

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)

** SCHOOL CLOSED **

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER - Teacher Only Day
MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER - Labour Day Holiday

A reminder school will be CLOSED for these days.
School opens again on Tuesday 27th October, 2020

PLANNING FOR 2021

We are beginning to plan for 2021 and are looking at next year's classes for our students. The process for organising classes includes:

- Looking at the school structure, the staff and how we can best cater for our students
- Teachers reflecting on their students' strengths and needs
- We consider students' needs and ask them for five names of their friends
- Parents have an opportunity to contribute by emailing Jo Stewart, Deputy Principal, any factors to consider

Due to possible staff changes, it is best to consider the type of teaching style, curriculum needs or learning environment that you may be thinking of for your child, rather than asking for a specific teacher. If you would like to do this, please email Jo Stewart, Deputy Principal, by **Friday 6th November, 2020** at: dp@tetotara.school.nz

YEAR 6 LEAVERS – DESTINATION SCHOOL FOR 2021

Many of our Year 6 families have already enrolled at an Intermediate School/High School for 2021 and have received confirmation of acceptance.

If you haven't already done so..... please advise your child's classroom teacher of your decision and whether or not you have received confirmation of their enrolment.

As you can imagine, these schools have a huge amount of applications to process and are keen to receive Enrolment Applications in advance.

If you haven't made a decision as yet, please also let the classroom teacher know.

STUDENTS LEAVING TE TOTARA

If you have not already notified us and are planning to leave our school at the end of 2020 (*other than our Year 6 students*), it would be appreciated if you could please urgently advise us by email to Marise Crow: receptionist@tetotara.school.nz

If you have a child coming to Te Totara in the future, we would love to have an Enrolment Form - it would be very much appreciated and certainly help with our future planning.

2020 YEAR 6 LEAVERS SUPPER EVENING

TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2020

FROM 6.30PM - 8.00PM IN THE MATARIKI HALL

This will be a night to remember.....our Year 6's are leaving us.

Please bring a plate of finger food to share for supper and BYO drink.

Unfortunately, due to limited space, no siblings please. We are really looking forward to this special evening. Invitations will go home today with your Year 6 child.



2020 YEARBOOK

ORDERS THROUGH KINDO ONLY

\$25.00 per book

Our wonderful school Yearbook is currently being put together, it's a great record of the years' learning and events and includes over 100 full colour pages. Children love reading the pages and do so for many years.

Yearbook orders are placed through KINDO and close on **Friday 20th November, 2020 @ 3.00pm.**

Over 200 people have already ordered their yearbook, don't miss out, the preview copy is looking stunning ! Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.

Please note: If you have Grandparents or friends who wish to order their own copy of the Yearbook, this must be ordered through KINDO and combined with your family order.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SPORTS LEADERS

Yesterday our Sports Leaders took part in The Amazing Race at The Hamilton Gardens.

It was a good day for it with a few showers. There were 72 teams made up from the 35 schools. The children showed amazing leadership qualities and our Te Totara STARS. Everyone enjoyed their day.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly was held on **Thursday, 22nd October, 2020 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm due to Friday being Teacher Only day.**

This week our children from our Neptune and Earth teams attended assembly and our children from Neptune 28 shared.



2021 TERM DATES

Term 1 Wed 3 Feb - Fri 16 April (11 weeks)
(School Holidays 19th - 30 April)

Term 2 Mon 3 May - Fri 9 July (10 weeks)
(School Holidays 12th - 23 July)

Term 3 Mon 26 July - Fri 1 Oct (10 weeks)
(School Holidays 4th - 15th October)

Term 4 Mon 18 Oct - Tues 14 Dec (9 weeks)

Holidays During Term Time

Monday 8th February (Waitangi Day Holiday)

Easter: Good Friday 2nd April

Easter: Monday 5th April

Easter: Tuesday 6th April (school's only)

Teacher Only Day - Friday 4th June

Monday 7 June - Queen's Birthday

Monday 6 Sept (Te Totara Mid-Term break)

Teacher Only Day - Friday 22 October

Monday 25 October - Labour Day

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER - CAN YOU HELP US?

Our library needs a friendly volunteer to assist with issuing books for students during their library times on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30pm-3pm. If you are able to commit to helping on a long-term basis could you please contact Michelle Simms either by popping into the library on a Friday or via email to: librarian@tetotara.school.nz

NETBALL SKIRTS - URGENT NETBALL REMINDER

All netball skirts need to be returned. If you haven't returned YOUR netball skirt yet, please do so urgently to avoid being charged the \$30.00 replacement fee. **Please return to Mrs O'Hallahan in Earth 34 before Friday 6th November 2020.**

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due **Friday 30th October, 2020 @ 9.15am** to the School Office. Sorry **NO** late orders will be accepted.

REMEMBER.... When completing the order form please fill in all the details i.e. name, room number, item number and title of the book.

A quick easy way to order and pay now, is to order and pay online with the book club loop.

2020 FEES & DONATION PAYABLE VIA KINDO

This online system allows you to pay for our school's fees

(Mathletics/Mathseeds, Aquatics, Voluntary School Donation, Lost

Library Book Fees etc) and is also the **ONLY** way to register/pay for your child for sports teams.

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- **2020 YEARBOOK - \$25.00**

Cut-off date 3.00pm on Friday 20th November, 2020

- **2020 SCHOOL CAMP** (Years 5&6) we currently have **\$2500.00** outstanding in camp payments.



Fees and Donations

URGENT - all outstanding amounts to be paid via KINDO under the "Fees & Donations icon"

DATES COMING UP

Fri 23 Oct	Teacher Only Day - School Closed
Mon 26 Oct	Labour Day - School Closed
Thu 29 Oct	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
Fri 30 Oct	School Disco \$2.00 entry - "Save the Planet" Theme Years 0-2 from 5.30pm - 6.45pm Years 3-6 from 7.00pm - 8.15pm
Tues 3 Nov	Junior "Have a Go Day"
Thu 5 Nov	Junior "Have a Go Day" (Postponement Date)
Fri 6 Nov	PTA Iceblock Day
Tues 10 Nov	Senior Athletics Day
Thu 12 Nov	Senior Athletics Day (Postponement Date)
Fri 20 Nov	Cluster Athletics
Thu 26 Nov	BOT Meeting
Fri 27 Nov	PTA Iceblock Day
Tues 1 Dec	Year 6 Leavers Supper

Wed 2 Dec	RJHS Orientation Day (ONLY for Y6 students who's enrolment has been confirmed)
Wed 2 Dec	Volunteers "Thank You" Morning Tea
Fri 4 Dec	Learning Plans Go Home
Tues 8 Dec	End of Year Celebration from 5.45pm - 7.30pm (approx)
Wed 9 Dec	End of Year Celebration (Postponement Date)
Fri 11 Dec	PTA Iceblock Day
Wed 16 Dec	End of TERM 4, School Finishes at 3.00pm

Ngā mihi,
Anne Fraser
 Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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

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www.facebook.com/TTPTA



SCHOOL DISCO

Our first Disco of the year will be held on **Friday 30th October**. The students of **Marama, Milky Way, Earth and Ra** have been given the opportunity to host the disco. Parents have received a letter asking if they can assist on the evening. Could you please return this form promptly to school, as it helps with our planning for the evening. If anyone else would like to help out please email the PTA at:
pta@tetotara.school.nz



Disco Theme: Save Our Planet

Time: Year 0-2 from 5:30pm – 6:45pm
 Year 3–6 from 7:00pm – 8:15pm

Entry Fee: \$2.00 per child

ICE BLOCK DAY

The first ice block day of term 4 will be held on Friday 6th November. We will be asking for volunteers shortly. If you would like to help, please book out an hour of your day from 12:15 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

School Disco – Friday 30th October
 Ice Block Day – Friday 6th November
 Ice Block Day – Friday 27th November

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.**



MusiqHub has a beginner UKULELE group for Te Totara Students available NOW!

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