

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 15th FEBRUARY, 2018

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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)

CAMP FOR OUR YEAR 5 & 6 STUDENTS

This week has seen over 240 students attend the Ngaruawahia Christian Camp. This is a special time where students get to try new things, experience our outdoors and work together as a team to support each other. The feedback we have had from those involved and during my own visits was that the camps were excellently run, everyone helped out and a great time was had. Our thanks to the parents who came along and made it a special time, and for our teachers for their wonderful skills and organisation. We have enjoyed putting the photos on the facebook page for families to follow during this week.



TRAFFIC ON BORMAN RD AND MOONLIGHT DRIVE INTERSECTION

With increasing student numbers and proximity of schools this intersection is very busy, especially before and after school and is a pressure point. Presently, we do have a teacher around this area to help and support, with almost all pedestrian users making use of the crossing. Disappointedly, we had 12 motorists last week in a half hour period run red lights, so please take care around this intersection. Meanwhile, the City Council and Police have been liaising with us on this issue and we do expect there to be heightened enforcement around this area to help make it safer.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON PHOTO - TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY, 2018 @ 10.35AM

Last Sunday we had a great team who entered the Tryathlon, thanks so much for the parents and school staff who helped out. Normally, we take a photo of the children and their medals the next day at school, but with the camp being on we missed this. To make sure we get a photo of everyone we would like all the children who participated to wear their shirt and medal on the date above and to get a photo at the beginning of morning tea. We will remind the children on the day via our "bing bong" speaker announcement.

MIGRANT FAMILY RESOURCES

We have a selection of resources available at our School Office that may be of interest to our migrant families. These resources, along with many more, can be obtained from the Waikato Migrant Resource Centre, Boundary Road, Hamilton Ph: (07) 853-2192 or visit <u>www.wmrc.org.nz</u>





2018 SCHOOL DONATION & FEES ARE AVAILABLE TO PAY NOW THROUGH KINDO Please register



This online system allows you to pay for our school's fees (Mathletics, Aquatics) and donations and is also the ONLY way to register your child for sports e.g. Cricket, Touch Rugby, Hockey, Netball etc.

Register for Kindo using our App or via our School Website **www.tetotara.school.nz** 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.

FIRST CREDIT UNION SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Check out First Credit Unions Summer Newsletter online on our school website, quick links, newsletters and notices. There is a chance to win \$50.00! Colour in and win!



First Credit Union provides a school banking service to all pupils at Te Totara

Primary School. Getting started is easy - just pick up an application pack from the School Office, fill in the application form and return it to the green "First Credit Green Drop-box" in the School Office. If your children are already doing school banking, remember that the school banking is collected on Wednesday at 9.00am each week!

CORRECT SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are delighted with the large numbers of students who look really great by wearing their uniform in the correct manner.

However, we have noticed a few students who are not complying with our Uniform Expectations and we ask your assistance with this.

ALL students are expected to be wearing their full correct summer uniform.

- All students are to arrive at school and leave from school in their Te Totara Primary School uniform, including footwear.
- Uniforms are to be worn clean, neat and tidy.
- Students are encouraged to take pride in their school uniform and to wear it well.
- Hair is to be off the face, tied back if longer than the bottom of the collar, and be the natural hair colour.
- Nail polish and cosmetics (including coloured lip balm) are not permitted.
- Second hand uniforms may be available. Please see the notice board in the School Office for details.
- Any <u>plain hair accessory</u> is to be of a single school uniform colour either red, white, black, green.
- Variations in relation to the Human Rights Act may be negotiated with the Principal.
- All pupils are encouraged to use sunscreen at home before school and expected to wear the regulation school hat while outdoors. No hat play in the shade.
- All uniform items should be clearly named.
- Plain black school sandals in summer (Terms 1&4) OR plain black school shoes in winter (Terms 2&3). No other colours on the sandal or shoe, just plain black.

The file below contains the Te Totara Primary School uniform expectations:

Uniform Expectations.doc

PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE FRIDAY 16th February 2018, FROM 8.30AM - 9.15AM We will be having a second hand uniform sale in the Matariki School Hall foyer on the above date. Items for sale will be red Polar Fleeces, white Polo Shirts, Summer Hats, Shorts, Skorts and Trousers. Get in quick, items won't last! Sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 & 14 ALL ITEMS PRICED TO CLEAR AT \$5.00 EACH! Please bring cash with you.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 16th February, 2018 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm**. This week our children from Neptune and Ra will attend assembly. This week we will be welcoming our new students from these classes.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due, **Friday 16th February, 2018** @ **9.15am**, 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.

DATES COMING UP

Fri 16 Feb Wed 21 Feb Fri 2 March	Scholastic Book Orders Close @ 9.00am PTA Gala planning meeting @ 7.30pm Routine New Entrant Vision & Hearing Testing at School
Sat 17 March	PTA Gala & Colour Run
Thurs 22 March	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
Fri 30 March	Easter Friday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 2 April	Easter Monday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 3 April	Easter Tuesday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 13 April	TERM 1, 2017 FINISHES @ 3.00pm

Kind regards, Brian Sheedy Principal



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Te Totara PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

GALA & COLOUR RUN SATURDAY 17th MARCH

With one month to go until our Gala & Colour Run, it will be bigger, brighter and busier than the last!

Thanks to the amazing generosity of one of our school families, this time round we're having large carnival rides (think along the lines of the Winter Show, Balloons over Waikato, etc) along with the ever-popular pod activities, dunk tank, craft market and much more.

Pop it on your calendars now, it will be a fantastic day for the school and community.

Look out in the next few newsletters for details on eftpos, payments, timings and more. So much to organise, but we are pumped and ready for a wonderful day!

Tickets for the Colour Run are limited and will sell out, so purchase yours today – don't miss out! Simply purchase through the following link:



https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/te-totara-2018-colour-run-17-march-2018-tickets-428590947 06

GALA PLANNING MEETING – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please come along to the next Gala Planning meeting, on **WEDNESDAY 21 FEB**, **7.30pm** held in the school Staff Lounge

With our wonderful Gala & Colour Run only a month away, we are desperate for volunteers to help out. Please please please! Your contribution will be very much appreciated

CAN YOU HELP US GET THE WORD OUT PLEASE?

If you have a Facebook account, would you please mind going on our PTA page (<u>www.facebook.com/TTPTA</u>) and then 'share' the post for the Gala and Colour Run to all your family and friends? One of the local community pages has restricted our advertising of the event to only once per month, so we are really relying on the help of our school families and staff to help get the word out! Will only take a moment of your time, and would be a huge help to the event. Thanks so much.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The latest financial report from our wonderful treasurer Nalina is now online, please check out our page on the school website, or visit Facebook. It has been a very successful time for the PTA and school, and we thank every person who has donated their money, time or expertise.

POD RAFFLES FOR THE GALA

From next week onwards, we will be asking for donations of items for our famous Pod Raffles, to be raffled off on Gala Day. Please keep an eye out - we are asking that every child please donate a non-perishable (and not expired!) food or household item.

Please 'like' our Facebook page to ensure you keep in the news loop:

www.facebook.com/TTPTA

Have a happy week: Your PTA team: Scoll, Liz, Jackie, Nalina, Vicki & Rae

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.

SUBURBS COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB **2018 JUNIOR RUGBY WEIGH-IN** Sunday 11th March 10am-2pm

At Suburbs Community Sports Club, Flagstaff Park, Commodore Ave, Hamilton Ages 4-12 years, boys and girls all welcome All new players are required to bring a birth certificate or passport For further details go to www.hamiltonsuburbs.co.nz or contact Brendon Stone 0274846013



CHILD BIRTH EDUCATION CLASSES

Are you or your partner pregnant? Are you feeling nervous about birth? Would you like to feel more supported during your pregnancy? Do you want a gentle and peaceful birth? I would love to help! My childbirth preparation classes are starting soon. If you would like to know more,

please visit http://www.zenmama.co.nz/

TE RAPA JUNIOR RUGBY WEIGH-IN Friday 2nd March 5pm to 7pm, Sunday 4th March 10am to 12pm

Both at the Te Rapa Clubrooms on Vickery St. New players need Birth Certificate Subs *\$50 per child, *\$25 per each extra sibling Subs to be paid at weigh in if possible Eftpos available, See u all there. FOR MORE INFO OR IF YOU CAN'T MAKE ONE OF THESE DATES CONTACT **JASON BRYANT 0275938967**



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