

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 1ST NOVEMBER, 2018

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Kia Ora (Maori/NZ), Hello (English), Bula (Fijian), <u>Welkom</u> (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)

### PROPOSED TEACHERS STRIKE TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER, 2018



The New Zealand Education Institute(NZEI) have just

indicated after a ballot of members, that a strike has been called. This is in relation to a rejection of an offer made to members by the Ministry of Education over the collective contract.

We will update families on what this will actually means for the school, as there are continued negotiations in place between now and the date of the strike, so please watch out for more information in next week's newsletter.

#### "HAVE A GO DAY" JUNIOR ATHLETIC CANCELLATION

It was with regret that we needed to cancel the Junior Athletics today.

The weather forecast was not at all positive to deliver the kind of day that our youngest learners needed to enjoy their "Have a Go" activities.

We are certainly in a changeable weather pattern at the moment!

From here each team or year level will look for a very settled weather period sometime in the next month and will take the opportunity to do these activities on a fine day. The teachers will let you know via Seesaw when that will be and if you are available, pop down and see the children having fun.

# 2018 YEARBOOK

### ORDERS OPEN NOW THROUGH KINDO ONLY

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. Yearbook orders are placed through KINDO and close on **Friday 16th** 

November, 2018 @ 3.00pm. Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.

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



### PLANNING FOR 2019

We are beginning to plan for 2019 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 emailing Anne Fraser, Deputy Principal, 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 email Anne Fraser, Deputy Principal, by tomorrow <u>Friday</u> <u>2nd November, 2018</u> at <u>dp@tetotara.school.nz</u>

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### YEARS 3-6 ATHLETICS DAY WEDNESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER, 2018

Our Senior Athletic day is coming up in Week 5.

We have an exciting programme planned for the day which is detailed below.

Note to parents: Children are encouraged to wear their school house colours on Athletics Day.

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

### **STUDENTS LEAVING TE TOTARA**

If you have not already notified us and are planning to leave our school at the end of 2018 (other than Year 6 students), it would be appreciated if you could please urgently advise us by emailing Marise Crow at receptionist@tetotara.school.nz

If you have a child coming to Te Totara in the future, we would love to have an Enrolment Form - it would be very much appreciated and certainly help with our future planning.

This online system allows you to pay for our school's fees (Mathletics, Aquatics, School Donation, Lost Library Book Fees etc) and is also the ONLY way to register your child for sports. Register now for:



# 2018 YEARBOOK - Sorry, no late orders will be accepted

(Orders Close on Friday 16th November, 2018 @ 3.00pm)

# Ra Team Waikato Museum Trip

(Orders Close on tomorrow, Friday 2nd November @ 3.00pm)

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#### Questions?

Register for Kindo using our App or through our School Website (*click on the link*) www.tetotara.school.nz then select the "Fees & Donations" tab.

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.* 

### SWIM SCHOOL LESSONS AT TE TOTARA

We are looking at running Swimming Lessons in the January 2019 School Holidays and an 8 week block course starting in Term 1, 2019.

School Holiday Lessons, January 2019

This will be a 1-week block course for your child/ren. Pre-school children's lessons will also be available if there is enough interest.

Block courses will be held over 2 weeks if we get enough swimmers,

14th-18th January and 21st-25th January if there is enough interest.

Your child/ren's lesson would be held at the same time each day for the week for 25 minutes. These lessons are usually held at school between 9am-1pm.

Term 1, 2019 Lessons

This will be an 8 week block course for your child/ren. Pre-school children's lessons will also be available if there is enough interest.

Lessons will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week after school.

We are looking to start these lessons on Tuesday 12th February 2019, with the last lessons being held Thursday 4th April 2019.

Parents are reminded please to stay on site for your child's swim school lesson as per our swim school terms and conditions.

If your child/ren attend our ASC, arrangements can be made for your child to attend these lessons. A copy of our terms and conditions is available on our school website or from our School Office. Please e-mail Celeste if you would be interested in making a booking with your child's name and swimming level celestem@tetotara.school.nz

### YEAR 6 LEAVERS SUPPER EVENING

### TUESDAY 4th DECEMBER 2018 - 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, <u>no siblings please</u>. We are really looking forward to this special evening.



A warm invitation is extended to helpers of our school for a special morning tea in the Staff Lounge @ 9.00am to say "Thanks". If you were involved in helping out in any way at school (i.e., coaching, bookbinding, sports help, classroom help, transport etc) or in any other way, we would love to see you.

### PHOTOLIFE CLASS, SIBLING & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS - COMING HOME TODAY

Sibling, Individual and Class photo orders have arrived and will go home to families today. Shortly, we will be receiving shoot keys for families to be able to order the Cultural and Sports Photos that were taken on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.



#### SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by **Friday 2nd November**, **2018** @ **9.15am**, to the School Office. Sorry **NO** 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.

#### **YUMMY STICKERS**

A huge thank you to all those students who have been busy collecting Yummy Stickers this year. Your hard work has paid off and **Te Totara Primary School has won \$657.00** to spend on sports gear for our students. Congratulations on the great effort!

#### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on Friday 2nd November, 2018 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm. This week our children from Neptune and Ra will be attending assembly.

### TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

#### **TOUCH RUGBY**

Chargers Chiefs Pacers **CRICKET** Thunders

Austin Franklin Ben Robins Jaime Hollmann Daniel Chun



# DATES COMING UP

Tues 13 Nov	Proposed Teachers Strike	
Wed 14 Nov	Senior Athletics Yrs 3-6	
Thurs 15 Nov	Senior Athletics Yrs 3-6 Postponement Date	
Fri 23 Nov	<b>PTA - School "Happy Holidays" Disco</b> (\$2.00 entry fee) Years 0-2 from 5.30pm - 6.45pm in the Matariki Hall Years 3-6 from 7.00pm - 8.30pm in the Matariki Hall	
Thurs 29 Nov	RJHS Orientation Day 9.30am - 12.30pm (Enrolled students only)	
Tues 4 Dec	Year 6 Leavers Supper	
Wed 5 Dec	Volunteers "Thank you" Morning Tea @ 9.00am	
Tues 11 Dec	End of Year Celebration	
Wed 12 Dec	End of Year Celebration (postponement date)	
Fri 14 Dec	END OF TERM 4, SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM	

Kind regards, **Anne Fraser, Deputy Principal** 

#### Completion of the playground will be in January 2019, all ready for the start of another exciting

# END OF YEAR DISCO FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER, 2018

Wow, we are speeding towards the end of the school year. To celebrate all that is wonderful about our school, we are holding the final PTA disco of the year on

**Friday 23 November**. Dress up encouraged – come along for another fun night of dancing, lollies and lights!

We will need lots of PARENT HELPERS please, for setting up the hall on Thursday 22 Nov, and on the disco night itself. It is an easy, fun and sociable job that only takes a couple of hours – please PM us through our Facebook page if you can help, thank you. If there aren't enough people to help then we may not be able to hold the

### AND FINALLY....

disco.

school year.

Here at the PTA we have a few members who are moving on at the end of the year as their children depart Te Totara. PLEASE consider joining us. With our major fundraising objectives over the last couple of years now met, please do not be put off by the idea that it is too much work. It is fun, rewarding and is good for meeting other parents and forming a 'community spirit'. We would love to welcome all new faces at our next meeting, please keep an eye out for details.

# Your PTA committee: Scoll, Fiona, Rae, Jackie and Vicki

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NEW PLAYGROUND IS GO-GO-GO!

#### We are so excited to share the news that the NEW PLAYGROUND that the PTA has fundraised for is underway! Thanks to the generous support from our school and community, we have raised \$80,000 which will pay for the playground, to be built on the grassy area behind Matariki. Huge thanks to Mrs Renee Morgan and the Te Totara Student Council for their terrific









# **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.

#### Northern United Sports Club AGM

Date: 12 November 2018, Time: 7pm, Place: The Keg room, Rototuna

Northern United Sports Club is looking for new people to come on board the committee for both football, futsal and Netball, We have junior and senior football and Senior netball. There are many different roles available both big and small, The more people we have to help both during the season and off season the better, If you would like any further information about a role please don't hesitate to contact Blair on blair.football@outlook.com. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### CAN ANYONE HELP WITH CAR POOLING PLEASE

Is there any student living near the city centre that would like to carpool, Mon to Fri to Te Totara School? Please txt 0212538617









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