

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 7TH JUNE, 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)





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)

PLEASE NOTE:

The ticket limit has been lifted..... there is now <u>NO ticket limit</u> for purchases on either the Matinee or Evening Performances, families are now welcome to purchase additional tickets. If you haven't already purchased your tickets, please do so urgently. YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS OUT!

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



• 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. Sorry, no ticket/no entry – 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) www.tetotara.school.nz 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 TOMORROW - FRIDAY 8TH JUNE, 2018

If your family are in a shared care arrangement, please advise Marise Crow on 07 853-0039 ext. 858 urgently as to who will be collecting the child/ren from school on **Friday 8th 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

SCHOOL START TIME

Just a reminder to everyone that school starts promptly at 8.55am when the roll is taken.

We finish school each day at 3.00pm with the only exception being Fridays after assembly. All other days' teachers have been asked not to release their students until the 3.00pm bell goes. This allows for the satisfactory conclusion of the afternoon teaching programme, student tidy up routines and for staff to manage the school exit areas.

If a student needs to be picked-up before 3.00pm for any unusual events, such as an urgent appointment, then parents are asked to sign out their child/ren through the School Office prior to going to the classroom. This is done through the VisTab tablet in the School Office and includes the reason for an early pick-up.

The conclusion of assembly on Fridays will be the only time when students will be released early to parents who have attended assembly.

Thank you for your assistance in ensuring we maximise learning programmes for your child.

LATE ARRIVALS TO SCHOOL (AFTER 8.55am)

Have you ever arrived at a meeting late, everyone is settled in their chair, the presenter has welcomed them and is now outlining what the day has in store..... and as you walk in they all turn and look at you?

That is what it can be like for your child when they arrive late at school and their class is all settled. So please, we ask parents to ensure their children arrive at school with at least five minutes to spare, for them to organise themselves by hanging up their school bag and sorting their book bag independently.

Children are welcome to arrive at school from 8.15am onwards.

CHILDREN COLLECTED AFTER SCHOOL, REMINDER SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM

Lately, we have noticed an increased trend in children being picked up late from school. To help with everyone's safety, any children who are at school after 3.15pm will need to wait outside the School Office to be collected. Remember, After School Care facilities are available at the school and Enrolment Forms can be obtained from the School Office.

It would be appreciated if all children could be collected from school no later than 3.10pm please.

CAR PARKING, SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN

Thanks so much to almost everyone who takes care around the school, on behalf of our children, many thanks. Some tips to make sure we have a safe school:

- Parking in Disabled car parks is not permitted at any time unless you have a current "Disabled Parking" permit on display in your vehicle. We have a number of families who legitimately require these carparks.
- We are noticing a few parents parking their cars on the cobblestones/footpath when picking up and dropping off children to and from school rather than on the driveway, particularly in front of the Administration Block.

Unfortunately, this is creating a problem with the cobblestones lifting, and the kerb cracking, so we would really appreciate your support.

Ways you can help....

- \cdot When the weather is fine, please encourage your child/ren to scooter, bike or walk to school.
- · Arrive at 3.12pm less traffic, parking is easier, less stress all round.
- Smile and accept that a few minutes wait is better than a lifetime of misery because one of our children has been injured or something worse has happened.

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP ZONE FROM 8.15am-9.00am & 2.40pm-3.15pm

Please note that the drop-off zone is for you to drive in, drop-off (or pick-up) your children and depart. We ask that you do not park and leave your car as this causes a backlog of vehicles, this area is designed to keep traffic flowing. You are welcome to use the carpark beside the Matariki Hall if you wish to visit your child's classroom.

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.

TE TOTARA JUMP JAM COMPETITION TEAM

Next Wednesday evening, our Year 5&6 Jump Jam Team will be competing at the "Strictly Live" Jump Jam Competition here in Hamilton. The team has been training hard with Mrs May since the start of the year and the students are looking forward to competing in their Year 4-8 category against 16 other teams. Mrs May and Mrs Reid are looking forward to hard-fought а competition and are expecting the standard of performances to be very high in this newly organised competition for students who have



never competed live on stage in a Jump Jam Competition before. Good Luck!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by **Friday 15th June, 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.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on Friday 8th June, 2018 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.

This week our children from Matawhero, Earth and Milky Way will attend assembly and our Milky Way 21 children will be sharing.

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

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

Comets Hayley Christensen Ferns Emma Kielv Rosa Emblina Invaders Brooke Laws Magic Meteors Savannah Bourne, Alexis Torr-Williams Shooters Zahra Mohammad Stars Hannah Rogers HOCKEY Samantha Wilton All Stars Cheetahs TBA Shooters Summer Wright Oceana Porima Strikers Jacob Hubbard Tigers BASKETBALL Shooters TBA MINIBALL TBA Bouncers



DATES COMING UP

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 31st July, 2018 Mathematics Monday 13th August, 2018

Kind regards, <mark>Brian Sheedy</mark>

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: <u>tetotara.pta@gmail.com</u>

www.facebook.com/TTPTA

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Thank you to the 41 families who heeded the reminders and returned their Entertainment Books last week. **We now have 55 books outstanding - \$3,575.00 worth**. We will be sending out a 3rd reminder notice and starting to telephone people next week.

I am sure you can appreciate that this is a huge fundraiser undertaken by a PTA volunteer and is very time consuming. Your URGENT attention to this would be appreciated.

Please, please.... if you are a family who has an Entertainment Book outstanding, either pay online ASAP or return it the drop box in the office immediately. Thank you in advance.

https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/15502m5

READ-A-THON

Congratulations to all those who are doing well with the Read-a-thon, we hope you are enjoying your reading tasks! Thanks to everyone who has already returned sponsorship money into the green PTA box in the School Office – we appreciate it very much.

Keep up the great work – and please bring in your money as soon as you can. Thank you :)

PTA AGM - Wednesday 20th JUNE, 2018 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







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.

NUMBERWORKS'NWORDS

Help your child reach their potential with NumberWorks'nWords. Developed in New Zealand to support the New Zealand school curriculum, providing specialist Maths and English tuition for students from New Entrants to Year 11. By tailoring lessons for each student, setting and monitoring goals, using specialist tutors, and making it fun, they quickly grow in confidence and achieve amazing results. Phone 07 8538323 to book a free lesson at the centre in Rototuna or visit www.numberworksnwords.co.nz for more information.



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