it in your diaries :) We'd also need a few helpers on the day please – if you can spare an hour and help out from 12pm-1pm next Friday it would be much appreciated. Easy work, just taking money and peeling wrappers. Please txt us on 021884820 if you can help – thank you.

Who has sampled the annual Cheesecake Festival goodies at **Smith and MacKenzie** this week? Our flavour of 'Dark Chocolate, Butterscotch and Pecan' is rating well but we need more votes! Please visit and vote for your favourite. All in a good cause of course :) More details can be found on our Facebook page.



Please make sure you 'like' our PTA Facebook page, to be kept up to date with all the upcoming events we'll be running: [www.facebook.com/TTPTA](http://www.facebook.com/TTPTA)

#### **BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:**

Te Totara Primary School PTA Account: ASB 12 3171 0277833-00

Please ensure your name is used as a reference.

**EMAIL:** [tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com)

Thanks for reading, enjoy the sunshine!

- Your friendly PTA team: Scott, Anna, Nalina, Jasmine & Vicki

## **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.

#### **PUKETE KINDERGARTEN – ENROLMENTS WELCOME**

We are currently seeking enrolments at our wonderful kindergarten. Are you or someone you know looking for quality care and education for your child? At Pukete kindergarten we offer a fantastic learning environment with a wide range of stimulating educational experiences for your child. We offer sessional hours (am and pm) as well as extended day options and have 20 ECE hours available. Our fully trained team is warm and caring and would welcome your enrolment. Please phone us on 8493 718 to find out more, email us at [pukete@kindergarten.org.nz](mailto:pukete@kindergarten.org.nz) or drop in for a visit at 13 Cullimore Street, pick up an enrolment pack, meet the team and see our large environment in person. We look forward to hearing from you.

#### **" WHO CHEERS, CHANTS, JUMPS, TUMBLES, DANCES, BUILDS PYRAMIDS AND HAS A WHOLE LOT OF FUN?**

CHEERLEADERS DO! We offer fun but structured, competitive and non competitive classes for athletes who want to learn the basics of Cheerleading and Tumble. Book your FREE taster class by calling 0800 TO XTREME or email us at [xtreme@allstarcheerleaders.co.nz](mailto:xtreme@allstarcheerleaders.co.nz). We look forward to seeing you in a class soon!"

#### **SCALLYWAGS AND MUNCHKINS MARKET**

The next Hamilton market will be held on this Sunday, 21 August 10am-1pm, at the Hamilton Gardens.

The market is for new and preloved items for maternity, babies and kids. There will be loads of stalls selling a variety of goods and products, including a bake stall and a sausage sizzle.

For further information [www.facebook.com/ScallywagsAndMunchkinsMarket](http://www.facebook.com/ScallywagsAndMunchkinsMarket)

#### **COMMUNITY CELEBRATION FOR THE OPENING OF MAGELLAN BRIDGE**

Join the north east community in celebrating the latest addition to the wonderful Waikato walkways. Cyclists, walkers, friends, neighbours and local children are invited to gather together at **2pm on Sunday 21 August, 2016** at the walkway joining Magellan Rise and The Link, to take their turns crossing the new bridge.

There will be a sausage sizzle and refreshments for sale.

**WARNING: beware of the troll!**