

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), Mboté, Jambo (Congolese), Konnichiwa (Japanese), Hola (Spanish), Annyeonghaseyo (South Korea) Israel Shalom (Hebrew)

### TEACHER PAID UNION MEETINGS - SCHOOL REMAINS OPEN

Under law, Teachers are able to meet to discuss Union matters twice a year for two hours. The New Zealand Education Institute (NZEI) has called their first meeting for Teachers in the Hamilton area on either Thursday 22nd or Tuesday 27th March.

Our Teachers have been very helpful in rostering themselves on different meeting times so that there are at least two teachers in each team at school during the meeting times, ensuring that there is adequate supervision on these days for the children. On these days you will notice different programmes in place to help cater for the children.

### LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSION BOOKINGS & GOAL-SETTING LETTER



### BOOKINGS OPEN NOW! Don't miss out.

Learning Plan Discussions will take place on **Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd March, 2018** for all students (except Room 7 - Mrs Wink and Room 38 - Mrs Gillies).

**Room 7 & Room 38** will have their Learning Plan meetings on Tuesday 20th March, 2018 (3.15pm - 6.30pm) and Wednesday 21st March (2.15pm - 5.30pm). A letter will be sent home to the families of **Room 38** explaining this change. Please use the same school booking code of **RXXXW**

Last week, each student brought home a "Goal-Setting" letter which will help teachers prepare for the Learning Plan Discussions. **Each student is required to return the Goal-Setting letter to their classroom teacher by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.** If your original sheet doesn't make it home this week or is lost, please visit our school website [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz) under the newsletters tab OR click on the following link: [Student Goal-Setting Letter](#)

We have arranged **15 minute time slots** for the discussion, there will be a change over bell so that everyone is aware of timings. If you have more than one child, you might like to have a break between each interview. To ensure the smooth running of our Learning Plan Discussions, we would be grateful if all our parents/caregivers kept to the timetable. There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress on:

#### Wednesday 21st March, 2018

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 22nd March, 2018

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

#### How do I book a time?

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 **RXXXW**. You can also access this site via our school website [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz)

An electronic confirmation can be sent to you via email upon completion of your booking, **please don't forget to include your email address and select "email" under Parent Bookings** when you have booked an interview time.

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.

**Bookings close on Monday 19th March, 2018 @ 3.00pm. Sorry, we will not be able to accept bookings after this date/time.**

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

**School will finish at 2.00pm both Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd March for all students (including Rooms 7 & 38). Students will need to be collected at 2.00pm - Thanks.**

## **AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

As the whole school will finish at 2.00pm on Wednesday 21st March & Thursday 22nd March 2018 (including Rooms 7 & 38); After School Care will begin at 2.00pm, **for those children enrolled.**

Spaces are limited.... so if your child/ren normally attends ASC on either/both those days, please advise ASC two weeks in advance if you **DO NOT** require your booking. Otherwise, your child/ren will be booked in for the earlier start time of 2.00pm automatically on those days.

Any queries, please email Anna Herbert: [afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz)

## **EMERGENCY FIRE DRILL EVACUATION TRIAL - MONDAY 12TH MARCH, 2018 @ 1.30pm**

We hold trials to make sure everyone is safe so we are having our first one this year on **Monday 12th March, 2018 @ 1.30pm**. This involves a continual ringing of the bell, or by a speaker system telling us to evacuate the buildings. Our assembly point is on the tennis courts, where we take the school roll and ensure all people on our site are accounted for. We will talk to our students about the trial beforehand.

## **LOCK DOWN TRIAL - MONDAY 19TH MARCH, 2018 @ 11.15am**

We have an obligation to trial this system in order for the school to be as prepared as possible for any such emergency. Our staff are trained to look after our children, reassure them and ensure both their physical and emotional safety. We have noticed that the more often we have these trials, the more familiar we all are with the systems. We will talk to our students about the trial beforehand.

## **HOW WE CONTACT YOU IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AT SCHOOL**

We will use social messaging, including Facebook, the School App and website. Also, we will phone if necessary, so it's a good idea to make sure you keep your contact details up-to-date with the School Office. It is important that you follow any directions given, especially around rushing to school if you hear of an emergency. This can cause congestion, confusion and stress. Please note that in a real incident that NZ Police will take control of access to and from the school, while we look after our children.

## ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

Even though we are now coming into Autumn there are a few bugs around which are affecting our children as well as staff.

If your child is sick please keep them at home until they are well. If your child has diarrhoea or vomiting we ask that they do not return to school unless they are well and have had **no further diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours prior to returning** – these bugs can be highly contagious. Thank you for your assistance in this.

## ICAS EXAMS - FOR YEARS 4-6 STUDENTS ONLY

We would like to give your Year 4-6 child the opportunity to compete in the 2018 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) run annually by Educational Assessment Australia with the University of NSW. If your child has ability, interest or aptitude in any of the subjects below, he or she may enjoy this challenge.

The 2018 ICAS dates and cost per paper are listed below:

SUBJECT	SITING DATE	PRICE
Digital Technologies	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May, 2018	\$10.00
Science	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May, 2018	\$10.00
Spelling	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June, 2018	\$12.00
Writing	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June, 2018	\$21.00
English	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July, 2018	\$10.00
Mathematics	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> August, 2018	\$10.00

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Jennie Brook Watt, Assistant Principal, via email: [ap@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:ap@tetotara.school.nz) If your child did not collect a letter during the ICAS Muster last week, you can pick one up at the School Office.

## REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF FEES

To register and pay for your child for ICAS Exams, please use the online system **KINDO** and click on the "ICAS" icon. We encourage you to register as soon as possible as **cut-off date for registration/payment is Friday 16th March, 2018**. In order to ensure all exam papers arrive in time, we require student registration and payment to be made by the cut-off date. Sorry, we will not accept late registrations.

## SCHOOL DONATION ( PAID THROUGH KINDO)

***We certainly appreciate the fantastic support we are receiving for the voluntary School Donation, it is appreciated and the funding will be used for resources for the children.***

The Board of Trustees has set payment at:

\$120.00 for the first family member  
\$ 60.00 for each subsequent child



Please check with the School Office as the voluntary School Donation is adjusted depending on which Term your child/ren started school.

For your information, your donations qualify for a 33% tax credit. You can claim this rebate from the Inland Revenue Department by completing a form IR526 - "Tax Credit Claim Form". Please refer to: <http://www.ird.govt.nz/non-profit/np-donations/school/>

A GST receipt will be issued upon request. Please email Wendy Bulloch, our Executive Officer at [executiveofficer@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:executiveofficer@tetotara.school.nz)

**Please Note:** The Voluntary Donation for eldest and/or only child at school is \$120.00. Unfortunately, there was a glitch in our system which did not charge all eldest and/or only children the full \$120.00. Once we realised the error we added the extra \$60.00 to their account. We apologise for the confusion. Please contact Wendy Bulloch ([executiveofficer@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:executiveofficer@tetotara.school.nz)) if you have any queries.

## **PAYMENT OF THE SCHOOL DONATION, FEES, SCHOOL & SPORTS REGISTRATIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO PAY NOW THROUGH KINDO**

*This online system allows you to pay for our school's fees (Mathletics, Aquatics, School Donation) and is also the ONLY way to register your child for sports.*

**Register now for:**

**ICAS Exams (Years 4-6 only).**

**Register for Kindo using our App or through our School Website** (click on the link)

**[www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz)** then select the "Fees & Donations" tab.

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If you need help, please pop in and see us at the School Office OR give us a call on (07) 853-0039 OR call the **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.*

**kindo.**  
The online one stop school shop

## **SWIM SCHOOL - APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY LESSONS**

We will be offering Swim School lessons in the next school holiday period from 16th - 20th April, 2018.

This will be a 1 week block course of lessons, 5 days of the week.

Pre-schoolers may also enrol and there will be classes if we have enough interest for pre-schoolers.

Swim School lessons for this block course will be held in the mornings usually from 9am-12.30pm. Lessons will be **\$75.00 per child** for this block course of lessons.

Please email Celeste if you are interested to make a booking for your child, [celestem@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:celestem@tetotara.school.nz). Please include your child's name and swimming level ability.



## **\*\*URGENT\*\* SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS** **Enrolment Period of 1st July - 14th December, 2018**

The Board of Trustees are looking to accommodate, if possible, younger siblings and children of staff in the 2018 school year. To help determine this, we urgently need to have Enrolment Forms into the School Office to help with this process. Our standard Enrolment Form is available online from our school website [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz) or by visiting the School Office. Please return completed out-of-zone Enrolment Forms and relevant documentation to the School Office by **Friday 23rd March, 2018**.

The Board will look at the number of enrolments, the level of projected student growth and determine how many spaces for out-of-zone students are available for the upcoming enrolment period of **1st July 2018 - 14th December 2018**. This will be completed in late May, allowing for lots of time for families to know what is happening. Further information around the number of out-of-zone spaces to be released will be communicated via the school newsletter over the next few weeks.

## **SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 9th March, 2018 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**

This week our children from Neptune & Ra will attend assembly and our Neptune 28 children will be sharing.

## 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)

### CRICKET

Strikers Wyatt Wink  
Super Stars Angus McDonnell, Tyler Cottam

### TOUCH

Chargers Grace Hodgson, James Galvin  
Gunns Ciaran Senar, Caden Rabarts  
Pacers Jayden Taaffe & Madison Beros  
Rockets Levi Herron

## DATES COMING UP

- Mon 12 March Trial Fire Drill Evacuation @ 1.30pm  
Mon 19 March Trial Lock Down @ 11.15am  
Sat 17 March PTA Gala & Colour Run  
Wed 21 March Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm - 5.30pm  
- **School Finishes at 2.00pm**  
Thurs 22 March Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm - 6.30pm  
- **School Finishes at 2.00pm**  
Thurs 22 March BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm  
Fri 30 March Easter Friday - SCHOOL CLOSED  
Mon 2 April Easter Monday - SCHOOL CLOSED  
Tues 3 April Easter Tuesday - SCHOOL CLOSED  
Fri 13 April TERM 1, 2018 FINISHES @ 3.00pm

Kind regards,  
**Brian Sheedy**  
Principal

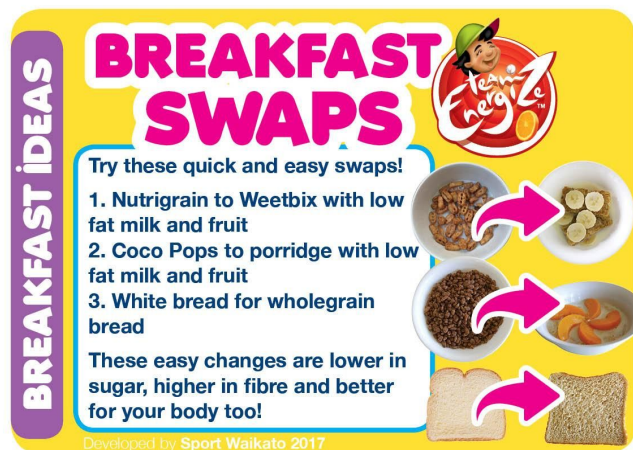
## TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: [tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com)  
[www.facebook.com/TTPTA](http://www.facebook.com/TTPTA)



## GALA & COLOUR RUN NEXT SATURDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018

Our Gala & Colour Run is next weekend - bigger, brighter and busier than the last!



Thanks to the amazing generosity of “Mahons Amusements”, this time round we’re having **large Carnival Rides:**

- Sizzler
- Tea Cups
- Train
- Bouncer



Also featured will be the ever-popular pod activities, dunk tank, craft market, entertainment stage and much more.

This event is open to the whole community, so bring your family and friends along.... the more the merrier.

Tickets for the Colour Run are limited and will sell out, so purchase yours today – don’t miss out! Simply purchase through the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/te-totara-2018-colour-run-17-march-2018-tickets-42859094706>

## **WE DESPERATELY NEED YOUR HELP!**

Come on guys, we can’t do this alone! We have lots of empty gaps on our ‘Pod Helper’ schedules, your child’s Teacher will have been in touch about this. The success of this event will be determined by YOU and your willingness to help.

[We are desperate for volunteers to help out with the Gala.](#) If you can spare just one hour of time we would love to hear from you.

[Even if you are unable to help on Gala Day itself, we still urgently require help to set up on the Friday night beforehand.](#)

[In all cases, please contact us via Facebook: TTPTA](#)

## **Have you got the gift of the gab?**

On our Gala Entertainment Stage we have a wonderful range of performers who will be showing their stuff. Are you an experienced MC who can get the crowds excited? Please urgently message us via our Facebook page. Thanks.

**\*\* PRE-PURCHASE YOUR GALA TOKENS \*\***

**EFTPOS/CASH GALA TOKENS ON SALE MONDAY  
AFTERNOON FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE  
(Sorry, No Credit Card or Paywave Transactions)**

**FROM TUESDAY 13TH MARCH - FRIDAY 16TH MARCH, 2018  
8.30AM - 9.15AM IN THE MATARIKI HALL FOYER**

After 9.15am - 3.30pm tickets can be purchased from the School Office

As of Monday 12th March (afternoon) next week, the lovely ladies in the School Office will be pre-selling Gala Token tickets via EFTPOS, which will enable you to save time on Gala Day.

For \$20.00, you receive a ticket with 10 x \$2.00 coupons, or for \$10.00 you receive a ticket for 5 x \$2.00 coupons. These can be redeemed for food, drinks, rides, raffles and pod activities.

Look out in next week's newsletter for a price list showing the number of tokens required for each activity.

On Gala Day please make sure you bring some cash with you as well. There will be centralised eftpos machines available with a limited cash out function (for which a transaction fee will apply)

**Please note: The Large Rides will be CASH ONLY. Please make sure you have both cash and tokens with you on the day. There will be centralised EFTPOS machines available on Gala Day for purchases.**

## **FOOD ON GALA DAY**

We will have a wide range of food and drinks for sale on Gala Day, so come for the whole day and enjoy!

- Sausage Sizzle (*Thank you to Blair Miller from NZ Home Loans for the BBQ*)
- Oxford Pies
- Epiphany Donuts
- Dominos Pizza
- Candy Floss
- Popcorn
- Bake Sale
- Cold drinks
- American Hot Dogs
- Ice Blocks

## Pod Raffles for Gala – FINAL Call

We are now asking for final donations of items for our famous Pod Raffles, to be raffled off on Gala Day. If every child could please donate a non-perishable (and not expired!) food or household item to the Raffle Box in their pod, that would be great. All donations in by THIS FRIDAY, thank you very much.

## Help us spread the word

If you have a Facebook account, would you please mind going on our PTA page ([www.facebook.com/TTPTA](http://www.facebook.com/TTPTA)) and then 'share' the post for the Gala and Colour Run to all your family and friends?

## DISHWASHING LIQUID FOR SLIPPERY SLIDE

We'd like to ask for donations of dishwashing liquid for our Slippery Slide, part of the Colour Run. If you can help out with a bottle or two, please message us.

## CRAFT MARKET

As part of our Gala Day, we are holding another Craft Market in the Matariki Hall. Make sure you check it out and support our local craftspeople.

Please 'like' our Facebook page to ensure you keep in the news loop:  
[www.facebook.com/TTPTA](http://www.facebook.com/TTPTA)

Have a wonderful week

Your PTA Team:     



## 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.

### TE RAPA JUNIOR RUGBY

CALLING ALL 9,10,11,12 AN 13 YR OLDS WANTING TO PLAY RUGBY  
WE HAVE 3 MORE WEIGH INS ALL 3 ARE AT WAIKATO STADIUM ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS  
14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 5PM TO 6PM, 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 5PM TO 6PM, 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 5PM TO 6PM  
ENTRY FROM FRASER TECH SIDE BEHIND OLD STAND  
FOR MORE INFO OR YOU CAN'T MAKE ONE OF THESE DATES PLEASE CONTACT  
JASON BRYANT 0275938967 or email [jcbryant14@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:jcbryant14@yahoo.co.nz)



