

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)

Kia ora Te Totara whanau

It is fantastic to see so many of you popping into school today to support your children and our staff at the Senior Athletics. There is a wonderful spirit of fun here today with the Year 3-6 students showing a real 'trying our best' attitude that is in line with our school STAR's. The day is perfect, fine and sunny with a little cooling breeze. Everything is going very well, it is a challenging day in terms of multiple events, large numbers of students and a mixture of competitive and non-competitive sections. Our school Sports Committee does an outstanding job to ensure everything runs so smoothly on days like this.

## 2020 YEARBOOK

**ORDERS THROUGH KINDO ONLY**

**\$25.00 per book**

**\*\* ONLY 1 WEEK LEFT FOR ORDERING \*\***



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. 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 YEARBOOK WINNER

Congratulations to our winner for our 2020 Yearbook Cover Competition:

**Katie Gao from Milky Way 20**

Highly commended entries went to:

**Minyonne & Taliah from Marama 22**

**Olivia & Hadlee from Marama 18**

**Quinn from Ra 33**

**Abbey from Marama 12**

**Demie & Jayana from Milky Way 20**

**Louis from Ra 30**

**Mere from Marama 13**

Thank you to all our students who submitted a Yearbook Cover, there were some awesome designs.

*Well done everyone.*



## VACANCIES AT TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

### SCHOOL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Our 38 classroom school has a permanent vacancy for a School Office Administrator. The position is for 26 hours per week from 8.30am - 3.30pm on Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri during term time commencing on Friday 29th January, 2021. The applicant would need to attend to a wide range of administrative duties and include the following skills:

- First Aid for students and staff (*a First Aid Certificate would be advantageous*).
- Health & Safety (*knowledge of practices would be an advantage*).
- Able to maintain absolute confidentiality.
- An affinity for children - being friendly, helpful and empathetic.
- Superior communication skills, both oral and written.
- Ability to multi-task in a very busy working environment.
- A working knowledge of the Microsoft Office Suite and/or the Google Suite.
- Use of initiative and a willingness to learn.
- Attention to detail is essential, especially spelling, grammar and punctuation.

We are looking for a caring, positive and friendly professional person with a great sense of humour who can work both independently and collaboratively as part of our Administration team. The position will commence on Friday 29th January, 2021.

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

A permanent vacancy exists for an assistant to the school Business Manager. The position is for 2 hours per day, 5 days a week during term time only and will commence Friday 29 January, 2021. The applicant would need to have the following skills:

- A working knowledge of the Microsoft Office Suite and/or the Google Suite.
- Basic financial knowledge - we currently work with the Xero accounting programme.
- Keyboard skills - a large percentage of the tasks involve data entry.
- Attention to detail, especially spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Willingness to learn new skills.
- Can work independently and use initiative.
- Maintain confidentiality of staff and students.

If you would like to work in a friendly, supportive and busy environment, please visit our website [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz) under "Staff Vacancies" for a copy of the Job Descriptions and an Application Form (*which must be completed*).

Applications for the above positions close at **9.00am on Thursday 19th November, 2020** and can be dropped off at the School Office or posted to:  
*Te Totara Primary School, PO Box 28134, Hamilton 3256*

### OUR LOST PROPERTY BIN IS FULL AGAIN!

Weather permitting; we will endeavour to display all lost property items EVERY Friday until the end of term.

Please check out our lost property bin. The BIG YELLOW bin is located outside the Earth building; there are LOTS of polar fleeces!

Please check to see if any items belong to your family as all unclaimed items (other than school uniform) will be donated to charity.

**We ask ALL families to please check your child's uniform on a weekly basis to ensure they are wearing their own uniform, rather than someone else's.**



### SHOOT KEYS - PHOTOLIFE GROUPS & CLUSTER SPORTS PHOTOS

The Shoot Keys were sent home at the end of October, it included details on how to order online. Families who have a shared care arrangement can still use the same Shoot Key to order online. If you have any queries, please call Photolife direct on **0800 501040**

**PLEASE NOTE: The cut-off date for "Free Delivery" orders to the school is midnight on Sunday 15th November, 2020. Photos will be delivered to the school before the end of the school year**



## SCHOOL LUNCH SERVICE

### Have you tried our school lunch service for your child?

Our school lunch supplier is "Lunch Orders" who are based in Hamilton. School lunches will be delivered to our school every day for children's lunches at 12.15pm if ordered by 8.30am daily.

How it works:

- Order online anywhere, anytime on any device.
- Healthy food made with love from a team of experienced chefs.
- Affordable solution providing nourishment for your child with ease.

Sign-up for a free account now! [www.lunchorders.co.nz](http://www.lunchorders.co.nz)



**HOW IT WORKS**

- Visit us online at [www.lunchorders.co.nz](http://www.lunchorders.co.nz)
- Sign up for a free account and select your school
- Top up your account using a credit card or direct credit
- Place your order and select delivery date
- Sit back and relax while your order is freshly made and delivered to your school

LunchOrders delivers to Te Totara Primary on MONDAY - FRIDAY at 12.15PM.

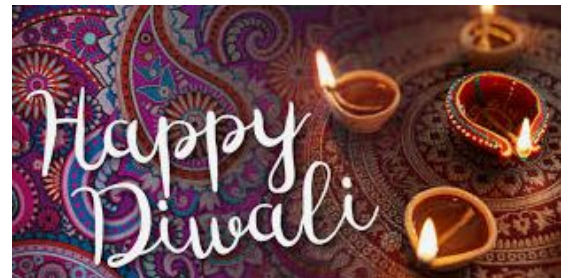
Delicious & nutritious meals delivered straight to the classroom

[www.lunchorders.co.nz](http://www.lunchorders.co.nz)

## HAPPY DIWALI TO OUR TE TOTARA FAMILIES

Diwali is the five-day festival of lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. Diwali, which for some also coincides with harvest and new year celebrations, is a festival of new beginnings and an occasion to celebrate life.

*"May this Diwali light up your life. Let the beauty of the festival of lights fill your homes with all the happiness and prosperity. Happy Diwali!"*



## CAR PARKING, SECURITY OF YOUR VALUABLES AND SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN

Thanks so much to almost everyone who takes care around the school, on behalf of our children, many thanks. Some tips to make sure we have a safe and secure school:

- Parking in Disabled car parks is not permitted at any time unless you have a current "Disabled Parking" permit on display in your vehicle. We have a number of families who legitimately require these carparks.
- Please do not leave any valuables in your car in view of other people, if you have to leave your hand bag or devices in the car, pop these in the boot where they are not visible and please make sure your vehicle is locked at all times.
- If you are in the main car park, please **don't double park** as it causes a grid lock behind you from cars entering and exiting the school car park. If you are behind someone who does this please feel free to toot, we won't mind...
- **Do not leave your vehicle if you are parked in the drop-off zone**, this will allow for the continued flow of traffic.
- Please be extra careful when backing out of a parking space, there may be children behind you that you cannot see.
- The use of hand-held mobile phones is not permitted while driving.
- 5 kms is the speed limit in the school car park and our pick up/drop off zone. Please keep to this speed to keep everyone safe.
- We are noticing a few parents parking their cars on the cobblestones/footpath when picking up and dropping off children to and from school rather than on the driveway, particularly in front of the Administration Block.  
Unfortunately, this is creating a problem with the cobblestones lifting, and the kerb cracking, so we would really appreciate your support in not parking there.

Ways you can help....

- When the weather is fine, please encourage your child/ren to scooter, bike or walk to school.
- Arrive at 3.10pm - less traffic, parking is easier, less stress all round.
- Smile and accept that a few minutes wait is better than a lifetime of misery because one of our children has been injured or something worse has happened.

### DROP-OFF & PICK-UP ZONE 8.15am-9.00am & 2.40pm-3.15pm

Please note that the drop-off zone is for you to drive in, drop-off (or pick-up) your children and depart. We ask that you do not park and leave your car as this causes a backlog of vehicles, this area is designed to keep traffic flowing. You are welcome to use the carpark beside the Matariki Hall if you wish to visit your child's classroom.

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday, 13th November, 2020 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**

This week our children from our Neptune and Earth teams will attend assembly and our children from Earth 36 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

Superstars Lucas Templeton, Yuvraaj Verma  
Thunders Devon Palmer, Cristo Hechter

## 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.

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



- **FAIRFIELD CLUSTER ATHLETICS (YRS 4-6) Selected Students only**  
Cut-off date 3.00pm on Friday 20th November, 2020
- **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

<del>Fri 20 Nov</del>	<del>Fairfield Cluster Athletics</del> (see Wed 2nd December)
Thu 26 Nov	BOT Meeting
Fri 27 Nov	PTA Ice Block Day
Tues 1 Dec	Year 6 Leavers Supper
Wed 2 Dec	Fairfield Cluster Athletics
Wed 2 Dec	RJHS Orientation Day (ONLY for Y6 students who's enrolment has been confirmed)
Wed 2 Dec	PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm
Thurs 3 Dec	Volunteers "Thank You" Morning Tea (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)
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 Ice Block Day
Wed 16 Dec	End of TERM 4, School Finishes at 3.00pm

Ngā mihi,  
**Anne Fraser**  
Principal

**REDUCED FAT**

**LABEL READING**

This means there is less fat than the original version, however, it could still be high in fat. It's important to always check the label.

Light MARGARINE

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# TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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



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

## ICE BLOCK DAY

The first Ice Block day of Term 4 was held last Friday. After a wet few days earlier in the week we had a fine day and sold just over 500 ice blocks. Thank you to the students who supported this PTA fundraiser.

Extra special thanks to our regular helper Gwen, who gave up her time yet again to help sell ice blocks.

The next Ice Block Day is on Friday 27th November and at least 3 helpers are required. If you are able to help please book out an hour of your time from 12:15pm and send the PTA a Facebook message or email:

[pta@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:pta@tetotara.school.nz)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Ice Block Day – Friday 27th November

Next Meeting – Wednesday 2nd December at 7:30pm

Ice Block Day – Friday 11th December

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.**

### Waikato Community School of Music Offers

Saturday 28th November, 9:00am - 11:30am

TT building entrance, Gate 4, Hillcrest Road (University of Waikato Campus)

Come along and see what the Waikato Community School of Music offers. All classrooms will be open to observers during these times. All ages welcome, from pre-school to retirement. Over 12 different instruments taught, plus six ensemble options. Music Makers programme from age 3, children's choir. Contact us via our website Waikato Community School of Music or by phone 07 838 4611 or 022 636 8194.

### Building Champions Obstacle Challenge, Hamilton - Sunday 29th November

The Building Champions Obstacle Challenge series was specially designed to create a fun, non competitive and safe environment for children to play and be active with the support of their families. (Parents and guardians run free)

Everyone is a winner at Building Champions Obstacle Challenge with our unique obstacles and event format developed for inclusiveness, parent / child bonding, risk taking and most importantly massive smiles and laughter.

More details about the event see below:

Website - <https://obstaclechallenge.co.nz/hamilton>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/ObstaclechallengeNZ>

Event Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9yj1v2B6Qo>

Hamilton City Council is talking to our community about the **Biking and Micro-mobility Programme** – a long-term city-wide plan to encourage people of all ages to use bikes, e-scooters and e-skateboards as attractive ways to get around the city.

We've come up with four possible themes for the programme, and would love feedback from the staff and students at your school on these.

Click on the below link:

## [Biking & Mobility Programme](#)

Your feedback will help us develop the final programme, which could include projects and initiatives such as new infrastructure, targeted education programmes, policy, regulations and end-of-trip facilities.

