

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 3RD AUGUST, 2017

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Kia Ora (Maori/NZ), Hello (English), Bula (Fijian), Welkom (South African), Hulin ying (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 DISCUSSIONS

BOOKINGS OPEN TOMORROW, FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST, 2017 @ 9.00AM

Learning Plan Discussions will take place on Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th August, 2017 for all students except Matawhero 2.

We have arranged <u>15 minute time slots</u> 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 23rd August, 2017

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 24th August, 2017

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, 6.45pm & 7.00pm.

How do I book a time?

To make an appointment time for your child/ren, please use our online booking system

<u>www.schoolinterviews.co.nz</u> – our school code is **k53jg** You can also access this site via our school website <u>www.tetotara.school.nz</u>

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" from the confirmation screen.

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 <u>do not</u> make arrangements direct with classroom teachers.

Who should come?

We encourage the <u>student</u>, <u>and family members who have an interest in learning</u>, 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 Monday 21st August, 2017 @ 3.00pm. We will not be able to accept bookings after this date/time.

Please Note: School will finish at <u>2.00pm</u> both Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th August for ALL students. Students will need to be collected at 2.00pm - Thanks.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

As the whole school will finish at 2.00pm on Wednesday 23rd August & Thursday 24th August 2017; After School Care will begin at 2.00pm, for those children enrolled.

PHOTOLIFE SIBLINGS (NOT AT SCHOOL) PHOTOS Tuesday 8th August & Wednesday 9th August, 2017 in the Matariki Hall

Sibling Photos involving <u>pre-schoolers/older siblings NOT at our school will</u> be taken between <u>8.00am-9.00am</u> on a <u>first-come-first-served</u> basis in the Matariki Hall on both days.



<u>PLEASE NOTE: Students who have siblings at our school will have their photo taken during class time if you have pre-ordered and paid for this. Students must be wearing the correct school uniform.</u>

If you wish to have a sibling photograph, please collect a "Sibling Photo Envelope" from the School Office and **return it with payment BEFORE** Photo Day to the School Office. Sibling Photos will automatically be printed (NOT AVAILABLE ONLINE) and delivered to the school along with the Class and Individual photos at a later date.

PHOTOLIFE CLASS & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

Tuesday 8th August, 2017 – Class, Individual & Sibling Wednesday 9th August, 2017 – Class & Individual & Sibling Note: Wednesday 18th Oct – Groups & Sports (NO Whole School Photo)



Students will need to look their best, so please ensure that the correct school uniform ONLY is worn and that it is in a clean and tidy condition (black school shorts/skort, white polo shirt and red polar fleece).

Soon after Photo Day your son or daughter will bring home an online slip with their unique Shoot Key detailed on it. When you log-in your personalised Shoot Key number will display all the photographs of your child, <u>including an individual photo</u> (sibling photos are not available online).

It is then an easy process for you to shop online and purchase the photographs you want. If you place your order within three weeks of receiving your Shoot Key you will receive free delivery of your order to the school.

If you order after the 3 week free delivery period, a postage & handling fee per order will apply and orders will be sent to your home.

For families who do not wish to use the Photolife online system, order envelopes will be available from the School Office soon after Photo Day.

A Photolife flyer will go home today to the eldest child in each family.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by **9.15am on Friday 4th August, 2017** to the School Office.

Sorry <u>NO</u> 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.

Visit: mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

** URGENT ** URGENT ** URGENT **

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY HELP - TUESDAY 15TH AUGUST, 2017

We always need additional family support as marshals on the day to help us successfully run this event. No experience required, we can let you know what to do!

We are looking for parent help as Marshals on the day, if you are able to help for any of the times below please advise the School Office or email Craig Roger craigr@tetotara.school.nz

9.00am-10.30am / 11.00am-12.30pm / 1.30pm-2.00pm

If the Cross Country is to be postponed we will do this by 8.00am. This will be posted on our school Facebook page and our website. The Postponement Date is Thursday 17th August, 2017.

WHOLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY-TUESDAY 15TH AUGUST, 2017

Year 5&6 children may arrive in their running gear in their house colours and change into their school uniform after their race has finished. All other students please come to school in your school uniform and bring your running gear in your house colours to change into before you race.

The first group of races will start at 9:20am and finish at 10:25am. To avoid disappointment, we suggest you arrive at the start of this block at 9:15am.

8:55am Roll taken, Meet on courts and assemble in house teams for cheers

9:15am Children return to teachers, first runners get organised

9:20am Year 6 Girls 9:25am Year 6 Boys 9:50am Year 5 Girls 9:55am Year 5 Boys

10.25am - 10.55am MORNING TEA

The second group of races will start at 11:00am and finish at approximately 12:30pm. Again, we suggest you arrive at the <u>start</u> of this block.

11:00am Year 4 Girls 11:05am Year 4 Boys 11:30am Year 3 Girls 11:35am Year 3 Boys 12:00pm Year 2 Girls 12:05pm Year 2 Boys

LUNCH

The last group will start at 1:30pm and finish at approximately 2.00pm.

1:30pm Year 1 Girls Orion 1:35pm Year 1 Boys Orion 1.45pm Year 1 Girls Matawhero

1.50pm Year 1 Boys Matawhero2:00pm Certificates written. Children back to classrooms, baas packed etc.

2:15pm Year 1-2 certificates in Matariki Hall. 2.35pm Year 3-6 certificates in Matariki Hall.

Please note: There may also be a Coffee van at school on this day.

TE TOTARA HOUSE COLOURS

There are four houses, all named in line with our STARS theme and space expeditions:

HOUSE: COLOUR:
Apollo Yellow
Challenger Blue
Discovery Green
Mercury Red

"Apollo, Challenger, Discovery & Mercury"

- · Children are placed in houses when they arrive at school. New Entrants with family members already at school will be placed in the same house.
- We will be able to use the houses for different school events and happenings e.g. Athletic Sports, Cross Country.
- · Houses will provide our children with leadership responsibilities and provide good-natured competition.
- · There are colours for each house.
- · There will be a Lead Teacher looking after each house.
- · Students will be meeting in house groups before the School Cross Country.
- · Children are encouraged to wear an item of a colour associated with their school house.

CHICKENPOX

We have begun the term with a number of students away with chickenpox. According to the Ministry of Health Infectious Diseases Guidelines:

- Early signs are a fever and spots with a blister on top of each spot.
- The child is infectious from up to 5 days before appearance of the rash until lesions have crusted (usually about 5 days).
- Time between exposure and sickness is 13-17 days.
- This disease is spread by coughing and sneezing and by direct contact with weeping blisters.
- Exclusion from school is approximately a week from the date of the appearance of the rash.

If you are unsure whether your child should return to school, please see your family doctor.

A copy of the Infectious Diseases Guidelines can be found on the school website under the Health & Medical red tab.

MID-TERM BREAK - MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2017 A reminder school will be CLOSED for this mid-term break.

DO YOU NEED CARE FOR YOUR CHILD ON THE DAY OF THE SCHOOL MID-TERM BREAK? MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

Please register your interest by the end of week 3 at the latest (<u>Friday 11th August, 2017</u>). Email <u>afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz</u>.

If we do not have enough interest by the end of the week 3, we will not be able to offer this care. You must also attach an enrolment form with your email if you are not already enrolled.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS

Congratulations to our students who recently sat and passed their piano exams.

- Da Young Kim passed Grade 1 piano with Distinction
- Mia Jia passed Initial piano with Merit
- Lucy McMorran passed Initial piano

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 4th August 2017**, in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm. This week children from Matawhero, Neptune, Ra and Milky Way will attend assembly.

Next week Assembly will be on Thursday 10th August in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm, due to Matariki Hall being closed in preparation for the Disco on Friday, with Orion 8 & 11 sharing. This week children from Orion, Kōpū, Earth & Marama will attend assembly.

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

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

NETBALL

Comets Paige Freeman
Defenders Tayla Palmer
Ferns Ave Benefield

Keepers Holly Wine, Abbey Leatherland

Magic Madison Beros
Meteors Katie MacKenzie
Shooters Brooke Laws

HOCKEY

Leopards Savannah Bourne Lightning Quinn James Shooters Jamie Timmo

Stormers Anika Cuppanda, Paige Hopping



DATES COMING UP

Tues 8 Aug Photolife Class, Individual & Sibling Photos Wed 9 Aug Photolife Class, Individual & Sibling Photos

Thurs 10 Aug School Assembly @ 2.00pm (No Friday assembly due to School Disco)

Fri 11 Aug SCHOOL DISCO (PTA)

Years 0, 1 & 2 from 5.30pm - 6.30pm Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 from 6.45pm - 8.00pm

Tues 15 Aug School Cross Country

Thurs 17 Aug School Cross Country - Postponement Date

Mon 14 Aug ICAS, Mathematics

Wed 23 Aug
2.15pm - 5.30pm - Learning Plan Discussions (School Finishes at 2.00pm)
Thurs 24 Aug
2.15pm - 7.00pm - Learning Plan Discussions (School Finishes at 2.00pm)

Mon 4 Sept Mid-Term Break - SCHOOL CLOSED Fri 29 Sept TERM 3, 2017 FINISHES AT 3.00PM

Kind regards, **Brian Sheedy** *Principal*

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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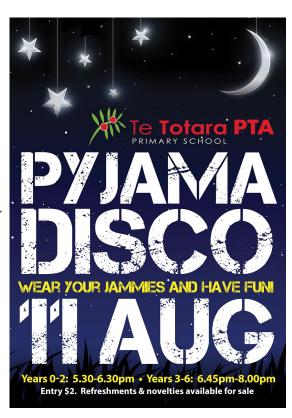


SCHOOL DISCO

Don't forget to mark Friday 11th August on your calendar. Theme is PYJAMA PARTY! Entry is \$2.00 per child, plus there will be refreshment and novelties available for sale.

Come along in your favourite PJs and get ready for some fun. There will be 2 sessions:

1st session for years 0, 1 & 2 2nd session for years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Please see poster for times.



DISCO HELPERS NEEDED

We will require helpers for our Disco, including setting up the hall and foyer, and helping sell treats on the night. Please volunteer a couple of hours of your time to give us a hand – please see Jemma Campbell in Ra 31 or message us on the Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/TTPTA/

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

Have a great week

Your PTA team: Scott, Liz, Rae, Nalina, Vicki & Jemma

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.

JITTERBUGS DANCE LESSONS TERM 3 2017

Just a few spaces left for Term 3 if anyone was interested in enrolling their child in the following sessions.



- Tuesday (at RJHS) 4.00 Jitterjam (unisex class ages 5½ 12) 3 Spaces
- Thursday (at Horsham Downs Hall) 4.30 Jitterbugs Intermediate (ages 7 12) 2 Spaces
- Cost: \$95 for the term which includes a show and access to video's for your kids to practice to at home.
- Email jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz for more info, visit <u>www.jitterbugsdancelessons.co.nz</u> or checkout the Jitterbugs Facebook page



