

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 28th MARCH, 2019

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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)

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2019

On Friday 1st of March we announced our Year 6 School Leaders for 2019, who will provide valuable support to Staff and Students at Te Totara Primary and our wider school community. We have developed specific roles for the leaders in a range of areas, and they are all expected to be role models and consistently demonstrate our school STARS.

#### Our 2019 School Leaders are:

| Te Totara TV<br>Presenting, editing and videoing<br>various activities around the school.              | Mikayla - 13<br>CJ - 15<br>Aaren - 21<br>Nishanth - 15<br>Maxwell - 18<br>Rosa - 19<br>Trinity - 19<br>Finn - 22<br>Ivy - 15<br>Adhisri - 19<br>Jennifer - 22<br>Ruan - 18 |
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| Digital Leaders<br>Sharing new technology skills and<br>knowledge with teachers and other<br>students. |  |

| Transition to School Leaders<br>Working with local early childcare<br>centres to help out, build relationships,<br>and form positive links with the children<br>coming to our school.                       | Emma - 19<br>Emily - 18<br>Paige - 13<br>Samantha - 14<br>Ava - 19<br>Kautu - 13<br>Logan - 12<br>Eva - 13<br>Yasmine - 13<br>Shirel - 21<br>Katie - 20<br>Naasir - 14<br>Jaime - 15 |
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| Student Council<br>To help lead the School Council, which<br>is made up of students from Year 4 and<br>above; Make sure that the students'<br>voices are heard when the school<br>makes decisions.          | Sienna - 22<br>Chantenique - 14  |
| Sports Leaders<br>Help at school sports events; Help our<br>younger children with their sports<br>activities; Run skills sessions for younger<br>students; Help teachers with sports<br>gear and equipment. | Phoenix - 21<br>Jack - 12  |
| Library Leaders<br>Train and supervise the new shelf<br>monitors; Support the running of the<br>library.  |  |
| Environment Leaders<br>To support our environment around the<br>school, especially our school<br>vegetable garden; help plan new<br>environmental initiatives.  | -  |

| Pastoral Care Leaders<br>Assisting some of our younger children<br>who may need some help in the<br>playground; Modelling our STARS<br>behaviour and helping other students<br>who may feel unhappy or left out.         | Maisie - 21<br>Anna - 15   |
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| Art Attack Leaders<br>To support the art attack programme to<br>help enrich our school environment.  | Eli - 12<br>Arabella - 13<br>Dayna - 13<br>Joel - 22<br>Ruby - 14<br>Alister - 12<br>Dillon - 13<br>Madison - 18<br>Min Seo - 19<br>Dante - 15<br>Abbas - 15 |
| Kapa Haka Leaders<br>Passionate Kapa Haka members<br>helping with the organisation of the<br>group, giving support and guidance to<br>the younger members and leading us<br>in school celebrations (such as<br>powhiri). |  |

#### **2019 FEES AVAILABLE TO PAY VIA KINDO NOW** This online system allows you to pay for our school's fees

(Mathletics, Aquatics, Voluntary School Donation, Lost Library Book Fees etc) and is also the <u>ONLY</u> way to register/pay for your child for sports teams.



Miniball (Term 2 only) - CLOSES TOMORROW Registrations close on Friday 29th March, 2019 @ 3.00pm

*Netball (Terms 2 & 3) - CLOSES TOMORROW Registrations close on Friday 29th March, 2019 @ 3.00pm* 

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.



#### FAIRFIELD CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS

Earlier in the term children trialed for the Cluster Swimming Sports with a large amount of school records being broken: Year 4 Girls Breaststroke - Ava Reid Year 4 Girls Freestyle - Miley Harrison Year 4 Boys Backstroke - Terence Yang Year 5 Boys Freestyle - Damion So Year 5 Boys Breaststroke - Daniel Hodgson Year 6 Girls Backstroke - Zoe Harrison Year 6 Girls Freestyle - Zoe Harrison



On Thursday 21st March we took 22 students to participate in the Fairfield Cluster Swimming Sports. It was a hot day and tough competition with highly competitive swimmers. Congratulations to Miley Harrison, Ava Reid, Terence Yang and Zoe Harrison for making the finals. It was fantastic to see Zoe Harrison place 2nd in the Year 6 Girls Freestyle. At the same time, she broke our school record by .05 of a second. Terence Yang placed 3rd in the Year 4 Boys Backstroke. Well done to our Year 5 Girls Freestyle Relay Team, Abbey Leatherland, Maya Damian, Grace Hewitt and Emily Hancock for placing third. Well done to all our swimmers who participated in such a positive manner, we are very proud of them all.

We would also like to thank all of our parents who supported our children on the day with timekeeping and transport. Sue Robertson & Levi O'Hallahan

#### FIRE EVACUATION AND LOCKDOWN DRILLS

As part of our Health and Safety policies and procedures at Te Totara we have regular drills in the areas of Emergency Evacuations and Lockdowns. One of each of these evacuations each year is an announced one so that students and staff are aware of when the drill will be and the teachers have gone through the procedures with them prior to the drill. We completed our **Emergency Evacuation Drill** on Tuesday this week and we were delighted with how quickly and efficiently the staff and students responded. From start to full completion it was a 9-minute timeframe which for a school this size is excellent.

#### Next week we will be doing an announced 'Lockdown Drill.'

Please be aware that we will be practising <u>all</u> aspects of this drill which includes our parental notifications in this area. The notification that you will receive will have the words "<u>Lockdown Drill</u>" in it so you will know it is <u>not</u> a real Lockdown. Please do not be alarmed by this, our children are not concerned by these processes and are taught just to follow the lead of the adults who are with them. We will be doing at least one more unannounced drill of each type during the rest of this year. These drills are very important, please be assured and confident in our processes as in any emergency situation the safety of our children and staff is our total priority.

#### SCHOOL SIGNAGE LOCATED AROUND OUR SCHOOL

You may have noticed increased school signage around our school. Our school has 24 hour camera surveillance with 16 security cameras installed which are monitored regularly.

We would also like to remind you our school is also a **Smoke Free and Vapor Free Zone**, **NO dogs** are allowed on our school grounds.



#### **MEDICATION PERMISSION SLIPS**

From time to time it is necessary to administer medication to children at school.

The Administration Team are happy to do this and follow the guidelines set out in the schools Administration of Prescribed Medication Policy. The Policy also requires parents/caregivers to complete a "Medicine Notification/Consent Form". This form is held at the School Office or can be downloaded from our school website <u>www.tetotara.school.nz</u> it is to be completed prior to any medication being administered. <u>ALL</u> medication must be held at the School Office.

- The name of the child, name of the drug, dosage, time and method of administration are clearly stated on the medication bottle and match the Medicine Notification/Consent Form.
- The use by date on the bottle is current.
- Prescription medications are not accepted for a child if it is not their name on the medicine, or if the medication end date specified in the Medicine Notification/Consent form exceeds the use by date on the container.

#### **2019 BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS**

This year there is a Board of Trustees election coming up and we wanted to give everyone plenty of opportunity to think about standing for the Board. The below links provide a brief guide as to what it entails:

<u>http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/</u> <u>Community Member Guide to the Role of the Board of Trustees</u> Kōrari Programme

Key Dates for the Te Totara Primary School 2019 Board of Trustees Elections are:

Close Main Roll – noon Wednesday 8th May Call for Nominations – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May Close Supplementary Roll – noon Wednesday 22nd May Nominations Close – noon Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May Voting Papers Sent by – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May Election Day (voting closes) – noon Friday 7th June Vote Count – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June Board takes Office – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June

### Kōrari programme form

The Kōrari programme is set up for parents and people in the community who would like to learn more about the role of school trustees.

Kōrari is an introduction workshop and a set of resources that NZSTA has developed to provide governance training. We run a series of free Kōrari workshops around the country.

Register with NZSTA to find out more about Kōrari workshops in your region.

#### SWIM SCHOOL - APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY LESSONS

We are looking at offering Swim School lessons in the next school holiday period from 15th - 18th April, 2019. This will be a 4 day block course of lessons.

Pre-schoolers may also enrol and there will be classes if we have enough interest for pre-schoolers.

Swim School lessons for this block course will be held in the mornings usually from 9am -12.30pm. Lessons will be **\$65.00 per child** for this block course of lessons.

Please email Celeste if you are interested to make a booking for your child, **celestem@tetotara.school.nz**. Please include your child's name and swimming level ability.

#### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 29th March, 2019 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm**. This week our children from **Neptune and Ra** will attend assembly. This week our Ra 30 children will be sharing.

#### NEXT WEEK SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This will be held on **Thursday 4th April, 2019 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm**, due to the School Disco being set up in the hall on Friday 5th April, 2019. This week our children from **Orion & Milky Way** will attend assembly.

This week our Milky Way 20 children will be sharing.



## TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

If you are a Coach or Manager, please email the POD to <u>celestem@tetotara.school.nz</u> TOUCH

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| Gunns      | Mason O'Hallahan            |
| Pacers     | Eli Tuck                    |
| CRICKET    |                             |
| Thunder    | Angus McDonnell             |
| Superstars | Caitlyn Addison, Sam Alison |
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# DATES COMING UP

| Thurs 28 March | Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm - 6.00pm                         |  |
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|                | - School Finishes at 2.00pm                                       |  |
| Fri 5 April    | PTA "Round the World" School Disco (\$2.00 Entry Fee at the door) |  |
|                | Years 0-2 from 5.45pm - 6.45pm                                    |  |
|                | Years 3-6 from 7.00pm - 8.30pm                                    |  |
| Mon 8 April    | Routine New Entrant Vision & Hearing                              |  |
|                | Checks at school  |  |
| Fri 12 April   | PTA Ice-Block Day   |  |
| Fri 12 April   | 3.00pm End of Term 1, 2019  |  |
| Mon 29 Apr     | TERM 2, BEGINS  |  |
| Wed 29 May     | Junior School Production - "Bada Bing It's Spring"                |  |
|                | 2.00pm Matinee & 6.00pm Evening Performances                      |  |
|                | More Information will follow closer to the time                   |  |
| Thurs 30 May   | Junior School Production - "Bada Bing It's Spring"                |  |
|                | 2.00pm Matinee & 6.00pm Evening Performances                      |  |
|                | More Information will follow closer to the time                   |  |
| Kind Regards,  |   |  |
| Anne Fraser    | Proudly hosted by   |  |

Principal

# TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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#### **DISCO NEXT WEEK - FRIDAY 5TH APRIL!**

Our first School Disco of the year is next week. The theme is 'Around the World' so come along in a costume from anywhere in the world: national costumes, traditional cultural outfits, sports team, flags.... there is a huge amount to choose from!

Marama students are doing a wonderful job preparing decorations - please make sure they are all in to your class teachers by next WEDNESDAY afternoon, thanks. HUGE THANKS to all the parents who have volunteered to help us at the disco. Details will be emailed through to you very shortly.



#### **KEEPING COOL AT SCHOOL**

We had a wonderful response to our Ice-Block Day last Friday, there were lots of happy little faces!

Huge thanks to the wonderful parents and school leaders who helped, we really appreciate it.

We are holding another Ice-Block day in 2 weeks time, the last day of school for Term 1. Pop it on your calendars now.



#### PTA EVENTS COMING UP

Fri 5th APR

**DISCO –** 'Around the World'. Come dressed in a costume from anywhere in the world!

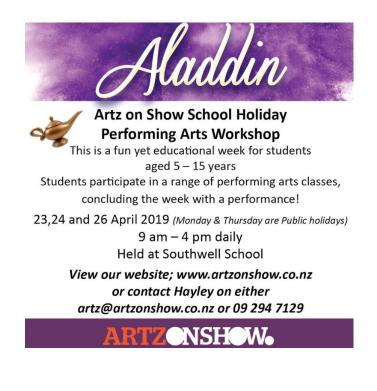
Fri 12th APR ICE BLOCK DAY- \$2.00 each at lunchtime

Please 'like' our Facebook page to ensure you keep in the news loop: www.facebook.com/TTPTA

Your PTA committee: Scoll, Fiona, Rae, Raewyn and Vicki

# **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.







# KIDS EAT FREE

Kids under 12 eat free from the Kids Menu when parents dine. One child per parent. 1 Kids Meal per child.

#### Call 07 839 5605 to book

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