

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER, 2018

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#### LAST NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR

This is the last newsletter of the school year and it is a bumper edition with lots of information. Any further updates will be done via our facebook page, website or school app.

#### END OF YEAR CELEBRATION - TUESDAY 11TH DECEMBER AT 5.45PM

This is our annual event to celebrate another great year at Te Totara. Here is some information to help make it a special event:

- It is a school event, so children need to be in a <u>clean and tidy uniform</u> and will be together as a school and are under the control of school staff.
- Please leave your child with us; we will take care of them.
- Students will need to stay through the whole event.
- There will be very limited parking available at the school car park and none in the turning bay.
- It will be best to find a car park on a nearby street and walk.
- It is like a concert in a park so bring a picnic, a rug to sit on, something to eat and drink and enjoy a variety concert.
- We use the hill behind Ra and Earth as outdoor stages where children perform.
- Toilets are open in the Ra and Earth blocks.
- Pre-schoolers are welcome to use the playground away from the performers so they don't distract from the performance.
- Other children not involved in the school are asked to be respectful and if they want to play, then the court area is a good place. There are likely to be over 2500 people at the event so we strongly advise walking to the event.
- Please <u>NO umbrellas</u> as it blocks the view of people behind. Low set chairs only are advisable if needed.
- **<u>NO dogs</u>** are allowed on our school grounds.
- We will have a "Paparazzi" section at the front for parents of those performing to use to get a good photo.
- If the weather is not good, we will postpone to Wednesday 12th December 2018, same time.
- Notifications will be put on the school Facebook page, school app and the website.
- The event is weather dependent, so may be cancelled at the last moment, but we will do our best to let everyone know as early as possible.
- At the end of the event we will need to stagger people leaving due to Health & Safety, so please be prepared to wait a little time. Announcements will be made to help.



#### CLASSES FOR 2019

We have appreciated the input of students, teachers and parents in helping support the decision making process for classes in 2019. Considerable time, skill and energy has gone into putting together the organisation for 2019.

The class for each child will go live at 3.30pm tomorrow, Friday 7th December, using the same parent log in as for Learning Plans. Teachers will also go over the classes tomorrow to answer any queries from students before they go home. Details on how to view the classes are in your Learning Plan pack that was sent home last week.

Children will visit their new classes on Thursday 13th December from 1.30pm - 2.00pm. We will do our very best to get the new teacher there but this may be a challenge as some teachers are working in other schools.

Orion Year 1	Room	Neptune Year 2	Room	Earth Year 3/4	Room	Milky Way Year 5/6	Room
Julianne Wink	7	Teresa Lincoln	24	Levi O'Hallahan	34	Morgan Hunter	18
* Caron Ace	8	Jessica Grimson	25	*Cath Glyde	35	Karen Langley	19
Jemma Shannon	9	Jennifer Dalton	26	Suzie Goile	36	*Jo Stewart	20
Julia May	10	* Cyra Wells	27	Brendan Gauld	37	Rochelle Lingard	21
		Niki Collins	28	Natalie Gillies	38	Nerida Turnbull	22
Matawhero Year 0/1	Room			Ra Year 3/4	Room	Marama Year 5/6	Room
* Bridie Carr-Neil	3			Komal Kumar	29	Angela Sweeney	12
To start in 2019	1			*Krissy Tantrum	30	Craig McAuley	13
To start in 2019	2			Sarah Brister	31	*Sue Robertson	14
To start in 2019	4			Dori Villasol-Alonso	32	Kristy Hanks	15
				Ashleigh Morgan	33		

#### \* = Team Leader

Some points around our classes:

- We do realise that this is a time of change and that this can cause anxiety, it can also be viewed as an opportunity to experience new classmates and a teacher with a wonderful range of new skills
- We deliberately "mix up" our children so by the time they progress through the school they have been exposed to a wide range of their peer group, building valuable and important relationships within the year group cohort
- We do find that the first transition within the school i.e. Year 1 to Year 2 can cause some concern as the children may be with others that are unknown, similarly moving to a new area of the school. This is understandable and we ask that families support the move with a positive approach
- We do ask that if there are any issues around class placement that families support what is in place and if there are any challenges liaise very early with the new teacher in 2019.
- If there are ongoing concerns then please feel free to contact School Leaders after three weeks of the new school year which allows for the child to settle in and build valuable relationships
- Any requests to change a class from now on is highly likely to be declined as a class change can create a "knock on" effect and not give an opportunity to the child to take on the challenge of a new teacher and make the most of this new opportunity
- To find out more about our approach to how we put our classes together, please see our website.. <u>How we</u> <u>put our classes together</u>

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#### **STAFFING UPDATE**

#### An update on our staffing for 2019:

We welcome **Rochelle Lingard** to our school. Rochelle is an experienced Teacher who will be teaching our older children in the Year 5&6 area. Rochelle comes to us from St Columba's School and is well known to a number of our current staff.

We also welcome new Teachers to our profession in **Ashleigh Morgan** and **Brendan Gauld**. They have both spent time with us as part of their training. We are always delighted to have new Teachers at our School. Of the current staff, seven have started their teaching careers here, so we are delighted to welcome two more!

Also joining us is **Teresa Lincoln**, who is an experienced teacher and is currently at Orini Combined school. Teresa has a real real strength with Junior children and will be teaching in the Year 2 area.

We also farewell a number of staff who are moving on. **Mark Macleod** is moving to Raglan and has secured a position at Te Mata School. We have valued Mark's wonderful skills and know that the children in his new school will be fortunate to have him as their teacher.

It is also farewell to **Lauren Loye**, who will be working further in the family business. Lauren started her teaching career here and we have valued her wonderful work with the children. We will likely see Lauren here in a part time capacity helping out next year.

**Brenda Wollen** will be moving away from a full time role next year and we look forward to seeing her around the school in a part time capacity.

We farewell **Sarah Hansen**, who is moving to teach with our good neighbours at Rototuna Primary, we thank her for her work and the PTA will miss her really helpful contributions.

Next year both **Renee Morgan** and **Rebecca Gardyne** will be working at school in a part-time capacity before being on Parental Leave. We thank them both for being accommodating about working part time so a teacher can be employed throughout the year in the classes that they might have taught in, allowing continuity for the children.

#### 2019 SCHOOL ORGANISATION

Next term will see some changes to Leadership Team.

Anne Fraser	Acting Principal
Jennie Brook-Watt	Acting Deputy Principal
Michele Gordon	Acting Assistant Principal

#### STUDENT CLASSES FOR 2019 LIVE ON PARENT PORTAL ON FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018 @ 3.30PM

To find out what room your child is in next year:

Log onto your @school Parent Portal http://www.<u>atschool</u>.co.nz/

Enter your user ID and Password (these were sent home with the Learning Plan or by separate letter)

- · Go to My Child
- · Click on General Records
- · Click on Other Details

#### **ORDER YOUR STUDENT STATIONERY FOR 2019 NOW!**

We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make Back to School easy! You'll find your child's school stationery list **online www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara** (click on the link)

Simply select your child's class and/or subject lists and follow the instructions on the website.

Buying through OfficeMax MySchool also earns School Rewards for our school which we can redeem for much needed educational supplies, equipment for our classrooms or to help those students in need.

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order during the holidays, straight to your door at a time that suits you. See **myschool.co.nz** for delivery windows.

- Save valuable holiday time avoid busy shopping malls and traffic queues by shopping online from the comfort of your home so your child starts the year with the correct stationery supplies.
- Multiple Payment Options including secure internet banking, credit/debit card and cash in your local OfficeMax store.

If you do not have access to the internet, you can purchase stationery direct through OfficeMax (cnr Victoria St & Princes St, Hamilton) Ph: (07) 838-8604. Advise them that you are from Te Totara Primary School and the Year Level your child/ren in 2019. They will have hard copies of stationery lists available at the shop from Monday 26th November, 2018.

Many of our families used this online system last year and will be familiar with the ordering process. This website is available from today for ordering at: <u>www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara</u>

Step-by-step instructions on how to order student stationery for 2019 will be placed on our website under the "Newsletters" tab.

Please note: You do not need a Student ID, please leave this field blank. If you have a 5-year-old new entrant starting in Term 1, 2019 your child will be classified as a Year 1. Please ensure you have placed your order no later than <u>Thursday 24th January, 2019</u> to ensure delivery before school starts on <u>Monday 4th February, 2019</u>. Please ensure your child/ren have all their school stationery items before school begins for 2019.

#### SCHOOL LOST PROPERTY BIN, ITEMS ON DISPLAY

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 will endeavour to return named school uniform items of clothing to their rightful owner, however any unnamed school uniform will be given to the School Office and sold, with the proceeds returned to the school.



## OfficeMax works with your School!

You'll find your child's school stationery list online at myschool.co.nz It's easy to shop online, in-store or by phone.

#### are compiled by the school IST - 31ST DECEMBER 2018 and linked to the OfficeMax website. Very easy to navigate through and quick EN YOU PA delivery to the door. Jackie Cluff, Hamilton (parent) Get Back to School stationery sorted early so you can relax these holidays. Order online at myschool.co.nz in December FREE Choose when to pay and when to receive nagnetic family your order rganise Plus, you'll receive a FREE magnetic family organiser\* r terms and conditions apply - see over donations and charges will be charged when you place your order le stocks last

#### 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 9.00am-1.00pm.

#### 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 email Celeste if you would be interested in making a booking with your child's name and swimming level to: **celestem@tetotara.school.nz** 

#### **URGENT - ALL LIBRARY BOOKS DUE BACK TO SCHOOL NOW**

All library books should have been returned by Monday this week, however we still have **750 books outstanding.** Could you please have a good look for any library books around the house, no students should have any books at home. Please return these to the Library urgently.



The stationery lists

#### HOLIDAY READING

Over the holidays, students can experience the "summer slump". This is a loss in reading achievement over summer if students stop reading. Providing some fun reading experiences during the holidays can help prevent the summer slump. Here are a few ways to encourage children to read:

- Read aloud to your child. It is the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for their own success in reading. It stimulates their imagination and improves their language and listening skills.
- Encourage your child to read anything the TV guide, magazines, joke books, recipes, travel guides, video game instructions...
- Find a series for your child to get hooked on. This will make choosing their next book to read easier. A recent survey showed that the primary factor in choosing a book for 7-12 year olds was a familiar character or series.
- Find books that match your child's interests e.g. arts and crafts, skateboarding, cooking, animals.
- Read graphic novels. These comic books can be really appealing for children.
- Try out ebooks and audiobooks with our free Wheelers ePlatform. You will need to contact our Librarian, Michelle Simms, for a username and password if your child does not already have one at: librarian@tetotara.school.nz Audiobooks are a great distraction on long car trips!

#### LIBRARY OPEN DATES

We are happy to confirm that our library will be open in the school holidays on these dates:

Wednesday 19th December	1.00pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday 9th January	1.00pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday 16th January	1.00pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday 23th January	1.00pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday 30th January	1.00pm - 4.00pm

If you are staying in Hamilton then we would love to see you. It is a nice way to meet up with friends, stay cool in our lovely air-conditioned library, and take home some good books to read. This year we are also running activities from 1.15pm - 2.15pm, starting with our popular Lego Challenge cards. Like Te Totara Primary School Library on Facebook for updates about these activities.

In order to borrow books during the holidays, students must be accompanied by a parent and have no outstanding invoices or overdue library books. We will increase our lending limits to a maximum of six books per students, and each parent can also borrow up to six books per child in their name.

All books will be due back by Friday 8th February, 2018 (the end of the first week back of school). This means that if you are away for some of the holidays you don't have to worry about books becoming overdue.

#### **OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS - TO BE PAID THROUGH KINDO**

As at Wednesday 5th December 2018 the following amounts are still outstanding:

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Lost Library Books	\$43.50
Aquatics (Swimming)	\$784.50
Mathletics	\$514.50
Voluntary School Donation	\$28,856.50
School Camp	\$340.00



We would really appreciate it if all outstanding fees are paid by Monday 3rd December, 2018.

School Donation payments can be made at the beginning of the year or throughout the year; the funds will be used for resources for the children.

Any queries regarding your invoice, please email Wendy Bulloch, our Business Manager at wendyb@tetotara.school.nz

#### **OUR SCHOOL OVER THE HOLIDAYS**

Our school will be a busy place over the holidays with a number of projects happening, this includes:

- Construction of a playground between the Hall and Orion, due to be completed by the start of the School year
- Exterior Painting of most of the school
- Carpet being replaced in Orion, Matawhero, Milky Way & Marama
- Court Cover Project. There has been a delay in the start time which is now mid January and we don't expect this to be completed until March

Please be aware that there will be areas of the school that will be out of bounds during this time for Health & Safety reasons we do ask that you watch out for these and comply with any signage.

#### FAREWELL

As you may know through the email our Board Chair Rod Carpinter sent to families earlier this week, I will be completing my time at Te Totara at the end of the school year. I will be working as one of 27 Leadership Advisers to new Principals in New Zealand. I am hoping that some of my 31 years as a Principal may be of help to new colleagues as they start their Principalship.

It has been my absolute pleasure to have been the foundation Principal here and I know that there are very capable hands to ensure the School remains the wonderful place it is. My thanks to staff, families Board of Trustees and our wonderful children for making it a very special place. The values of our STARS are precious and I know these will be the base on which the School continues to grow. Kind Regards

Brian Sheedy

#### **TERM DATES**

#### 2019 TERM DATES

Term 1 Mon 4 Feb - Fri 12 April (10 weeks) Term 2 Mon 29 April - Fri 5 July (10 weeks) Term 3 Mon 22 July - Fri 27 Sep (10 weeks) Term 4 Mon 14 Oct - Thu 19 Dec (10 Weeks)

#### 2020 TERM DATES

Term 1 Mon 3 Feb - Thu 9 April *(10 weeks)* Term 2 Tue 28 April - Fri 3 July *(10 weeks)* 

Term 3 Mon 20 July - Fri 25 Sept (10 weeks) Term 4 Mon 12 Oct – Wed 16 Dec (10 weeks) Holiday - Wed 6 Feb Waitangi Day Holiday - Mon 3 June Queen's Birthday Holiday - Mon 2 Sep School Mid-Term break Holiday - Mon 28 Oct Labour Day

Holiday - Thu 6 Feb Waitangi Day Holiday - Mon 27 Apr (ANZAC Day) & - Mon 1 June Queen's Birthday Holiday - Mon 31 Aug School Mid-Term break Holiday - Mon 26 October Labour Day

#### **REMINDER.... SCHOOL FINISHES ON FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2018 @3.00PM**

#### **SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

This week's assembly will be held on Friday 7th December, 2018 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.

This week our children from Neptune and Ra will be attending assembly and our class awards will be presented to this group of children.



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## **DATES COMING UP**

Tues 11 DecEnd of Year Celebration. 5.45pm start.Wed 12 DecEnd of Year Celebration (postponement date)Thurs 13 DecStudents visit new classes for 2019 from 1.30pm - 2.00pmFri 14 DecEND OF TERM 4, SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM

Mon 4 Feb 2019 TE

**TERM 1, 2019 BEGINS AT 8.55AM** 

Kind regards, **Brian Sheedy,** Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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## RAISE DOUGH Tuesday | | December

Te Totara's end of year Celebration is nearly here! Grab some delicious Domino's pizza and enjoy an al fresco dinner at school.

Domino's Rototuna will generously donate eto the school \$1 from every pizza sold on Tuesday 11 December, between 4-8pm. Please mention 'Te Totara Primary School' when ordering.

Thanks Domino's Rototuna, you rock!





#### OUR FINAL WORD FOR THE YEAR - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ....

Here at the PTA we are very sad to be saying farewell to Brian Sheedy.

Thank you Brian for all that you have contributed, in making our school such a wonderful place of learning and fun.

We have all enjoyed working with you on the PTA, and greatly admire your dedication and commitment.

You've always been a great supporter of our ideas and have gone the extra mile to assist us in any way possible – thank you.

You will be greatly missed, and we wish you all the very best for your exciting new role.

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

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## **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.



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