

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER, 2017

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#### **EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE (ERO) VISIT** Parent Meeting - Tuesday 14th November, 2017 at 2.00pm

We met recently with the ERO Co-ordinator of the review, Jennifer Costar, to set up the review schedule with the ERO team visiting over two weeks from 13th November. The focus of the Review will be "How effectively does Te Totara School Curriculum respond to Maori and other children whose learning and achievement need acceleration."

As part of their review the ERO Team would like to meet with parents. They are particularly interested in meeting with parents of children who have Learning Needs (Priority Students) or children who have ongoing needs.

The meeting starts at 2.00pm and is due to be finished by the end of school. If you would like more information, or clarification about this, then please don't hesitate to contact me brians@tetotara.school.nz

#### **PLANNING FOR 2018**

We are beginning to plan for 2018 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 e-mailing Anne Fraser 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 e-mail Anne Fraser, Deputy Principal, by tomorrow Friday 3rd November, 2017 at annef@tetotara.school.nz

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JUMP JAM TEAMS

Congratulations to our two Jump Jam teams which competed at the Jump Jam Nationals Competition in Auckland last weekend. Mrs May and Mrs Reid were very proud of the students, who performed their routines the best yet - earning each team three awards from the judges.

A massive thank you to all the parents who supported the students, and to Tinttech who provided some financial sponsorship to help our teams get to the Nationals. Brilliant job everyone!





#### YEARS 3-6 ATHLETICS DAY \*\* PARENT HELP NEEDED \*\*

#### **TUESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER. 2017**

We will need Parent Help on the day to help the events run smoothly. Please email Megan Reid at **meganr@tetotara.school.nz** by the Thursday 2nd 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 9th 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.

#### YEARS 3-6 ATHLETICS TIMETABLE 2017

| TEARS 5-6 ATTLETICS TIMETABLE 2017  |  |                    |            |                           |                            |                                  |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Time                                | Long Jump<br>Boys  | Long Jump<br>Girls | 50m Sprint | Tennis Ball<br>Throw Boys | Tennis Ball<br>Throw Girls | 100m Sprint<br>80m sprint (Yr 3) |
|                                     | Behind<br>Milky Way  | Field              | By hill    | Field                     | Field                      | Far side of field                |
| 9:00am                              | All children gather on Turf for welcome in their house colours.        |                    |            |                           |                            |                                  |
| 9:10am –<br>10:00am                 | Year 6   | Year 6             | Year 3     | Year 4                    | Year 4                     | Year 5                           |
| 10.00-10:25am<br>&<br>11:10–11:35am | Year 5   | Year 5             | Year 6     | Year 3                    | Year 3                     | Year 4                           |
| 11:40am–12:30<br>pm                 | 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 –<br>2:25pm                  | Year 3   | Year 3             | Year 4     | Year 5                    | Year 5                     | Year 6                           |
| 2:30pm –<br>2:55pm                  | House Relays if time permits   |                    |            |                           |                            |                                  |

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 YEARBOOK COVER COMPETITION WINNER...

#### **LUCY MCMORRAN!**

Thank you to all the talented students who entered the competition. We were blown away by your outstanding and creative cover designs.

#### 2017 YEARBOOK - ORDER YOUR COPY NOW THROUGH KINDO

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. Orders Close thorough KINDO on **Friday** 17th November, 2017. Sorry, no

### late orders will be accepted.

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



# **AVAILABLE TO PAY NOW THROUGH KINDO...**

Aquatics / Mathletics / School Donation / Lost Library Books 2017 Yearbook

2018 Year 5&6 School Camp (coming soon)
Fairfield Cluster Athletics Registration Yrs 4-6

(Selected Pupils only, register from Tuesday 7th November)

 Some items on KINDO are listed as "Selected Pupils only" as it may apply to specific year levels or a specific group of children. THIS MEANS ONLY THOSE STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN GIVEN A LETTER FROM THE SCHOOL ARE ASKED TO REGISTER. OTHERWISE, THIS WILL NOT APPLY TO YOUR CHILD.



 You will be sent a confirmation email from Kindo when you have successfully completed each transaction. Otherwise, it is likely that your order it is still sitting in your shopping cart.... the final part of the registration process is to "Place an Order" (even if there are no fees involved e.g. Cluster Athletics).

Register for Kindo using our App or via our School Website <u>www.tetotara.school.nz</u> then select the "Fees & Donations" tab.

Questions? 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.

#### **NOEL LEEMING FRIENDS AND FAMILY OFFER**

Noel Leeming, The Base store, are offering a special discount off purchases until **Sunday 5th November**, **2017** for Te Totara Families and your Friends. Check out the offer flyer on our school website under our notices and newsletters tab.

#### WIN A DRAGON!

Our library is running a competition and the prize is a giant stuffed dragon! To be in to win, parents or family members need to borrow a book from the Library on any Friday in November. The more Fridays you borrow, the more entries you will have. The library is open every Friday from 8.00am-9.00am and from 2.45pm-3.20pm. Signing up to borrow is easy, just bring a Te Totara student with you!

#### YEAR 6 LEAVERS SUPPER EVENING

TUESDAY 5th DECEMBER 2017 - 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.

#### KIDS FOR KIDS CHOIR

Last week 47 children from Te Totara Primary sang as part of a massed choir in the Kids for Kids show. Since our school was part of this experience, all of our families are invited to enter our school in the competition to win musical equipment for the school.

Please support our school and increase our chance of winning by

entering into this competition. Simply go to the web page or click on the link and enter your details. Entering Te Totara Primary School in the draw is super easy:

Head to worldvision.org.nz/kidsforkids and complete the form before 15th December, 2017

1. Share the competition details with your school friends and family, the more entries, the more chances to win! *Thanks for your support.* 



#### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 3rd November 2017**, **in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm**. This week children from Orion, Kōpū, Earth & Marama will attend assembly.

SALADS

PER SUMMER

3 kumara - cut into cube

½ red onion – chopped large handful of salad greens e.g. spinach optional: 70g Feta – cut into cubes

Place kumara in a roasting dish, drizzle with oil and bake at 180° for 20 minutes Remove from oven to cool then toss with the vegetables.

In a bowl whisk together honey and lemon juice then drizzle over the salad

1 capsicum - chopped

2 tsp. honey juice of 1 lemon

This week our Kōpū 22 children and the Hip Hop group will be sharing.

#### TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

**TOUCH RUGBY** 

Gunns Jaden Nicol Pacers Ben Robins

Rockets Phoenix McGrath, Ruan Botha

# DATES COMING UP

Tues 7 Nov Senior Athletics Years 3-6

Thurs 9 Nov Senior Athletics (postponement date)

Wed 15 Nov Routine New Entrant Vision & Hearing Checks

Fri 17 Nov PTA - School "Happy Holidays" Disco (\$2.00 entry fee)

Years 0-2 from 5.30pm - 6.30pm in the Matariki Hall Years 3-6 from 6.45pm - 8.00pm in the Matariki Hall

Tues 21 Nov Fairfield Cluster Athletics Years 4-6 (selected pupils only)

Thurs 23 Nov Fairfield Cluster Athletics (postponement date)

Thurs 30 Nov BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm Tues 5 Dec Year 6 Leavers Dinner

Wed 6 Dec Volunteers "Thank you" Morning Tea @ 9.00am

Mon 11 Dec Art Work on Display in Classroom Pods

- all day for viewing until 4.00pm

Tues 12 Dec Art Work on Display in Classroom Pods

- all day viewing and also in the evening for End of Year Celebration

Tues 12 Dec End of Year Celebration

Wed 13 Dec

Block 1&2 - whole school tour to view art work

Wed 13 Dec

End of Year Celebration (postponement date)

END OF TERM 4, SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM

Kind regards, Brian Sheedy Principal

# TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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# Te Totara PRIMARY SCHOOL

# MOVIE NIGHT – Bad Moms 2: A Bad Moms Christmas – TONIGHT

This is your last chance to purchase tickets to tonight's movie! We have some AMAZING spot prizes to giveaway, and fabulous goodie bags for everyone who attends. Pair that up with bubbles on arrival, a very funny movie and lots of like-minded mamas in for some raucous fun, and you've got a great night of fun.



https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/bad-moms-movie-night-te-totara-school-pta-fundraiser-tickets-37560368072

## \*\* RAFFLE \*\* RAFFLE \*\* RAFFLE \*\*

Raffle is going really well! Please keep selling those tickets, and get your sold ticket stubs and money back into the PTA box as soon as you can. If you are unable to sell your tickets, please return them ASAP to the green box in the office so that they can be reallocated to another child. Demand for tickets is huge. In additional to a BRAND NEW IPAD MINI for the student who sells the most number of tickets overall, there will also be a PRIZE FOR THE TOP TICKET SELLER IN EACH POD. That means that Junior, Middle, Senior & Satellite school students will all have the same opportunity to win a prize.



# SCHOOL DISCO – NEW DATE!

Due to several other community concerts being held on 1<sup>st</sup> December, we have decided to move the date of the School Disco to:

# FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER, 2017

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Diwali, Chinese New Year, Matariki, Eid, Hanukkah or any other significant celebration, come along dressed in your favourite clothes and get ready for some fun.

\$2.00 entry per child. Novelties and refreshments available for sale. Pop it on your calendars now!

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

Have a great week  $\odot$ 

Your PTA team: Scott, Liz, Jackie, Nalina, Vicki, Rae & 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.

#### 2017 HAMILTON POLICE PERSON OF THE YEAR

The Combined Rotary Clubs of Hamilton are calling for nominations for the **2017** 'Hamilton Police Person of the Year'. The Award seeks to highlight the service provided to our community by members of Hamilton Police by recognising those outstanding acts of courtesy, courage, kindness, understanding, compassion and devotion to duty by a member of the Hamilton NZ Police Service.

The award aims to recognise an outstanding member of the NZ Police, from the rank of Constable to Senior Sergeant and may include support and voluntary staff of equivalent status.

Those nominated must display consistent excellence and dedication to duty in their everyday work that reflects the high ideals of the NZ Police, and which is above and beyond their normal duties without thought of recognition or reward. This is consistent with the Rotary motto of "SERVICE ABOVE SELF".

Nominations commenced on Monday 16th October and will close at 5pm on Monday 27th November. (Or other such dates as agreed by the Selection Committee).

It is hoped that the Award will be presented at the annual Police Pay Parade, to be held in early December.

The Combined Rotary Clubs organising committee would be extremely grateful if you would publicise details of the Award through your school media networks.

Additional Nomination Forms may be downloaded from: <u>2017 Hamilton Police Person of the Year</u> Thank You! Michael Cahill

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#### **ICE WORLD**

Ice World are returning to Hamilton for the first time in five years, bringing our pop-up Ice Rink (with real ice!) for a White Christmas at The Base, 1 to 28 December 2017. Located opposite Mitre 10, the Ice Skating Rink will be open 9am to 9pm daily (10pm Fridays/Saturdays), and 9am to midnight Thursday 21 December.



#### **FAIRFIELD SWIM CLUB**

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