

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 DISCUSSION BOOKINGS & GOAL-SETTING LETTER

BOOKINGS OPEN TOMORROW

- FRIDAY 6TH MARCH, 2020 @ 9.00AM



Learning Plan Discussions will take place on **Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th March, 2020** for all students.

Today, each student will bring home a “Goal-Setting” letter this week which will help teachers prepare for the Learning Plan Discussions. **Each student is required to return to the Goal-Setting letter to their classroom teacher by Thursday 19th March, 2020.** If your original sheet doesn't make it home this week or is lost, please visit our school website 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 25th March, 2020

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 26th March, 2020

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

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 – our school code is **5q98a**. You can also access this site via our school website 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 directly with classroom teachers.

Who should come?

We encourage the student, and family members who have an interest in learning, to come along and discuss this with the teacher.

What will the format be?

The discussion is a general one about how the learner is progressing, areas of strength and also discussing next steps in learning and how this can happen.

Bookings close on Friday 22nd March, 2019 @ 3.00pm. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept bookings after this date/time.

LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS

School will finish at 2.00pm both Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th March for all students. Students will need to be collected at 2.00pm - Thanks.

Further information regarding booking an interview will follow in next week's newsletter. Bookings will open on Friday 6th March @ 9.00am.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE - LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS (FULL)

As the whole school will finish at 2.00pm on Wednesday 25th March & Thursday 26th March 2020, After School Care will begin at 2.00pm, for those children enrolled. Note: After School Care is now fully booked on both days. Any queries, please email Anna Herbert: afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz

** YEAR 5&6 STUDENTS ONLY **

NEW ZEALAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Thursday 12th March, 2020 @ 1.30pm

This Term our senior school children (Year 5&6) will be attending a free concert by the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra.

The students will learn about the formation of the orchestra in a narrated composition called *The Composer is Dead* with text written by Lemony Snicket. It is a narrated whodunnit where the narrator investigates his way through the different sections of the orchestra.

CONCERT INFORMATION

Venue: **Claudlands Arena**

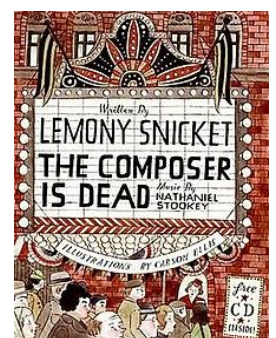
Date: **Thursday 12th March, 2020**

Time: **1:30pm**

Transport: **We will be travelling to/from Claudlands by bus.**

Departing at 12.50pm and returning to Te Totara by 3.00pm

There is **no charge** for the children to attend this concert, registrations must be completed through KINDO by Thursday 5th March, 2020.



“We would like to share some information which has been shared with us at Te Totara Primary School. Your support in keeping your child at home if they are unwell is appreciated.”

COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) Update - March 2020

As you are no doubt aware, three cases of Coronavirus have now been confirmed in New Zealand. We are therefore bringing forward our usual 'flu-season' procedures to help avoid the spread of any infectious disease in our School Community.

Basic hygiene measures are the most important way to stop the spread of infectious disease, including the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Basic hygiene measures include:

- hand hygiene – that is, washing hands regularly with soap and water, or cleansing with hand sanitiser
- staying at home if you are sick
- coughing or sneezing into a tissue or your elbow and then performing hand hygiene
- cleaning surfaces regularly.

Our teachers have been briefed in our infectious disease procedures and we have implemented the following in our classrooms:

- Use of hand sanitizer before eating and after using the bathrooms
- Wiping down of all tables with disinfectant twice a day (before lunch and at the end of the day)
- Tissues for every classroom (if you could supply a box of tissues to your child's classroom teacher, that would be appreciated)
- Washing of hands using the following procedure (please reinforce this at home)

Hand Hygiene Procedure

- Wet hands, preferably with warm water and apply liquid soap
- Rub hands vigorously together and rub all areas
- Wash for 20 seconds (about the same time as it takes to sing Happy Birthday)
- Rinse well and dry hands thoroughly, the following examples are considered thorough:
 - 20 seconds by paper towel (2 towels 10 seconds on each towel)
 - 45 seconds by air dryer
 - 10 seconds by towel followed by 20 seconds by air dryer

Times when hands should be washed

- After coughing or sneezing (when the hands have been used to cover the mouth or nose)
- After using the toilet or after handling animals
- Before, during and after the preparation of food
- When hands are dirty
- More often if someone is sick

Please, if you or your child is sick keep them at home and seek medical advice. We have had a spike in tummy bugs over the last couple of weeks too. Please ensure you keep your child at home for 48hrs **after** their last vomit to help stop the spread.

If you have any of the symptoms associated with Coronavirus, or have recently been to a country or area of concern, or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with COVID-19, please telephone Healthline (for free) on 0800 358 5453 or your doctor immediately.

Symptoms include:

- fever
- coughing
- difficulty breathing

Symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to a range of other illnesses such as influenza. Difficulty breathing is a sign of possible pneumonia and requires immediate medical attention. Having any of these symptoms does not necessarily mean that you have COVID-19.

We don't yet know how long symptoms take to show after a person has been infected with Coronavirus, but current World Health Organization assessments suggest that it is 2–10 days. For further information on Coronavirus please refer to the Ministry of Health Guidelines:

[Ministry of Health Guidelines - Coronavirus](#)

2020 FEES AVAILABLE TO PAY VIA KINDO NOW

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

Please make school payments through your myKindo account. You can pay via American Express, Visa, Mastercard, UnionPay (fees apply), POLi or bank transfer (no fees). Add regular top-ups if you'd like, then allocate to payments when you're ready, or just pay as you go.



2020 School Camp Payments

4th \$45.00 Installment - Due by 6th March, 2020

YEAR 5&6 STUDENTS ONLY

- NZSO Performance on Thursday 12th March, 2020

Cut-off date for registration is Thursday 5th March @ 3.00pm

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

www.tetotara.school.nz then select the "Fees & Donations" tab.

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.

SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

Enrolment Period of 1st July, 2020 - 16th December, 2020

The Board of Trustees are looking to accommodate, if possible, younger siblings and children of staff in the 2020 school year. To help determine this, we urgently need to have Out-of-zone Enrolment Forms into the School Office to help with this process. Please complete an OUTZ Enrolment Form for each child, which is available online from our school website by clicking the following link: www.tetotara.school.nz or by visiting the School Office.

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, 2020 - 16th December, 2020**. 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.

Please return the completed OUTZ Enrolment Form, including the relevant documentation, to the School Office by Friday 13th March, 2020.

HEALTH WAIKATO HEARING & VISION TESTING FOR STUDENTS THAT HAVE NOT COMPLETED ROUTINE TESTS

A Vision & Hearing Technician will be visiting our school on **Monday 30th March, 2020** to complete routine tests for those students who have missed their pre-school or prior school checks. For further information, please contact Health Waikato on (07) 838-3565.

COLLECTING YUMMY STICKERS

Let's work together to help support our Te Totara students as they begin to start collecting Yummy stickers. The 'cut out' labels from the 2 kg bags of 'Yummy' apples or individual 'Yummy' apple stickers can be cashed in to go towards winning free DG Sport sports gear for our school. You can download a sticker chart from

<https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/>

Students can hand them to their classroom teachers when the form is filled up.



UNIFORMS

Direct Group have advised they have normal stocks of all our uniform items in store now.

4 simple ways to order.....

Visit their website: shop.directgroup.co.nz

Email Direct Group: info@directgroup.co.nz

Visit them in store: 6 Latham Court Hamilton

Phone: (07) 847-6664

OUR TE TOTARA YEARBOOK - 2020

Every year Te Totara School produces a spectacular yearbook that is filled with many wonderful memories.

This year, we are looking for a Graphic Designer to put together another outstanding product.

If you are a talented Graphic Designer or have any information that would be helpful in creating our 2020 Yearbook, please contact: Julia May in Orion 10 email: juliam@tetotara.school.nz



SWIM SCHOOL - APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY LESSONS

We are looking at offering Swim School lessons in the next school holiday period from 20th - 24th April, 2020.

Swim School lessons for this block course will be held in the mornings usually from 9am -12.30pm and this will be a 5 day block course of lessons.

Fees will be \$85.00 for this block course of lessons.

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

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



LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS - CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

We are looking for parents, grandparents or other community members who are interested in volunteering in our Library on Friday mornings from 9.00am-12.30pm on a long-term basis.

Full training is given. The job involves returning and issuing books for our students during their class library time and assisting in our Resource Room.

If you are interested can you please email a copy of your CV to our Library Manager - michelles@tetotara.school.nz or drop in and see her either before or after school on Friday.

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

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

TOUCH

Cadets Taylor Baxter, Xander Tantrum

Rebels Gia Moore

CRICKET

Superstars Zanda Miller, Nate Hamilton

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 6th March, 2020 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**
This week our children from Neptune and Earth will attend assembly.
This week our children from Earth 34 will be sharing.

DATES COMING UP

Fri 13 Mar

Wed 18 Mar

Wed 25 Mar

Thurs 26 Mar

Thurs 26 Mar

Mon 30 Mar

Fri 3 Apr

Thurs 9 Apr

Twilight Event (PTA)

PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm

Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm - 5.30pm

Note: School Finishes at 2.00pm

Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm - 6.30pm

Note: School Finishes at 2.00pm

BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm

Routine New Entrant Vision & Hearing Checks at school

PTA - School Disco

End of Term 1, 2020 @ 3.00pm

Ngā mihi,

Anne Fraser

Principal



TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: pta@tetotara.school.nz www.facebook.com/TTPTA

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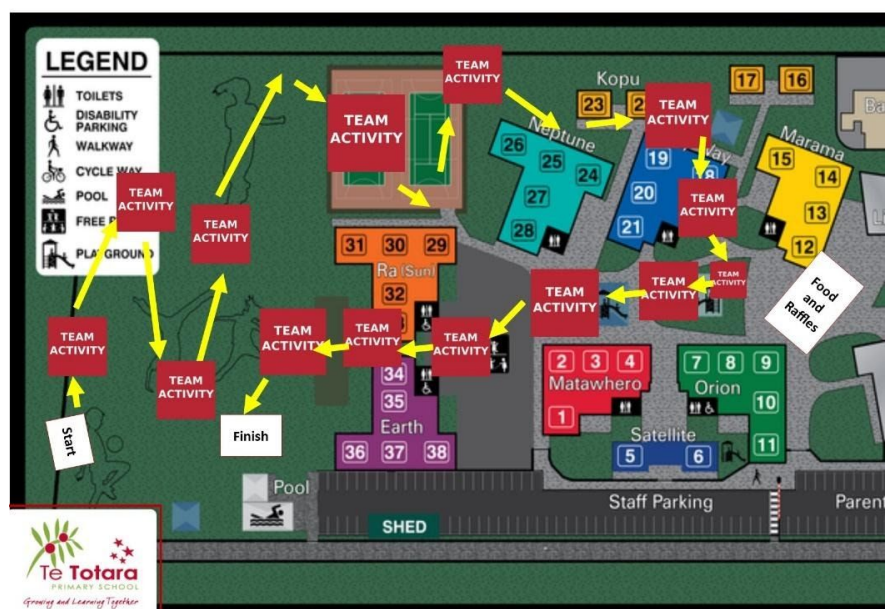
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AMAZING RACE TWILIGHT FUNDRAISER

A fun night for all the family. Enter as a team of 4 (min 1 adult per team). Completing challenges, both physical and cryptic through a course set through the school grounds - **Te Totara PTA's mini Amazing Race!**

Sausage sizzle, Pizza and Coffee cart (Cash Only)... Spot prizes... LOTS of raffles...



BUY TEAM ENTRY BEFORE 8th MARCH to be in to win a \$50 voucher to The Base/Centreplace!

Friday evening 13th March at school. Tickets must be purchase: tetotarapta.eventbrite.co.nz \$25 per team of 4 (Note: If you are struggling to form a Team of 4, teams of 2 or 3 will be eligible to enter. There is a minimum of 1 adult per team. The same entry fee applies regardless of team size.)

Team activities are suitable for ALL AGES. From egg and spoon to climbing over the playground. Teams are not timed, do it as fast or slow as your team chooses.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON RACE DAY!

To make this fundraising event a success, **the PTA needs you!** Each POD has a sign-up sheet for Marshall stations along the course. Let's make this evening one to remember.

We have had a few questions around the volunteer sheets and how to fit in doing the race and volunteering... A couple of suggested options are:

If you want to do the race... suggested options are:

Race at 5.30 or 5.45 and volunteer 7pm-close slot

Race at 6.00 or 6.15 and volunteer 5pm - 6pm slot

If not racing then volunteer 6pm-7pm

Thank you to all our volunteers in advance! Without your help this event wouldn't be possible.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Check out the PTA Facebook event for more FAQ's.

SPONSORS

Thank you to our sponsors of our Family Twilight Event, so far we have onboard:

New World Rototuna, Numberworks Rototuna, Smith and Mackenzie, Good Neighbour Dominos Davies Corner, NZ Homeloans Rototuna, Lonestar Rototuna, Jitterbugs Dance/JitterFit, First Place Fitness Te Rapa, Paper Plus Rototuna, iChill Refrigeration Limited

GROCERY RAFFLE COLLECTION

Thank you for all the donations received last week for our raffles. Come see the raffle table outside Matariki at the Twilight event – awesome prizes to be won!

UPCOMING DATES

Twilight planning event: final meeting 11th March at school 7.30pm

Family Fun Twilight Fundraiser: 13th March from 4.30pm

Monthly meeting: 18th March @ School Staff Room

Disco: 3rd April, Theme: Save the Planet

Monthly meeting: 6 May @ School Staff Room

Your PTA committee: **Q i u @i k -**

