

# **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**THURSDAY 20TH JUNE, 2019

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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)

### 2019 BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Thank you to the 2 staff members who stood for the Board of Trustees as the Staff Representative.

I would like to congratulate **Jo Stewart** who has been elected to the Board of Trustees.





#### TE TOTARA WHITE OR RED POLO SHIRT SURVEY

Following feedback in past parent surveys, the Board of Trustees have undertaken to survey all families regarding the colour of the school polo shirt. All families are requested to complete the following survey to indicate their preference for either retaining the current white polo shirt or changing to a red polo shirt. Responses must be received by 3.00pm Friday 28th June, 2019. If you have any problems completing the form please contact the School Office.



Please take the time to have your say as any change to the school uniform will affect all families.

Please click on the below blue link to complete the survey:

## Te Totara White OR Red Polo Shirt Uniform Survey

Please Note:

- If there is a change to a red polo shirt, there will be a period in excess of 12 months whereby either the white polo shirt or the red polo shirt can be worn.
- The red polo shirt option, if it is adopted, would be the same or similar to the current red sports polo shirt without the school name on the back.
- The Board will make the change if there is a simple majority of responses received for the red polo shirt option. It is important that the vote includes your Eldest Child's Last Name & First Name so that the vote is counted. ONE vote per family only.

#### **ENROLMENTS AT TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

If you have a child or sibling coming to Te Totara in the future, we would love to have an Enrolment Form - it would be much appreciated and certainly help with our future planning! Please download an **Enrolment Form** from our school website or collect an Enrolment Pack from the School Office between the hours of 8.15am - 3.30pm. Please return it to the School Office a.s.a.p. along with the required documentation.

#### WHOLE SCHOOL KIRIKIRIROA MARAE VISIT THIS WEEK

On Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th and Friday 14th June 2019 all Te Totara Primary School students had the exciting opportunity to be welcomed onto the Kirikiriroa Marae. Each day three groups visited the Marae by bus. The children engaged in the Powhiri process as the Manuhiri (visitors) with respect, knowing they were going to a special place. Our Year 5 and 6 students and staff who took on the roles of Karanga (calling) and whaikorero (speaking) at the Marae were fantastic role models and represented our school with pride. After being welcomed onto the Marae, children had some kai (food) as this is part of the powhiri process. They then learnt about poi, learnt about the different buildings within the marae and the significance of the Wharenui (meeting house). The children at the Marae, then became part of the tangata whenua (the people of the Marae) and welcomed the new group of Manuwhiri (visitors) to the Marae.

This experience consolidated the learning the children have been engaging in at school in their classrooms about Maori culture and the Marae. We are grateful to the volunteers from Kirikiriroa Marae who helped make this trip a success and the hard work of all the children, teachers, support staff, whanau and supportive senior management for all the hard work they put into this experience.

"Kotahi ano te kohao o te ngira e kuhunu ai te miro ma, te miro pango me te miro whero. I muri i au, kia mau te aroha, ki te ture, me te whakapono"

Potatau Te Wherowhero, 1858

There is but one eye of the needle through which the white, black and red threads must pass. After I am gone, hold fast to love, to the law, and to resolute faith.











#### FAMILY HOLIDAYS TAKEN DURING TERM TIME

We have noticed that there is a trend of parent condoned holidays taken during the school term. Please consider the effect this has on your child's learning by taking holidays at this time.

The school is more than comfortable for students not to be at school due to illness and health issues, and families are really good at liaising with us about this.

We do monitor trends and patterns on a weekly basis and will often liaise with families where there is a concern. ALL requests to remove students for a family holiday during term time must be emailed to: principal@tetotara.school.nz

If you have any queries around this, please don't hesitate to contact me.

#### 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 ONLY way to register/pay for your child for sports teams.



Miniball - Years 1&2, Years 3&4 and Years 5&6

Cut off date for registration is 3.00pm on Wednesday 3rd July, 2019

Kids for Kids Concert - Friday 2nd August, 2019 (selected students only)

Cut off date for registration is 3.00pm on Friday 26th July, 2019

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.

#### TRAFFIC & STUDENT'S SAFETY

Recently, we have had several comments and phone calls from members of the public expressing concerns about our students not practicing safe travel, the most recent relating to scooter use. Please remind your children that pedestrians, including scooter riders, do not have right of way on the road. Even more important, they must look before they cross the road. So far, we have only had near misses but an accident is inevitable unless some students improve their road behaviour.

Cyclists and scooterists are reminded, and parents please reinforce, that they need to keep left, they need to obey the road rules and they need to look first before turning across traffic or pulling out into the traffic stream. When a car hits a cyclist or scooterist it is almost always the cyclist who is badly hurt.

According to the NZTA, the law says "A person must not ride, or be carried on, a bicycle on a road unless the person is wearing a safety helmet of an approved standard that is securely fastened."

Parents, we urge you to be vigilant as car drivers around school zones, travelling no more than 40kms per hour. Please watch for children, they can be unpredictable at times.

#### **RUBEN THE ROAD SAFETY BEAR SAYS....**

When out walking on the footpath...

Look out for sneaky driveways.

At sneaky driveways when you cannot see if any vehicles are coming remember to **Stop**, **look listen and link** as though you are crossing the road.

#### Before crossing the road ...

**Stop** back from the curb **Look** for vehicles and bikes

**Listen** for vehicles and bikes

**Link** hands with a safe person and **walk** quickly across the road, still looking as you go.



#### On your bike...

Ask a big person to help you be safe by checking your helmet is buckled up and does not wobble loosely on your head.

#### When out and about ...

Wear bright clothing when walking so that other road users can easily see you. Wearing gear with reflective strips is even better, especially on bicycles. If you ride your bicycle on the road, remember it must have lights. Visit <a href="www.nzta.govt.nz">www.nzta.govt.nz</a> and search cycle lights for the rules.

#### In the car ...

Children, you are safest sitting in the back seat of the car.

Children, if you are less than 148cm tall you should use an approved child restraint (car seat or booster seat) on every trip.

#### **SEESAW USE**

We have found Seesaw to be a great tool to support the important home and school partnership. This was introduced a few years ago and it is now established in the school. The Board now ensures that the cost is taken care of for each student and that there is a permanent record to keep for students and families.

To support both families and teachers we have prepared some guidelines to help everyone know what the expectation is around this and these are included below. If you do have any queries please don't hesitate to contact the teacher of your child. To find out more, you can see our online Seesaw guide... Seesaw Guide

Year Level	Seesaw Use Guidelines - Information for Families
Year 1	<ul> <li>Items added are mostly by the teacher, with the aim to increase student independence during the year, when possible</li> <li>Items shared may include art, oral language, reading, maths, writing, PE, topic, Te Reo, performances, school events, and communication such as reminders etc.</li> <li>→ At least 2 items per student per term</li> </ul>
Year 2	<ul> <li>Items added are supported by the teacher, encouraging student ownership when possible</li> <li>Items shared may include art, oral language, reading, maths, writing, PE, topic, Te Reo, performances, school events, and communication such as reminders etc.</li> <li>→ At least 2 items per student per term</li> </ul>
Years 3-4	<ul> <li>Items added are supported by the teacher, encouraging student ownership and working towards mostly being added by students</li> <li>Items shared may include art, oral language, reading, maths, writing, PE, topic, Te Reo, performances, school events, and communication such as reminders etc.</li> <li>At least 3 items per student per term</li> </ul>
Years 5-6	<ul> <li>Items added mostly by students</li> <li>Items shared may include art, oral language, reading, maths, writing, PE, topic, Te Reo, performances, school events, and communication such as reminders or home learning etc.</li> <li>→ At least 3-4 items per student per term</li> </ul>
Note on Seesaw Communication	Please note that while Seesaw can be used as a parent-teacher communication tool for private messaging, it is not an expectation for teachers to check this regularly. Feel free to check with your child/rens teacher as to whether they make use of this feature. The best way to make contact with your child/rens teacher is to email or see them in person.

## TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

If you are a Coach or Manager, please email the POD to

celestem@tetotara.school.nz

**NETBALL** 

Meteors Alexis Torr-Williams Shooters Zahra Mohammad

MINIBALL

Lakers Nathan Woolerton

**HOCKEY** 

Hawks Matthew Li

Leopards Rishik Puvvula, Kaiden Dheda

Stormers Keerit Sandhu Tigers Lucas Templeton



#### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 21st June**, **2019 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm**. This week our children from **Orion & Milky Way** will attend assembly.

## DATES COMING UP

Fri 20 June BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm Wed 26 June PTA AGM @ 7.00pm

Fri 28 June Last Day for Spellathon Money to the PTA Box in the School Office

Fri 5 July END OF TERM 2, School Finishes at 3.00pm

Mon 22 July TERM 3 BEGINS AT 8.55AM

Fri 2 Aug Kids for Kids Evening Concert at Claudelands Arena

7&8 Aug Photolife Class & Individual Photos

Tues 13 Aug Cross Country

Thurs 15 Aug Cross Country Postponement Date

Wed 21Aug Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm - 5.30pm

- School Finishes at 2.00pm

Thurs 22 Aug Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm - 6.00pm

- School Finishes at 2.00pm

Mon 2 Sept Mid-Term Break - SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 16 Sept Photolife Cultural & Sports Photos

Tues 17 Sept Cluster Winter Sports at Southwell School

Tues 24 Sept PTA Art Exhibition

Fri 27 Sept END OF TERM 3, School Finishes at 3.00pm

Ngā mihi,

**Anne Fraser** Principal

## TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: tetotara.pta@gmail.com www.facebook.com/TTPTA



## EXCLUSIVE SNEAK PEEK AT THE NEW COURT COVER - when you attend the PTA AGM next Wednesday night

That's right – Our PTA AGM is to be held on Wednesday 26 June and, as part of the evening, we would like to invite you down for the first inspection of our NEW COURT COVER.

The PTA has worked very hard over the last few years to raise \$80,000 towards the cover – and it is down to the wonderful school and community support that the project has happened. We are very grateful to everyone who has supported the fundraising, thank you so much.

**Please meet at 7:00pm at Matariki hall**, to be escorted down to the courts for the first look at the cover. It is a very impressive structure and will be such an asset to the school and students for years to come.

For the AGM component (7:30pm in the staffroom), we have several committee members who are stepping down as their children near the end of their time here at Te Totara. We desperately need your involvement.

A light supper and refreshments will be served at the AGM.

Please consider joining the team – it is fun and easy to get involved. The PTA organizes fun activities like Ice-Block Days, Discos, Raffles and more. It's a friendly supportive environment, with all contributions of time and efforts appreciated. All parents and caregivers are welcome.

## SUPERSTAR 'SPELL-A-THON'

The Spell-a-thon testing is nearing completion! We are very proud of each and every student who is trying their best.

All students who return their sponsorship forms and money to the Green PTA box in the School Office <u>before FRIDAY 28TH</u> <u>JUNE</u> (tomorrow) will be eligible for cool prizes within their pod.



All funds raised will be going towards a cover over the new Matariki playground. We hope you and your families will support this fun initiative, thank you!

#### **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

Outstanding books are slowly coming back in however we still have a way to go until they are all returned. We now have 28 books outstanding - \$1,820 worth. 2nd reminder notices are just being printed.

I am sure you can appreciate that this is continuing to be very time consuming for our PTA volunteer so 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 School Office immediately. Thank you in advance.

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

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

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



## **COMMUNITY NOTICES:**

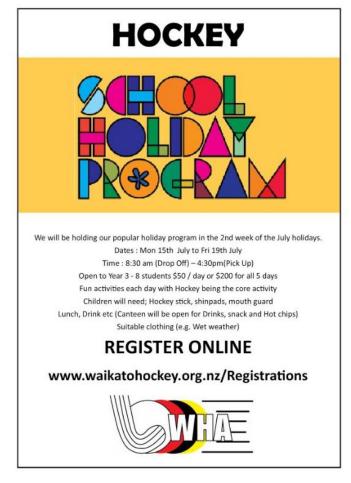
We are often asked to put Community Notices in our newsletter. Due to the large number of requests, we now have a "Community Notices" section on the notice board in the School Office, where you will find more information on the notices below. Please note that this does not necessarily imply School endorsement of these notices.

















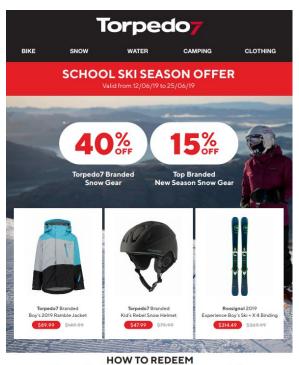
## **NOW OPEN**

#### **Olympic Football Coaching**

Term 3 \$80 for 6 sessions Starting Friday 27 July

To Register Go To www.AdamThomasfootball.com







Instore - present this email at checkout (on phone or print) Online - use voucher codes at Checkout

COMT740N 40% OFF Torpedo7 Branded Snow Gear COMT715N 15% OFF Top Branded New Season Snow Gear

Kia Ora.

My name is Bridie Case-Miller and I am a year 12 at Sacred Heart Girls College in Hamilton.

#### https://our.actionstation.org.nz/petitions/hamilton-city-council-declare-a-climate-emergency

This is the link to a petition myself and Timi Barabas from Rototuna High School started to encourage the Hamilton City Council to declare a climate emergency. This means that they will have to act with urgency when it comes to any action they take towards climate change. This is important because if action is not taken now, the global temperatures will continue to rise which will have catastrophic effect on our earth and economy. It is possible that we will be dead within the next 20 years.

We started this petition just a few days ago yet it has already got over 500 signatures which proves that this is something that the residents of Hamilton are really passionate about.

Because of this, we would really appreciate you and the staff of your school signing it as well as sharing this link with the parents and/or students either via email or your school social media pages so that they are given the opportunity to sign the petition also.

We will be presenting the petition to the Hamilton City Council on Thursday the 20th of June so we would greatly appreciate your assistance when it comes to sharing this link around. If we reach 1000 signatures the Hamilton City Council will have no choice but to declare a climate emergency!

Thank you for your time, we hope you take action for our future!! Kind Regards,

Bridie Case-Miller and Timi Barabas