

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER, 2019

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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.

As we come to the end of my first year as Principal of this fantastic school, I really appreciate the real sense of partnership that we enjoy in our 'big family school'. That was so clearly evident in the wonderful End of Year Celebration we shared with you all last Tuesday night. We are very fortunate to continue to share wonderful learning experiences with our families: we really value the help and support that has been provided in so many ways e.g. curriculum trips, learning plan discussions, sports team coaches and managers, the Arts exhibition, library volunteers, play dough creators and shelving of literacy resources.

To any of you who are leaving our community, thank you for your contribution and we wish you well in your future. Year 6 students, keep in touch as we love hearing about your learning journey and the great people you are becoming.

To our amazing families, inspiring staff and our students who are our 'shining stars' - thank you for another excellent year of learning at Te Totara primary school.

I wish you a wonderful Christmas break with your families, take time to enjoy all that summer in New Zealand offers to us, please stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 3rd February, 2020 when our new school year begins.

Ngā mihi **Anne Fraser**

Anne Fraser Principal

STUDENT CLASSES FOR 2020 LIVE ON PARENT PORTAL ON FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER, 2019 @ 3.30PM

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

Log onto your @school Parent Portal http://www.atschool.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

CLASSES FOR 2020

We have appreciated the input of students, teachers and parents in helping support the decision making process for classes in 2020. Considerable time, skill and energy has gone into putting together the organisation for 2020.

The class for each child will go live at 3.30pm tomorrow, Friday 13th 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 Wednesday 18th December from 1.30pm - 2.00pm.

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	* Krissy Tantrum	35	Craig McAuley	19
Sarah Gill	9	Jennifer Dalton	26	Suzie Goile	36	Tracey Osborne	20
Julia May	10	* Cyra Wells	27	Brendan Gauld	37	* Rochelle Lingard	21
		Niki Collins	28	Natalie Gillies	38	Nerida Turnbull	23
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 2020	1			Sarah Brister	30	Dori Villasol-Alonso	13
To start in 2020	2			N/A	31	* Sue Robertson	14
To start in 2020	4			* Kāren Langley	32	Kristy Hanks	15
				Ashleigh Morgan	33	Renee Morgan	22

^{* =} 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 2020.
- 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.. How we put our classes together

STAFFING UPDATE

An update on our staffing for 2020:

The current team leader in the Earth Team **Cath Glyde** will be on leave for the 2020 school year. Cath and her husband are looking forward to a year of travel and adventure, starting with South America as their destination in January. We wish them well in their journey and look forward to seeing Cath again possibly as a guest teacher during the year between travels.

The Team Leader in Earth block in 2020 will be **Krissy Tantrum** and in the Ra Team we are delighted to have **Kāren Langley** to lead the team of Year 3-4 teachers in that block.

Two of our current New Entrant teachers **Jodie Hansen** and **Maria Batters** hope to return to us during the 2020 to start up New Entrant classes in Matawhero, when required. It will be great to have them back as we have enjoyed working with them during 2019.

Anna Littler will be moving to more part-time work across the school next year. It will be great to welcome Anna to this role.

One of our long serving Year 1 teachers **Jemma Shannon** will be working as one of our Learning Support teaching team across the school. Her fantastic early literacy and numeracy knowledge will be valuable working with Reading Recovery students and Ongoing Resourcing students to support them with their learning.

OUR SCHOOL OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Our school will be a busy place over the holidays with our caretakers working on projects, this includes:

• Three sun shades are to be installed over the newest playground area. The funding for this has been made possible via a \$20,000 donation from our hardworking P.T.A.

The holiday period will see a number of infrastructure developments occur that have been approved in our 2020 budget.

These are:

- Our I.C.T. communications system will be entirely migrated to the 'Cloud' as our current server
 is out of warranty period now. We will be installing a small server for the photocopier systems at
 school. Most of our systems are already 'cloud based', this will complete the process/
- The telephone systems are to undergo a major upgrade as they are no longer compatible with the latest updates.
- Our intercom system is also to receive a major upgrade to allow us to manage it more effectively on-site. This means that we can vary bell times for learning plan discussions, holiday shut offs and other variations via a computer system through the school office.

This is all important work as our school is now 12 years old and infrastructure changes in this time have necessitated these upgrades. By the time school starts the work will be completed

STUDENTS LEAVING TE TOTARA

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

A massive thank you to all our 2019 Yearbook sponsors....

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ORDER YOUR STUDENT STATIONERY FOR 2020 NOW!

We've teamed up again 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.



OfficeMax MySchool makes Back to School easy for you with these great benefits:

- Order the easy way online at myschool.co.nz OR at your local OfficeMax store located at cnr of Victoria Street & Princes Street, Hamilton Ph: (07) 838-8612 OR Freephone 0800 724 440.
- **Price Match Promise** find a lower price and OfficeMax will match it. Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details.
- Free Delivery for orders over \$46.00 inc GST Choose delivery to your home or workplace. Receive your 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) 838-8612. Advise them that you are from Te Totara Primary School and the Year Level your child/ren is in 2020. They will have hard copies of stationery lists available at the OfficeMax shop from Monday 25th November, 2020.

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: www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara

Step-by-step instructions on how to order student stationery for 2020 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, 2020 your child will be classified as a Year 1.

Please ensure you have placed your online order no later than **Thursday 23rd January**, **2020** to ensure delivery before school starts on **Monday 3rd February**, **2020**.

Please ensure your child/ren have all their school stationery items before school begins for 2020.

Order your child's stationery online at myschool.co.nz in December... and you decide when you pay.



The OfficeMax team have done all the hard work for you! Your school's stationery lists are already online at myschool.co.nz

Order online between 1–31 December 2019 then choose when you pay - and when we deliver... no holiday worries and no back to school hurries! Plus, you'll get a free gift* with your order.





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.



2020 Term 1 - Touch Rugby \$23.00 per student

Monday afternoons at Flagstaff Park - Years 1&2, 3&4 and 5&6 Teams Cut-off date for registration is Monday 27th January, 2020

2020 Term 1 - Cricket Registration \$16.00 per student

Friday Night Cricket - Years 1-6

Saturday Hardball Cricket - Years 5&6 only

Cut-off date for registration is Friday 31st January, 2020

2020 School Camp - Year 5&6 Students only

\$180.00Full Payment & Medical Questions OR

1st \$45.00 installment & Medical Questions

Reminder: 2nd \$45.00 Installment - Due by 13th December, 2019

3rd \$45.00 Installment - Due by 7th February, 2020

4th \$45.00 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.

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS - TO BE PAID THROUGH KINDO

As at today's date, the following amounts are still outstanding:

Lost Library Books \$58.25 Aquatics (Swimming) \$10050.00 Mathletics \$3530.00 Voluntary School Donation \$33619.00



We would really appreciate it if all outstanding fees are paid by Monday 23rd December, 2019.

Voluntary 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

LEAVING TE TOTARA? CLOSE YOUR KINDO ACCOUNT



If your family is leaving our school and moving to another school that does not use KINDO for school payments, you need to close your account. If you're not sure about the new school, log in, go to "My Details" and click on the list of schools, scrolling to find your new school.

If your new school is NOT on the list, you will need to close your account. Send an email to hello@mykindo.co.nz requesting to close your account. This request will need to:

- 1. Be emailed from your mykindo account email address
- 2. State the current balance on the account

Term 4 Mon 12 Oct – Wed 16 Dec (10 weeks)

3. Provide the bank account number for refunding the balance (or ask for it to be forwarded to the school)

Please advise KINDO before Friday 17th January. Refunds and account closures will be actioned during January/February 2020.

URGENT - ALL LIBRARY BOOKS DUE BACK TO SCHOOL NOW

All library books should have been returned to school now please.

We still have 265 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.

2020 TERM DATES

Term 1 Mon 3 Feb - Thu 9 April (10 weeks) Holiday - Thu 6 Feb Waitangi Day **Term 2** Tue 28 April - Fri 3 July (10 weeks)

Holiday - Mon 27 Apr (ANZAC Day) &

- Mon 1 June Queen's Birthday

Teacher only day - Friday 29 May

Term 3 Mon 20 July - Fri 25 Sept (10 weeks) Holiday - Mon 31 Aug School Mid-Term break

Teacher only day - Friday 23 October

Holiday - Mon 26 October Labour Day

REMINDER.... SCHOOL FINISHES ON THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2019 @3.00PM

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.

LIBRARY OPEN DATES

The library will be open for parent borrowing on the following dates:

Friday 13th December, 2019 8.15am-9.00am & 2.45pm-3.20pm

Monday 16th December, 2019 3.00pm-3.30pm Thursday 19th December, 2019 3.00pm-3.30pm

If you would like to stock up on books for the holidays, please pop in and borrow up to six books per child. The books are not due back until Thursday 6th February, so you are welcome to hold on to them for the whole holidays

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

Monday 6th January, 2020 1.00pm - 4.00pm Monday 13th January, 2020 1.00pm - 4.00pm Monday 20th January, 2020 1.00pm - 4.00pm Monday 27th January, 2020 1.00pm - 4.00pm

OUR LOST PROPERTY BIN IS FULL AGAIN!

Weather permitting; we will endeavour to display all lost property items EVERY Friday until the end of term.

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 ask ALL families to please check your child's uniform on a weekly basis to ensure they are wearing their own uniform, rather than someone else's.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 13th December**, **2019 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm**.

This week our children from Orion and Milky Way will attend assembly and the end of year Class awards will be presented to these classes.

DATES COMING UP

Fri 13 Dec PTA - Iceblock Day

Wed 18 Dec Students visit new classes for 2020 from 1.30pm - 2.00pm

Thurs 19 Dec END OF TERM 4, School Finishes at 3.00pm

Mon 3 Feb TERM 1, 2020 Begins

Wed 12 Feb PTA Meeting

Ngā mihi,

Änne Fraser Principal





TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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

ICE BLOCK DAYS COMING UP:

Friday, 13th December, 2019

KEEP THESE DATES FREE FOR 2020 FUN, FUN, FUN....

Friday 13th March, 2020 - Twilight Family Event - Details to come

Friday 3rd April 2020 - School Disco - Details to come

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday12th February, 2020

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.





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