

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERTHURSDAY 11TH JUNE, 2020

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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)

WELCOME BACK - ALERT LEVEL 1

It is fantastic to be able to be together as a community again. From today families are able to come into the school site at the beginning and the end of the school day.



It has been quite a journey from when we were last in Alert Level 1 in mid March. As a country together we have met the challenge of this pandemic and eliminated it. I feel hugely privileged and proud to live in New Zealand, where we

have listened and responded to the advice of our experts and leaders, achieving this positive outcome together.

It is wise to remain vigilant however by continuing the great handwashing and cleaning protocols that have kept us safe. We are also advised to maintain an appropriate physical distance around people we don't know.

Throughout the school on the windows we have posters from the Ministry of Health with our unique **Te Totara School QR code**. You are encouraged to download the NZ Covid Tracer App so you can scan our posters when you are onsite, this will add to the record of where you have been, in case of a future outbreak.

During the past month, our students have been amazing in the way they have just accepted our guidelines and self-managed themselves in coming into school, without their families. We have seen real gains in the growth of confidence and independence to walk into school by themselves. This has had very positive effects with a readiness to learn, from the start of the school day. Our junior school teachers have particularly commented on this. Fully confident and capable are wonderful lifelong traits for our children to learn.

We are hopeful that families will continue to build on this by expecting the children to mostly come in from their car or the gate by themselves and get ready for learning independently. Even if you accompany them in, please do encourage your child to perform their 'set up' functions for the school day themselves.

The Te Totara School site is open for students from 8.15am. **School gates will be opened by staff only at 8.15am and 2.50pm** each day for students and families. The gates will be closed during learning time from 9.00am until 2.50pm. Our staff will re-open the gates at 2.50pm when families are able to come into the site to meet their children who will be finishing school at 3.00pm. We will start locking down the school site again at 3.20pm when all children are required to have left the site. Any student who needs to be at school prior to 8.15am or after 3.20pm will need to be enrolled in Before or After School Care.

Any visitors to our site during the school day must enter via the School Office and sign into our Vistab log as per our usual practise. Students who arrive late must also come in via the School Office as all gates will be locked with attendance registers being completed by 9.00am.

We will be returning to a single break time for morning tea and lunch from next Monday onwards.

Thank you for your attention to the above matters.

Ngā mihi

Anne Fraser

Principal
Te Totara Primary School

LOST PROPERTY BIN

Please check out our lost property bin. The BIG YELLOW bin is located outside the Earth building; there are LOTS of polar fleeces!

Please check to see if any items belong to your family as all unclaimed/unnamed items (other than school uniform) remaining at the end of term will be donated to the Salvation Army.

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.



LOCKING OF BIKES AND SCOOTERS

Recently, we have had a few families advise us that their child's scooter or bike has been taken or stolen.

We do have security cameras scattered throughout the school however, our best advice is to PLEASE LOCK YOUR CHILD'S BIKE OR SCOOTER.

If your child intends to play on the playground after school for a short time, please ask them to go and get their bike/scooter first and have it with them.





We would expect that all of our children who are not enrolled at After School Care would have left the school premises by 3.15pm.

ALLERGIES/MEDICAL CONDITIONS

In the event of a medical emergency, if your child has a medical condition, is taking regular medicine/tablets or has an allergy (including sticking plasters etc), please advise the School Office (if you haven't already), so we can amend your records accordingly.

We also have several children in school with severe allergies and we have procedures in place to keep these children safe, including not sharing food/drink, washing tables, and hand washing before and after eating. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

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 www.tetotara.school.nz it is to be completed prior to any medication being administered. ALL medication must be held at the School Office.

ILLNESS AT SCHOOL - STAND DOWN TIMES REMINDER

The School Office has seen a few cases of diarrhoea and vomiting amongst students at Te Totara Primary School over the past week.

As this can be very easily transmitted, please ensure all unwell students are kept at home until **48 hours after the diarrhoea and/or vomiting has stopped**.

It is important to encourage good hand washing and drying.

Please see a Doctor if vomiting and/or diarrhoea is severe or the illness does not improve.

DENTAL CLINIC FOR TE TOTARA CHILDREN

FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY DENTAL CLINIC

Our school Dental Clinic is located at the Fairfield Community Dental Clinic Ph: (07) 853-8145

C/- Fairfield Intermediate School, Kensington Place, Davies Corner (end of road not far from Davies Corner Medical Centre)



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by tomorrow, Friday 12th June, 2020 @ 9.15am to the School Office. Sorry **NO** late orders will be accepted.

REMEMBER.... When completing the order form please fill in all the details i.e. name, room number, item number and title of the book.

A quick easy way to order and pay now, is to order and pay online with the book club loop.



kindo. 2020 SCHOOL CAMP (Years 5&6)

URGENT - all outstanding amounts to be paid via KINDO under the "Fees & Donations icon" We currently have \$3,790.00 outstanding in camp payments.



DATES COMING UP

Fri 12 June Scholastic Book orders close

Wed 24 June PTA AGM @ 7.30pm in the School Staff Lounge

Thurs 25 June **BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm**

Mon 29 June **Routine Hearing & Vision Testing at school**

Fri 3 July Learning Plans go home Fri 3 July 3.00pm End of Term 2, 2020

Mon 20 July Term 3 Begins at 8.55am Thurs 30 July BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm Thurs 27 Aug BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm

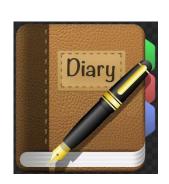
Mon 31 Aug Mid-Term Break - SCHOOL CLOSED

Senior Production - further Details to follow Tues 8 Sept Senior Production - further Details to follow Wed 9th Sept Senior Production - further Details to follow Thurs 10 Sept

Thurs 24 Sept **BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm**

Ngā mihi,

Anne Fraser Principal



TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: pta@tetotara.school.nz www.facebook.com/TTPTA
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PTA AGM, 24th June, 7.30pm - School Staff Lounge

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is coming up and we would like to invite all parents/caregivers along to come find out about the PTA and what we do for our children at Te Totara. Come see how you can help our school and how the PTA contributes to our school community.

What is the PTA?

PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association. It's a group of parents and families associated with Te Totara whose aim it is to bring the school children and school community together, to fundraise and coordinate fun activities for the children and community.

What kind of skills are required to be part of the PTA?

The PTA requires a diverse range of skills. Some examples include:

Organisation and planning skills

Communication or written skills

Physical lifting or transporting purchases for events to the school.

All kinds of skills are welcome and needed to make the PTA successful. This helps share responsibilities and load across more people.

What are the perks of being part of the PTA?

Meet other parents and make new connections and friends Gain a great insight into the workings of the School Seeing the smiling faces of the children at Events

What happens at the AGM?

The AGM is where the Committee decide who will be on the executive team for the following year (Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Communications Officer). These people liaise with the school around how the money will be spent e.g. new playground, tennis court roof etc and also that the school community are kept informed about PTA events, like Discos and Fun Runs.

What can I do to help?

You can take on an executive role, attend meetings as a committee member, help out at events. Such as selling drinks at Disco's, Ice-block Days or to help plan fundraisers such as the Fun Run event.

The PTA would love to meet you, find out what you have to offer to help the school community come together and have some fun.

How much time is involved?

As much or as little as you are able to give to the PTA. If you take on an executive position, you will be required to attend the majority of the meetings (approx 8 x one hour meetings per year). The PTA also needs plenty of people to help at events.

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.

MISSING SCOOTER - NOTE FROM PARENT

This week a scooter was taken from Te Totara Primary School and it appears there were two identical scooters but the new, sparkling faultless scooter has been taken home by someone else other than the owner.

The older well used scooter has been left at school and is in the Caretakers shed. Please return the new scooter to the Caretakers shed if you have mistakenly taken it.





MISSING SCOOTER - NOTE FROM PARENT

This scooter was missing from school on Tuesday afternoon, it was parked on the fences close to room 9. It may have been taken home by mistake, similar to the scooter in this picture but the back wheel is different. It should be named underneath with Ollington.

If found, please return the scooter to our Caretakers shed at Te Totara Primary School.

JOB VACANCY

Chartwell Cooperating Church is seeking a Facilities Supervisor to work six hours a week, overseeing the church buildings and its users.

As well as this, the Facilities Supervisor is required to fulfill our health and safety requirements. Knowledge of audio-visual equipment is an advantage.

A job description is available from the Church office or via email – Office@chartwellchurch.org.nz Please email your applications to the church office by Friday 30th June 2020.



Edventure Hamilton - Holiday Programmes - Are Back!!! July 2020

After covid close-down we are excited to announce that day holiday programmes will be back up and running in July 2020 and camps will be back in September/October.

A programme running everyday for 5-13 yr olds, @Berkeley Normal Middle School, OSCAR available, planned and run by teachers, for more info or to BOOK NOW visit <u>www.edventure.co.nz</u> or Ph 021 0224 1576. See you on your next EDVENTURE. #SupportLocal



July 2020

HONDAY 6TH
TUESDAY 7TH
WEDNESDAY 8TH
THURSDAY 9TH
FRIDAY 10TH

VOLLEYBALL
NETBALL
ULTIMATE FRISBEE
RIPPA RUGBY
FUTSAL

MONDAY 19TH NETBALL
TUESDAY 14TH FUTSAL
WEDNESDAY 15TH RIPPA RUGBY
THURSDAY 16TH ULTIMATE FRISBEE
FRIDAY 17TH VOLLEYBALL

www.netballhamilton.org.nz



9am to 3pm \$30 per day 5 years to 13 years old Girls and Boys



KIDS SPEAK OUT!



No Confidence – School speeches – Bullies - a NIGHTMARE?

After School Classes: Kids gain real life skills & have fun!

LEADERSHIP: Sch Holidays 1-4 days with Certificate - Age 10+

CHALLENGES: Sch Holidays Coping with life challenges - Age 10+

HIGH SCHOOL Aargh – 1 day, Rules, Study skills, Interviews Yr 8

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