

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER, 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)

CHARTER SURVEY 2019 - COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ONLY TAKES 5 MINS TO COMPLETE.. WE WOULD LOVE YOUR FEEDBACK! Closes tomorrow - Friday 1st November, 2019

Our Board of Trustees works with its local community to make sure that Te Totara Primary School operates in a way that is appropriate for the students, families and community that it serves. This is what schools mean when they talk about "the needs and aspirations of the local community"

The Board and School Leadership creates the school Charter and Strategic Plan. These describe the Board's long term plans for the school and sets goals that will help make them happen. They are generally for between 3-5 years.

The Board then monitors progress towards the long-term plan and goals to make sure the things that are happening in the school are going in the right direction. Our current Charter is for the 3 year period of 2017 - 2019, click on the following link to view this document: Charter 2017 - 2019

As we are coming to the end of this Charter period we need to consult with our students, staff and families around the next Charter which will be 2020 - 2023. Under our Treaty of Waitangi commitment we also consult with our Maori community.

Te Totara Primary encourages all our families to take part in a short survey to share ideas that will contribute to our Charter (the 'big picture' ideas), the Strategic Plan (the implementation plan) and the Annual year by year detail. We share these for each year with updates on our Website under the tab '2019 Charter', click on the following link to view this document: 2019 Charter

The staff will also be consulting with all our students so that their 'voice' is heard in this process as well.

It is vital that we are able to develop the Charter from your ideas as well as those that are set by the Ministry of Education guidelines. We encourage you to please take time to contribute to all or

even part of the survey by clicking on the following link: Charter Survey 2019

If you would like a hard copy of the Charter Survey to complete, please contact the School Office. It is great to see your comments and ideas flowing onto the Charter Survey document.

Thank you for your help.

Anne Fraser - on behalf of Te Tolara Board of Trustees

2019 YEARBOOK ORDERS 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 22nd November, 2019 @ 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.



"HAVE A GO" ATHLETICS DAY FOR YEARS 0-2 ONLY TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER. 2019

The Matawhero, Satellite Unit & Neptune 26 Teams will start at 9.10am, finishing at 11.50pm Orion & Neptune 24, 25, 27, 28 Teams will start at 12.00 lunchtime, finishing at 2.30pm

With our Year 0-2 students, we are developing and sharing their skills through a fun activity based event called the 'Have a Go' Day. They will be rotated around the following activities: High jump, long jump, sprints, quoits, egg and spoon, hurdles, cricket ball throw and parachute games.

- Children may arrive at school in their house colours; they can remain in their house colour clothes for the whole day
- Check with your classroom teacher if you are unsure which house your child is in
- Sports shoes are optional; children may wish to compete in bare feet
- Te Totara bucket sun hats are compulsory
- Plenty of lunch and water are important
- The 'Have a Go' postponement date is Thursday 7th November, 2019

If 'Have a Go' day is postponed, it will be notified on our Facebook page at 7.30am or via our school website at 8.00am.

TE TOTARA SCHOOL HOUSES

- Te Totara School has four houses, all named in line with our STARS theme and space expeditions:
- "Apollo, Challenger, Discovery and Mercury"
- Children are placed in houses when they arrive at school. New Entrants with family members already at school will be placed in the same house.
- We are able to use the houses for different school events and happenings e.g. Athletic Sports.
- Houses provide our children with leadership responsibilities and provide good natured competition.
- There are colours for each house (see below). The classroom teacher will advise your child which house they belong too.
- There are Lead Teachers looking after each house
- Students will be meeting in house groups beforehand

HOUSE COLOURS

Apollo
Challenger
Discovery
Mercury

Yellow
Blue
Green
Red

PLANNING FOR 2020

We are beginning to plan for 2020 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 Jo Stewart, 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 Jo Stewart, Deputy Principal, by <u>Friday 8th</u> <u>November, 2019</u> at <u>dp@tetotara.school.nz</u>

YEAR 6 LEAVERS – DESTINATION SCHOOL FOR 2020

Many of our Year 6 families have already enrolled at an Intermediate School/High School for 2020 and have received confirmation of acceptance.

If you haven't already done so.... it would be much appreciated if you could advise Marise in the School Office of your decision on Ph: 853-0039 ext. 858. As you can imagine, these schools have a huge amount of applications to process and are keen to receive Enrolment Applications in advance.

If you haven't made a decision as yet, please also let us know.

STUDENTS LEAVING TE TOTARA

If you have not already notified us and are planning to leave our school at the end of the 2019 school year (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.

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.



2019 Yearbook

Cut off date for registration is 3.00pm on Friday 22nd November, 2019. Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.

2020 School Camp - Year 5&6 Students only

Full Payment & Registration OR
1st installment & Registration
2nd Installment - Due by 13th December, 2019
3rd Installment - Due by 7th February, 2020
4th Installment - Due by 6th March, 2020

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.

SCHOOL MUFTI DAY - SUPPORT THE SPCA

On **Friday 8th November, 2019** we will be having an Animal Mufti Day. **Bring a gold coin donation and dress up as your favourite animal!** The money will be donated to the SPCA to help them buy food,





beds, toys and cages. There will be buckets at the gate to drop off your gold coin donation.

2019 YEAR 6 LEAVERS SUPPER EVENING

TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2019

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, no siblings please.

We are really looking forward to this special evening.

Invitations went home with your Year 6 child last week, RSVP date for these to be returned to the school office is **Tuesday 26th November**, **2019**.



CONGRATULATIONS TO A PAST STUDENT - TIANA MAYO (YEAR 12)

Congratulations to a former student of Te Totara, **Tiana Mayo**, who yesterday was awarded the top prize of **Waikato Diocesan School For Girls** - **Dux of 2019**. This is a massive achievement for Tiana, particularly as she is a Year 12 student - well done!

Tiana will continue her studies at Auckland University next year, she has been awarded the University of Auckland High Achiever Scholarship as well as a Waikato Scholarship.



PHOTOLIFE CLASS, SIBLING & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

Soon we will receive shoot keys for families to be able to order the Cultural and Sports Photos that were taken on Monday 16th September, 2019. These will be handed out to students when they arrive.



NETBALL SKIRTS - URGENT NETBALL REMINDER

All netball skirts should have been returned by the end of Term 3 but many are still outstanding. If you haven't returned your netball skirt yet, please do so urgently to avoid being charged the \$30.00 replacement fee.

Please return to Mrs O'Hallahan in Earth 34 by tomorrow, Friday 1st November, 2019.

WEETBIX TRYATHALON - SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY, 2020

Weetbix TRYathlon time again! It is being held at the University of Waikato grounds and will be on in Hamilton on Sunday 16th February, 2020. Register online now to get the early bird price, and don't forget to scroll down on the registration form and click on our school name so that we can hopefully win the biggest school group again!

To register, go to try.weetbix.co.nz. There is information there about doing the TRYathlon on your own or as part of a team.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on Friday 1st November, 2019 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.

This week our children from Orion and Milky Way will attend assembly.

This week our children from Orion 8 and 9 will be

sharing at assembly.

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

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

CRICKET

Superstars Jah Sutherland Thunders Hadlee Tantrum



DATES COMING UP

Fri 1st Nov PTA Ice Block Day - \$2.00

Tues 5 Nov Junior "Have a Go" Athletics Day (Years 0-2)

Thurs 7 Nov Junior "Have a Go" Athletics Day (postponement day)

Fri 8 Nov MUFTI DAY (Gold coin) - Support the SPCA

Tues 19 Nov Senior Athletics Day

Thurs 21 Nov Senior Athletics Day (postponement day)
Wed 27 Nov Year 6 Orientation to RJHS (9.30am - 12.30pm)

Thurs 28 Nov BOT Meeting 6.30pm Tues 3 Dec Year 6 Leavers Supper

Wed 4 Dec Volunteers "Thankyou" Morning Tea @ 9.00am - 9.45am (Staff Lounge)

Wed 4 Dec Cluster Athletics at Southwell
Tues 10 Dec End of Year Celebration

Wed 11 Dec End of Year Celebration (postponement day)
Thurs 19 Dec END OF TERM 4, School Finishes at 3.00pm

Ngā mihi,

Anne Fraser Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: pta@tetotara.school.nz www.facebook.com/TTPTA
Please 'like' our Facebook page to ensure you keep in the news loop: www.facebook.com/TTPTA

ICE BLOCK DAY - FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

On Friday 1st November there will be an Ice Block Day. \$2.00 per ice block, these will be sold after eating for learning at lunchtime.

PLAYGROUND COVER

The PTA is pleased to announce that they have donated \$20,000 to the School. With this donation, the school has chosen to use the funds to go towards a playground cover for the Matariki Playground. Installation is scheduled to take place over the summer holidays.

Your PTA committee: Fiona, Moshe, Rae, Kerry, Shelley







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.

HAVE
YOU EVER
CONSIDERED
BMX AS YOUR FAMILY SPORT?

CLUB NIGHTS EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 21st August from 5.15pm



Olympic Football Coaching

Term 4 \$80 for 6 sessions Starting Wednesday 30 October 2019

To Register Go To www.AdamThomasfootball.com











