

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 31ST MAY, 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)

# SCHOOL CLOSED - MONDAY 4TH JUNE, 2018 Queens Birthday National Holiday



JUNIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION "EDDIE THE PENGUIN"

## WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE & THURSDAY 14TH JUNE, 2018 @ 1.30PM & 6.00PM



## **Tickets on sale NOW through KINDO**

Matinee shows are at 1:30pm (doors open at 1.00pm) Evening shows are at 6:00pm (doors open at 5.30pm)

We ask families to please be mindful that there are many Year 1&2 families wanting to attend an Evening Performance therefore, we have to limit ticket sales to a **maximum of 2 Evening Performance tickets per family**. There may be extra tickets available to purchase closer to the event, we will let you know. Thank you in advance.

PLEASE NOTE: There is no ticket limit for the Matinee performances.

## ALL TICKETS \$5.00 EACH

Children 3 years old and under are FREE, provided they are sitting on the knee of a paying adult ticket. Otherwise, you <u>must</u> purchase a separate ticket for them. Limited to 300 tickets each performance. Sorry, <u>NO</u> door sales on the night.

Because of the number of classes involved we have split into two groups and have particular days that we are performing:

Wednesday 13th June @ 1.30pm (Matinee)
Kōpū, Orion 10, Orion 8, Matawhero 3
Wednesday 13th June @ 6.00pm (Evening)
Neptune Orion 7, Orion 9, Matawhero 1
Thursday 14th June @ 1.30pm (Matinee)
Neptune Orion 7, Orion 9, Matawhero 1
Thursday 14th June @ 6.00pm (Evening)
Kōpū, Orion 10, Orion 8, Matawhero 3



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• Payment of tickets is through KINDO. Sorry, we will not be accepting any payments through internet banking or through the School Office.



- If you do not have access to a computer, you are welcome to use the school iPad which is available the School Office. If you do not have an email address, please contact Marise Crow 07 853-0039 ext. 858.
- We acknowledge that some families may have children performing on both days and may have to purchase tickets for each of the days. Unfortunately, we cannot offer any solution to this as the money from ticket sales goes towards the costumes, lighting, sound, backdrops etc.
- Only 300 tickets are available for each performance so don't miss out!. NO extra seating or standing room
  will be allowed due to Health & Safety Regulations.
- The School Office will regularly check sales through KINDO and will send colour coded ticket/s home with the oldest child in each family within a few days of purchase.
- Please remember to bring your ticket to the performance; this will confirm you have purchased a seat. <u>Sorry. no ticket/no entry</u> there will be <u>NO DOOR SALES.</u>
- The number on your ticket is NOT your seat number, seating is on a first-come-first-served basis.
- There will be an area allocated for wheelchair access and seating. If you require this service, please make sure you indicate this when purchasing your tickets through KINDO.
- <u>All Year 1-2 students</u> are required to attend each of their own team performances. Year 1&2 Students performing on the day/evening do not require a ticket.
- For evening performances children can arrive back at school by 5.30pm and go directly to Orion Block, where they will be supervised.
- Narrators and Main Cast Penguin members please meet in the staff room by 5.30pm.
- Main cast details for each show will be available at the School Office shortly. Students performing on the day/evening do not require a ticket.
- All our students will have an opportunity to see a dress rehearsal of the Junior School Production during school time.

### **Register for Kindo using our School Website** (click on the link) <u>www.tetotara.school.nz</u> then select the "Fees & Donations" tab

### Registering for Kindo using our App

Either download our Te Totara School App from the App Store OR "update" the existing App on your mobile. Register entering the email address the school has on file for you. It's that easy!

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 or you are unable to link your child/ren, 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.



We look forward to welcoming you all to this very exciting event!

### **LEARNING PLANS HOME ON FRIDAY 8TH JUNE, 2018**

If your family are in a shared care arrangement, please advise Marise Crow on 07 853-0039 ext. 858 as to who will be collecting the child/ren from school on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2018**. If you are happy for both copies of the Learning Plan to come home in the same envelope, please also let me know via email: receptionist@tetotara.school.nz

#### LEARNING PLANS GOING HOME FRIDAY 8TH JUNE, 2018

A Learning Plan for each student will be sent home with the oldest or only child from each family on Friday 8th June, 2018. However, if your child started at school in Term 2 (or late in Term 1) you will not receive a Learning Plan yet.

The Learning Plans will also be available online from 3.00pm on Friday 8th June, 2018. Included in the information pack being sent home will be instructions on how to log-on to the Parent Portal site.

The work involved in developing these Learning Plans is immense and reflect our goal of developing a personalised plan for each student.

Much thought and consideration has gone into these Learning Plans. We have managed to include a lot more of each child's comments and goals, to ensure they have an increased sense of ownership of their Learning Plan.

We strongly advise that you:

- Go through the Learning Plan with your child
- Look especially at the "Where To Next" and "Goals set by Student, Parent and Teacher" sections and incorporate these into supporting learning at home.

#### CHANGES TO THE LEARNING PLAN

At the end of 2017 the Government removed National Standards. This meant that the December 2017 Learning Plan was the last Learning Plan to contain these. The focus is now on the progress and achievement of students across the wider New Zealand Curriculum.

The main objective of our Learning Plan is to reflect the partnership we have between school and home by acknowledging your child's progress and achievement and looking towards their next steps of learning.

At Te Totara Primary School, we believe it is very important that our families gain a very clear picture of how learners are progressing in relation to the New Zealand Curriculum. We have incorporated some new terms into our Learning Plan that identifies student progress and achievement in relation to the New Zealand Curriculum expectations.

In the pack that accompanies the Learning Plan you will find an important pamphlet titled "<u>Achievement in Relation to the New Zealand Curriculum</u>". For your information, we have hyperlinked it for you to view.

It tells you about the New Zealand Curriculum, the years of schooling and curriculum levels which is illustrated in a diagram and how our Learning Plan relates to this.

Please take the time to read this in conjunction with your child's Learning Plan. If you need any further clarification, please don't hesitate to talk to your child's teacher. I am also happy to clarify any further queries.

### Anne Fraser

Deputy Principal & Curriculum Leader

## A REMINDER.... Please keep your Login and Password details for the Parent Portal handy, these will be inside the Learning Plan folder. We encourage families to log-in to the Parent Portal and check that we hold the correct details on file for your child/ren e.g. mobile numbers, home address and email address

For those families who will not receive a Learning Plan for their child/ren, a letter will be forwarded to you with your Parent Portal Login and Password details.

Log onto your @school Parent Portal **http://www.<u>atschool</u>.co.nz/** Enter your user ID and Password

- Go to My Child
- Click on Contact Details

#### Te Totara Primary School

**LOST PROPERTY** Please check out our lost property bin. The BIG YELLOW bin is located outside the Earth building; there are LOTS of polar fleeces!

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.

#### **OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

Is published each Thursday and is available online from 3.00pm. We will send an email link each week for you to access it or visit our school website direct at <u>www.tetotara.school.nz</u>

#### VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL (INCLUDING PARENTS)

If you are visiting our school for business reasons, or as a parent dropping off things to your child during school hours, please report to the School Office before entering the school grounds. In the event of an Emergency situation, we need to know who is on site at any given time.

#### PRIMARY RESEARCH PROJECT - CANCELLED

We have had notification from the Primary Research Project facilitators that unfortunately, it has been cancelled for this year. Our families who have registered for this through KINDO will be reimbursed the associated cost back into their KINDO account.

#### Talofa Lava! Vaiaso o le Gagana Sāmoa! Wishing you a wonderful Samoan Language week from your Te Totara family

Here are some phrases you could learn with your family:

Talofa lava	Hello
Malo le soifua	Hello/good health (a more formal greeting)
Tofa soifua	Goodbye
la manuia le aso	Have a good day
la manuia le afiafi	Have a good evening
O a mai oe?	How are you?
Manuia fa'afetai	Fine thank you
Tulou lava	Excuse me
Fa'amalie atu	Sorry
Fa'amolemole	Please
Fa'afetai	Thank you

### **TEACHERS UNAVAILABLE ON MONDAY AFTERNOON ON 25TH JUNE, 2018**

- The Teachers Union (NZEI) have called a paid Union Meeting on **Monday 25th June at 1.30pm**, they are legally able to call this meeting at this time. It does mean almost all our Teachers will be attending this meeting to discuss important claims.
- This means that the school will struggle to function normally, so we will have a normal school day up until lunchtime 12.35pm. At this time we will operate as if it is the end of the school day, with the pick-up area supervised and parents are welcome to collect their child at that time.
- In the event that families are unable to make this happen we can offer very minimal supervision and After School Care will run from 1.25pm for those students who are enrolled and if parents want to take this option.





- I am very mindful of children who will be scootering/walking/biking home during the middle of the day, leaving school at 12.35pm. This disruption to their routine could cause problems with safety, so we will not be allowing children to leave unless with an adult or with express permission from families.
- Teachers will make contact with families for permissions (usually via Seesaw) so that if permission is given the teachers and parents know if the child can leave school to go home at 12.35pm.
- On the day teachers will put a smiley face stamp on the hand of each child who has permission to walk/scooter/bike home at 12.35pm.
- At exit points there will be teachers who will check if each child has a smiley face stamp on their hand to ensure they have permission to go home.
- Students who do not have this permission will remain at school and parents will be contacted.
- I do understand that these arrangements could cause concern as we try to manage this the best way we can. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

#### CAN YOU PLEASE HELP WITH CLOTHING FOR OUR WELLNESS ROOM?

We are running short of spare clothing in our Wellness Room. If you are able to donate any clean and tidy clothing we could use for our students we would really appreciate your help. In particular, we need boys underwear and girls uniform skorts, sizes 4 & 6.

#### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 1st June, 2018 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.** This week our children from Orion, Kōpū & Marama will attend assembly and our Kōpū 25 children will be sharing.

#### PRINCIPAL AWAY NEXT WEEK

Next week I will be visiting Schools in Melbourne, along with 53 other Principals from the Waikato. Of particular interest are schools that are of a very similar age and size to our own. Visits such as these are very useful to see what other places do and reflect on what we do at our place. As a result of previous visits to other places we have been able to implement some key developments in our School. Examples of this are the Community Liaison role developed (Marise Crow) and Priority Learners role and Coaching with teachers (Michele Gordon).

While I am away, Anne Fraser, our Deputy Principal will be leading the team.

## 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 Ferns Invaders Magic **HOCKEY** All Stars Cheetahs Shooters Tigers **BASKETBALL** Shooters **MINIBALL** Bouncers

Samantha Billingham Kyla Torr-Williams Abbey Leatherland Emma Garforth

Sasha McKay Hayley Christensen Vennela Puvvula Gurveer Randhawa

TBA

Grace Hodgson



# DATES COMING UP

Thurs 31 May	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
Thurs 7 June	Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge
Wed 13 June	Te Totara Jump Jam Competition Team
	Performing at Marian Catholic School, from 6.00pm
Wed 13 June	ICAS Spelling
Wed 13 June	Junior School Production (1.30pm & 6.00pm performances)
Thurs 14 June	ICAS Writing
Thurs 14 June	Junior School Production (1.30pm & 6.00pm performances)
Wed 20 June	PTA AGM 7.30PM
Fri 6 July	END OF TERM 2, 2018

#### YEARS 4-6 ICAS EXAM UPCOMING DATES:

(For those students who have registered): English Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2018 Mathematics Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2018

Kind regards, Brian Sheedy



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## PTA AGM WEDNESDAY 20TH JUNE, 2018 @ 7.30PM COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

We are looking for new members to join the PTA Executive Committee. All welcome to attend and nominate:

Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Communications Officer, Events Co-ordinator. Refreshments provided.

#### Come along, we'd love to have you join! Wednesday 20th June in the staffroom, 7.30pm.

Please consider joining the PTA – it is a lot of fun, you get to make new friends and make a valuable contribution to our community.

Thanks everyone, have a great week. Scoll, Liz, Nalina, Jackie, Vicki and Rae We need YOU!

# **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.

#### Edventure Outdoors- School Holiday Camps

These July school holidays we are running 2 awesome camps.

Tramping, rock climbing, possum trapping, team building challenges, hot pools and much more

Edventure Outdoors Camp, Mt Pirongia, July 9-13th

Edventure Winter Camp, Aongatete lodge, July 16-20th

- 8-14 yr olds
- OSCAR available
- Pick up/drop off AKL, BOP, Waikato

Book at <u>www.edventure.co.nz</u> or email mark@edventure.co.nz