

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 5TH APRIL, 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)

FOOD AT SCHOOL - ALLERGIES

We have children at our school who are highly allergic to dairy products and nuts and exposure to these foods could potentially be life threatening to them. We have procedures in place for 1:1 support for these children to ensure their safety. At present we will continue to carry on with our normal food eating programme, but we have to carefully plan school events/learning area celebrations etc. With this in mind, please don't be offended if any kind offers of food to the school are scrutinised as they may not be a healthy option due to allergies. Please ensure all food containers and drink bottles are clearly named.

OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS PERIOD FOR 2018

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available on our school website <u>www.tetotara.school.nz</u>

The Board has determined that <u>5 places for Year 1 students</u> and <u>15 places for New Entrant</u> (Year 0) students, whose 5th Birthday falls within the enrolment period of 1st July 2018 - 14th December 2018, are likely to be available to out-of-zone students

The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

The deadline for receipt of out-of-zone applications is **<u>3.00pm on Friday 4th May, 2018</u>** and should be addressed to:

Te Totara Primary School PO Box 28134 Hamilton 3256

Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for this year. Students who live in the home zone are entitled to enrol at the school.

Applications from out-of-zone students will be processed in the following order of priority:

- a) **First priority** must be given to students who have been accepted for enrolment in a special programme(s) run by the school and approved by the Secretary of Education*.
 - * This priority is not applicable at this school because the school does not run a special programme approved by the Ministry of Education
- b) Second priority must be given to any applicant who is the sibling of a current student of the school.
- c) Third priority must be given to any applicant who is the sibling of a former student of the school.
- d) Fourth priority must be given to any applicant who is a child of a former student of the school.
- e) Fifth priority must be given to any applicant who is either a child of an employee of the Board of the school, or a child of a member of the Board of the school.
- f) Sixth priority must be given to all other applicants.

If the number of out-of-zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot supervised by a Justice of the Peace, a Practicing Lawyer or a Police Officer in accordance under Section 11G (1) of the Education Act 1989.

If a ballot for out-of-zone is required, it will be held on **Tuesday 8th May, 2018**. Parents will be informed of the outcome by **Friday 11th May, 2018**.

NEW PATRON OF READING!

We are pleased to announce that Te Totara has its first Patron of Reading author **Dawn McMillan**. A Patron of Reading is a school's special children's author, poet, storyteller or illustrator. The Patron visits the school several times during the year and stays in contact in between. This means they can develop a relationship with students over a period of time. The Patron's main role is to encourage and develop a reading for pleasure culture in the school. **Dawn McMillan** has published a large number of children's picture books, and over 200 educational readers. For her first visit, Dawn will be meeting with our Year 5 & 6 students, and taking a writing workshop for our keen writers.



APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS MONDAY 16TH APRIL TO FRIDAY 27TH APRIL, 2018 The School Office will be open on Thursday 26th April

from 9.00am - 2.00pm for Enrolment enquiries

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are delighted with the large number 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 uniform.

Students are to arrive at school and leave from school in their Te Totara Primary School uniform, including footwear.

- $\cdot\,$ 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 are not permitted.
- · Second hand uniforms may be available. Please see the notice board in the School Office for details.
- · 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.
- . Any <u>plain</u> hair accessory is to be of a single school uniform colour red, white, black, green. No bows, cats ears or hair bands with diamantes etc, it MUST be a <u>plain</u> hair accessory only (see below illustrations)



From the beginning of Term 2, 2018 we will be expecting all students to be wearing their winter school uniform.

SCHOOL DONATION

Thank you for the fantastic support we are receiving for the school voluntary donation, it is appreciated and the funding will be used for resources for the children.



There has been a slight change to the invoicing of Voluntary Donations this year. The online one The total Voluntary Donation for the whole family will show as a combined amount

on the records for the eldest child at our school. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact Wendy at school on (07) 853-0039 Ext 854.

All fees/donations are to be made through KINDO. The Board of Trustees has set payment at:

\$120.00 for the first family member

\$60.00 for each subsequent child

Please check with the School Office as the voluntary School Donation is adjusted depending on which term your child/ren started school.

For your information, your donations qualify for a 33% tax credit. You can claim this rebate from the Inland Revenue Department by completing a form IR526 - "Tax Credit Claim Form". Please refer to the address below: http://www.ird.govt.nz/non-profit/np-donations/school/

HELP NEEDED, SCHOOL JUNIOR PRODUCTION

We are looking for some help with sewing costumes for our Junior Production. We need to sew together a class set of elastic-waisted pants. If you are able to help with this could you please contact Suzanne Newrick at <u>suzannen@tetotara.school.nz</u> Thank you

LOST PROPERTY ON DISPLAY

Weather permitting; we will endeavour to display all lost property items Thursday and Friday, 5th & 6th April, 2018.

Please check out our lost property bin. The BIG YELLOW bin is located outside the Earth building; there are <u>LOTS</u> 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.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 6th April**, **2018 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm**. This week our children from Orion, Kōpū & Marama will attend assembly.

DATES COMING UP

Wed 11 AprilPTA Meeting @ 7.30pmFri 13 AprilTERM 1, 2018 FINISHES @ 3.00pm

Mon 30 April TERM 2, BEGINS AT 8.55am

YEARS 4-6 ICAS EXAM DATES

(For those students who have registered):Digital TechnologiesTuesday 8th May, 2018ScienceTuesday 29th May, 2018SpellingWednesday 13th June, 2018WritingThursday 14th June, 2018EnglishTuesday 31st July, 2018MathematicsMonday 13th August, 2018

Kind regards, **Brian Sheedy**





TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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Dominos Dough Raiser – Wednesday 11th April, 2018

Fancy a mid-week break from cooking dinner? Head on down to Dominos Rototuna on 11 April, mention 'Te Totara' and they will donate **\$1.00** from each pizza in your order to the school. Last time we raised over \$360.00 – *thanks Dominos Rototuna!*

PTA Meeting – Wednesday 11th April, 2018

Why not grab your pizzas and come along to our next PTA meeting? We are always looking to welcome new members and would love to have you join us. Meeting starts 7.30pm in the school staffroom, see you there.

Your PTA Exec committee: *Scott, Liz, Jackie, Nalina, Vicki and 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.

YMCA HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The YMCA Hamilton Autumn Holiday Programme is open for registration. Our Holiday Programme operates out of 6 different locations around Hamilton and is open from 7.30am until 5.30pm. Some of the exciting activities planned for the Autumn School Holidays include Craft days, Movie Mania, Splish Splash Swimming, Gymnastics, Game days and more. Please contact the YMCA Office on ph 8382529 for more information or go to our website to enrol online.



Where – Te Rapa Racecourse, Hamilton When – Thurs 19 April to Sun 22 April 2018 Opens 9.00 am each day - entry is free On sale will be thousands of quality

- second-hand books fiction and non-fiction,
- magazines, children's books, puzzles, games, music, CDs, DVDs

No plastic bags will be given out this year, but reusable bags will be on sale. All proceeds to local and international projects.

