

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), **Hala** (Spanish), **Annyeonghaseyo** (South Korea) **Israel Shalom** (Hebrew)

2016 SURVEY FEEDBACK

Recently, we sent home a survey with each student to complete with their family. We have done some preliminary analysis on the feedback (details below), we wanted to share these results and get back to you as quickly as possible.

We had 243 responses (our highest participation in a school survey ever); the feedback was collated independently of the Board to help with impartiality.

What do you like about Te Totara? The main points that came up:

- Teachers/staff - friendly, approachable, supportive, passionate, professionalism, organised, positive, helpful, dedicated
- Principal - friendly, visible, roaming, visionary, approachable, visual leadership, supportive
- STARS
- Playground
- Back Field
- Library
- Pod spaces
- Leadership opportunities for senior students
- Swimming pool
- Multi-cultural - respecting other cultures
- Uniform

What could we do to improve and how would it help? Main points:

- Change white shirt to red - hard to keep clean, wash - 24 respondents
- Traffic management/parking - too congested, not enough parking available, entrance to carpark needs to be wider
- Other suggestions:*
- Bigger hall - so you can have whole school assemblies, fit more parents in watching assemblies and events
- Longer Eating For Learning times so students can finish eating instead of rushing out to play so they don't lose where their friends are going
- Soccer goals
- More shaded areas
- Swings for playground

Ratings

- Excellent 86.....36%
- Very Good 130.....55%
- OK 18.....8 %
- Not Good 1.....0.4%
- Awful 0
- No rating given 8

Our early analysis

Key Takeaways that have pleased the board immensely;

- 99.6% of respondents rated the school as ok, very good, or excellent
- There were lots of positives around the relationships and trust within the school
- Engagement with our community (243 respondents) was fantastic and this feedback will be considered by the board over the next few meetings with any action being taken, reported back to our community through the school newsletter
- Any agreed actionable items that are appropriate for the annual planning cycle would also form part of our Strategic and Annual Plan.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who took part in the survey reaffirming what we are doing well and for your suggestions of how we could do even better.

STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL BEFORE 3.00PM

I wanted to clarify the situation around students leaving before the end of the school day before 3.00pm, as we have instances of parents wanting to leave with students early. Students are under the care of teachers until 3.00pm and I have asked them not to release students before this time, unless they have been signed out at the office with a valid reason. I am aware that families may like to beat the end of the day traffic, but this is not a valid reason for students to miss out on their learning. For those students who attend a school assembly on a Friday I may allow students to leave with parents, once they have checked with the teacher.

The reasons for the above are around teaching and learning as well as health and safety. We need to make sure we account for everyone on site. Also the end of the school day is an important time for teachers and students as they wrap up the teaching and learning activities for the day.

If you do have any queries around then please don't hesitate to contact me at brians@tetotara.school.nz

HEALTH CURRICULUM COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Schools are obliged to consult with their community over the Health Programme, so today we are sending home a paper copy with the oldest student at school. We do value your feedback, so if forms could be back to the Mooloo Box in the School Office by **Friday 18th November** it would be greatly appreciated.

WHĀNAU EVENING

Kia ora tātou. All Te Totara families are warmly invited to an evening of kapa haka, kai and kōrero.

When: Monday 21st November at 5.30pm

Where: Matariki Hall, Te Totara

What: Te Totara Kapa Haka performance, shared kai (please bring a plate of food to share) and discussion around Te Totara Primary initiatives for tamariki and whānau.

Please contact Ryan Jordan (Room 12) for any queries about the evening.

PHOTOLIFE PHOTOS HOME TODAY

Sibling, Individual and Class photos that were ordered by families last term are coming home today. Shortly, we will receive shoot keys for families to be able to order the Cultural and Sports Photos that were taken on 17th October.

JUMP JAM MEDIA ALERT FOR SCHOOLS

JUMP JAM Makes All Children Winners - Media Alert

Three JUMP JAM teams from our school have won a place in the North Island Regional Jump Jam competition and will travel to Tauranga to compete.

Our teams will be one of over 220 teams (1850 primary school children) from all over the New Zealand in the JUMP JAM Regional Competitions. This is the largest aerobic competition held in New Zealand for school students this year!

When: Saturday 5th November 2016

Where: Baycourt Theatre, Tauranga.

JUMP JAM is a primary school aerobics fitness programme created 16 years ago Brett Fairweather, twice World Aerobic Champion, eight times New Zealand Aerobic Champion, under his company, Kidz Aerobix. Brett's extensive fitness industry qualifications equipped him to develop safe effective routines for children. Brett's aim was to make exercise enjoyable and accessible to all children; and easy for teachers to incorporate into the school curriculum. JUMP JAM is now implemented in over 2,000 primary schools throughout New Zealand; that's over 515,000 children having fun keeping fit, including many who may not participate in traditional team sports.

"I have been delighted at the enthusiasm for JUMP JAM," says Brett. "Kids absolutely love it. There is no doubt that children are more sedentary these days and I believe this is a very effective way to increase the time they spend in aerobic movement and to help fight today's child obesity problem."

While participation in JUMP JAM makes all children winners the regional competition provides an opportunity for school teams to work together towards a goal, and to experience the satisfaction that is derived from group success and travelling together to participate. "We will have teams from Auckland to Wellington competing in the JUMP JAM North Island Regional Competition," says Brett.

Our school is very excited to be a finalist in the JUMP JAM Competition. Our team has been practicing hard since early this year. Costume is a vital part of each team's routine and we invite you to visit our school to photograph the team in action and hear our story.

MATAWHERO AND ORION MATHEMATICS MORNING

We would like to invite the Matawhero and Orion Parents to an Information Session on **Thursday 10th November 2016 starting in the Matawhero Pod at 9.10am – 10:00am**. Our Team Leaders will present an overview about Mathematics and you will be able to see our daily mathematics programmes in action.

YEARS 3-6 ATHLETICS DAY

** PARENT HELP NEEDED **

Our Year 3-6 Athletics Day is on Tuesday 15th November, 2016. We will need Parent Help on the day to help the events run smoothly. Please email naomic@tetotara.school.nz by the 11th of November advising which of the times listed below you are available to help with.

Session 1: 9.00am - 10:30am

Session 2: 11.00am - 12:30pm

Session 3: 1:25pm - 2:30pm

The postponement day is Thursday 17th November.

If you are able to offer parent help, can you please also indicate whether or not you are able to make it on the postponement day.

Note to parents: Children are encouraged to wear their school house colours on Athletics Day.

ATHLETICS TIMETABLE 2016

Time	Long Jump Boys	Long Jump Girls	50m Sprint	Tennis Ball Throw Boys	Tennis Ball Throw Girls	100m Sprint 80m sprint (Yr 3)
	By Marama	Field	By hill	Field	Field	Far side of field
9:00am	All children gather on Turf for welcome in their house colours.					
9:10am – 10:00am	Year 6	Year 6	Year 3	Year 4	Year 4	Year 5
10.00-10:25am & 11:10-11:35am	Year 5	Year 5	Year 6	Year 3	Year 3	Year 4
11:40am-12:30pm	Year 4	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 6	Year 3
12:30pm	800m race for those who are keen. No heats. Straight finals. Year 4-6.					
LUNCH						
1:35pm – 2:25pm	Year 3	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 5	Year 6
2:30pm – 2:55pm	House Relays if time permits					

YEARBOOK 2016 - \$20.00 EACH

Our wonderful school Yearbook is currently being put together, Order Forms were sent home last week. **At only \$20.00 per book**, it is a great record of the years' learning and events and includes over 100 full colour pages. Children love pouring over the pages and do so for many years. **Orders Close on Friday 18th November, 2016. Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.**



YEAR 6 LEAVER'S SUPPER EVENING

Tuesday 6th December 2016 from 6.30pm-8.00pm in the Matariki Hall

This will be a night to remember, our Year 6's are leaving us. Invitations will be sent home shortly. 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 be sent home tomorrow with your child, please RSVP by Tuesday 29th November 2016.

SWIM SCHOOL LESSONS AT TE TOTARA

We are looking at running Swimming Lessons in the January 2017 School Holidays and an 8-week block course starting in Term 1.

School Holiday Lessons

This will be a 1-week block course for your child/ren. Pre-school children's lessons will also be available if there is enough interest.

Block courses will be held over 2 weeks: 9th-13th January and 16th-20th January if there is enough interest. Your child/ren's lesson would be held at the same time each day for the week for 25 minutes. These lessons are usually held at school between 9am-1pm.

Term 1 Lessons

This will be an 8-week block course for your child/ren. Pre-school children's lessons will also be available if there is enough interest.

Lessons will be on Tuesday's and Wednesday's each week after school.

We are looking to start these lessons on Tuesday 14th February 2017, with the last lessons being held Wednesday 5th April 2017.

Parents are reminded please to stay on site for your child's swim school lesson as per our swim school terms and conditions.

If your child/ren attend our ASC, arrangements can be made for your child to attend these lessons.

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 celestem@tetotara.school.nz

CONGRATULATIONS TO A PAST TE TOTARA STUDENT

Leneshen Govender currently attends Peachgrove Intermediate as a Year 8 student and has been awarded the Altrusa Award for 2016 – well done! Below are some words they used to describe Leneshen:

'Leneshen is a student who is positive and humble. He has earned the respect of both peers and adults. He is a pro-active student that strives to improve his and others working environment and achievements. Leneshen impresses with his willingness to help. He shows initiative and leadership and has a delightful manner.'



FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held Friday 4th November 2016, in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.

This week children from Orion, Kōpū, Earth & Marama Teams will attend assembly.

Our Orion 8 and Orion 10 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

SUMMER HOCKEY

Kiwis Franko Du Preez, Leon Du Preez
Pukeko Tegan Dowling, Murray Myburgh

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 10 Nov

Tues 15 Nov

Thurs 17 Nov

Fri 18 Nov

Fri 18 Nov

Mon 21 Nov

Tues 22 Nov

Thurs 24 Nov

Thurs 24 Nov

Thurs 24 Nov

Fri 25 Nov

Tues 29 Nov

Tues 6 Dec

Matawhero and Orion Mathematics Morning 9.10am-10.00am

Yrs 3-6 Senior Athletics

Senior Athletics Postponement Date

Muffi Day to Support Covered Courts Project

PTA Lemonade Ice-block Friday

Whānau Evening

Fairfield Cluster Athletics Yrs 4-6

Y6 Orientation at RJHS from 9.30am – 12.30pm

BOT Meeting @ 6.00pm

PTA Gala & Colour Run Planning Meeting

Muffi Day - 'Sports' Theme

Fairfield Cluster Athletics Postponement Date

Year 6 Leavers Supper @ 6.30pm



Mon 12 Dec
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Fri 16 Dec
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End of Year Celebration
PTA Raffle drawn at the end of year celebration
PTA Lemonade Ice-block Friday
SCHOOL FINISHES FOR 2016 @ 3.00PM



Kind regards,
Brian Sheedy
Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

Hi everyone, hope you've all had a great week.
Lots happening this term, the best way to keep up to date with all our upcoming events is via our Facebook page: please 'like' it to ensure you are kept in the loop: www.facebook.com/TTPTA

SCHOOL DISCO

Wonderful to see so many people at the Disco last Friday night, you all looked fantastic! Pics have been posted on our PTA Facebook page, check them out.

We had a fantastic amount of support last week at the Disco with nearly 50 volunteers throughout the build up and on the night. We also had some great help from our Y5 & Y6 students including our MC Riley. This was a really great indictment of our school community pulling together for the good of the kids - Thank you so much! A special thanks to Gavin Larsen for once again putting on the music and lighting - great job well done and most appreciated!

RAFFLE TICKETS

In the next week or so we will be distributing a book of raffle tickets to every student at Te Totara, to sell to families, friends and the community. The raffle prizes will be drawn live at the end of year celebration early December. Check out these great prizes:

 **Te Totara PTA**
PRIMARY SCHOOL

\$5 per ticket

★ FUNDRAISING RAFFLE ★
in support of the covering of the Te Totara Primary School tennis courts

<p>★ PRIZE A: ROTORUA WEEKEND ESCAPE ★ Family of 4 (2 Ad, 2 Ch under 12). Includes 2 nights accommodation incl. breakfast at the Distinction Hotel, Tamaki Tours Evening Experience including Dinner, Te Puia Day Pass including Lunch, Rainbow Springs and Agrodome Sheep Show – valued at over \$1200!</p>	<p>★ PRIZE B: AUCKLAND SHOPPING TRIP ★ Private Coach Hire for up to 15 passengers for a chauffeured shopping day tour of Auckland, valued at over \$900! KINDLY DONATED BY LEBLURE TIME TOURS</p>
<p>★ PRIZE C ★ 20 hours of free labour for a residential working bee KINDLY DONATED BY NORTH HAMILTON LEISURE CLUB AND FRIENDS OF THE PTA</p>	<p>★ PRIZE D ★ \$200 Gift Basket from New World Rotorua KINDLY DONATED BY NEW WORLD ROTORUA</p>
<p>★ PRIZE E ★ Two free terms of 'Jitterbugs' dancing lessons for one child KINDLY DONATED BY JITTERBUGS</p>	<p>★ BONUS DRAW ★ '3 MYSTERY PRIZES' valued at \$150 each. 'What will they be? Be in to WIN!'</p>



Drawn under police supervision in front of the audience at the Te Totara End of Year Celebration, 12 December 2016. Winners will also be notified by phone and/or email, and results published on the Te Totara PTA Facebook page: www.facebook.com/TTPTA. Some terms, conditions and exclusion dates apply, see Facebook page for details. Organiser: Te Totara PTA Executive Committee, c/o Te Totara Primary School, Hector Dr, Rotorua, Hamilton.

Thank you for supporting our school, it is much appreciated.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS – mark these in your calendar

18th November - Ice Block Friday

24th November - PTA Gala and Colour Run Planning meeting – this is going to be very exciting!! Please come along to this social evening (please bring a plate) starting at 7pm at the school staff lounge. All welcome to attend - please bring along your ideas - we need your help!

25th November - Muffin Day - 'Sports' Theme - Dress up as your favourite sports player, or team etc

12th December - Raffle Drawn at the end of year celebration

16th December - Ice Block Friday

As parents of Te Totara children, you are all members of the PTA as well. Please help by volunteering whatever time you can spare. Our children are so lucky in being part of a school that is able to offer such a wonderful range of activities and events. All parents work hard, but we believe that if we can all do a little something to help, then it benefits everyone. **Please get involved - It's all about the kids!**

EMAIL: tetotara.pta@gmail.com Till next time, have a great week. Your friendly PTA committee:
Scott, Anna, Jasmine, Nalina, Vicki & Liz

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.

HUKANUI PRIMARY SCHOOL GALA – SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER, 10.00AM – 2.00PM, RAIN OR SHINE!

A fun day out for all the family including facepainting, dog cart rides, car smash, talent show, bake sale, white elephant, sausages, candyfloss, Mamas Donuts and lots more! Follow the gala on Facebook (search Hukanui Gala) for updates and we'd love to see you at Hukanui School in Pickering Crescent on Saturday 5th November from 10am-2pm.

CAMBRIDGE REAL ESTATE FAMILY FIREWORKS EVENT

When: Saturday 5th November

Where: Mighty River Domain, Lake Karapiro

Times: Gates open 6.30pm (close approx. 9.00pm) for fun, food and entertainment until professional pyrotechnics display is launched from the lake just after 9.15pm.

Cost: Adults \$10 each, Children \$5 each, under 5 years of age NO charge. Pay by cash or eftpos at the gates on the night. Sorry, NO Credit Cards

Food and Entertainment: Bouncy Castles, Rock Climbing Walls, Extreme Airjumper 4-way Bungy, Face-painting, Coffee Cart, Lions Food Truck, Sausage Sizzle, Icecreams, Drinks, Bacon Baps, Candyfloss etc

Enquiries: fireworks@cambridgeeast.school.nz or find us on facebook **Cambridge Real Estate Family Fireworks**

MITRE 10 MEGA TE RAPA, PUMPKIN CONTEST

We know many schools are now incorporating gardens into their kids learning so thought it would be a great opportunity to grow something exciting and different.

Weigh in will be held in store at 1pm March 25th 2017. Prizes for individual pumpkins are outlined below.

The Biggest BIG PUMPKIN - \$200 Mitre 10 Gift Card

The Ugliest BIG PUMPKIN - \$50 Mitre 10 Gift Card

The Best Dressed BIG PUMPKIN - \$50 Mitre 10 Gift Card

The Smallest Mature PUMPKIN - \$50 Mitre 10 Gift Card

To encourage kids to get growing, we will reward the school with the most pumpkin entries an additional \$200 gift card! This can be used to promote gardening further in the kids' education or anything else your school may need. Kids can enter by purchasing their pumpkin plants from Mitre 10 Mega Te Rapa for just \$2.99 and register at our Customer Service Desk.

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE?

Child, Youth and Family are currently looking for people in this area who can offer safe, caring, stable homes for young people in need of short term care, time out over weekends and/or holidays, or a home for life.

You may be surprised; you could be just the right person to offer your care to a young person who needs you!

If you are interested in finding out more, or know someone who may be interested, or if you think you might be able to help in some other way then we would love to hear from you!

Please call Johnson Taoho, Care Services Manager, on 07 957 4740 or email johnson.taoho001@cyf.govt.nz



GARDEN RAMBLE

Fundraiser for the STAK Pony Club
13th November 10am – 2pm



Experience a piece of Europe in the Waikato. This amazing 5 acre garden is open for visitors to view, ramble, meditate and simply enjoy. You are welcome to bring your picnic or your easel. However please remove all rubbish and don't feed any animals or birdlife observed.

NO DOGS

Children to be supervised at all times. Be aware of usual garden and farm hazards including uneven terrain, drains, ponds, pool and water features. Please do not enter roped off areas for your own safety.

346 Blackett Road, Te Kowhai West, off SH39 Hororua Road

Tickets on sale at the gate on the day

\$10 Adults \$5 Children under 15, under 5 free

We look forward to sharing this incredible garden with you!

Any enquires to St. Andrews Koromatua Pony Club, phone Anita 0274948513



Sticks 'n Stones is a student led project focused on taking positive action online to reduce Cyberbullying.

The Team at Sticks n'Stones have thought hard about what young people need to know from a young person's perspective, and provided some handy links on their website to help with navigating today's cyber social networks, especially if you have a teen or tween at home. You can find out more at www.sticksnstones.co.nz.



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