

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 2ND JULY, 2020

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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)

On Friday we come to the end of the most unusual and challenging term in my career. This term started back in April when we were all in Alert Level 4 of our Covid 19 lockdown. This was such an uncertain time but in true Te Totara fashion we were able to connect our community through our Seesaw portal. We were able to share in some wonderful experiences of online learning, innovative ideas and fantastic family moments. Thank you so much to our families, for making this time apart, a time of new learning and experiences creating special memories.

Then as we moved into Alert Level 3 some of our learners returned to school. We were delighted to welcome them back, sharing unique times over the weeks until we all came back.

It was such a great day (and a little scary too) when we all returned to our school site on Monday 18 May (Week 6). The excitement and genuine delight of the students and staff was wonderful and I was so impressed with the way our children said 'goodbye' at the school gate and independently organised themselves for their learning. Another positive outcome of these challenging times!

Since we returned the staff has strongly focussed on student learning ensuring that we were able to make gains to get back on track. The major Science and Technology unit this term on Forces has been very interactive and the students have really enjoyed designing, constructing and testing catapults, bridges, toys and various other structures in order to understand the engineering processes. Great fun has also been had...check out our Facebook page.

We have also been assessing student progress over the past few weeks and getting ready to report to you all through our Learning Plans, which will go home at the end of this week.

I am very grateful that we have all remained safe and well over the past few months. I hope you and your families have managed to rebound from these difficult times. I know that some families are encountering challenges related to employment and other worries. Please don't hesitate to be in touch with us via myself or through Marise, our Community Liaison officer. We can help in many personal and practical ways to share your load or ease your concerns.

It is what we do in the most difficult times that defines the depth of Te Totara as a Community of Care.

As we go into the two weeks of school holidays I wish you a wonderful break with your children, enjoy some of that slower and simpler pace of life that refreshes us all. If you are travelling to see our lovely country with 'fresh eyes', I hope you travel safely.

I look forward to seeing you all for more great learning experiences, including a fabulous Senior production to look forward to in Term 3.

Anne Fraser

Principal

LOST PROPERTY ON DISPLAY

Weather permitting; we will endeavour to display all lost property items Thursday 2nd July & Friday 3rd July, 2020.

Please check out our lost property bin. The BIG YELLOW bin is located outside the Earth building; there are <u>LOTS</u> of bucket hats!

Please check to see if any items belong to your family as all unclaimed items (other than school uniform) will be donated to charity.



LEARNING PLANS HOME TOMORROW - FRIDAY 3RD JULY, 2020

A Learning Plan for each student will be sent home with the oldest or only child from each family tomorrow, <u>Friday 3rd July, 2020</u>. However, if your child started at school in Term 2 you will not receive a Learning Plan yet.

The Learning Plans will also be available online from 3.00pm on Friday 3rd July, 2020. Included in the information pack being sent home will be instructions on how to log-on to the Parent Portal site.

The work involved in developing these Learning Plans is immense and reflect our goal of developing a personalised plan for each student.

Much thought and consideration has gone into these Learning Plans. We have managed to include a lot more of each child's comments and goals, to ensure they have an increased sense of ownership of their Learning Plan.

We strongly advise that you:

- Go through the Learning Plan with your child
- Look especially at the "Where To Next" and "Goals set by Student, Parent and Teacher" sections and incorporate these into supporting learning at home.

A REMINDER.... Please keep your Login and Password details for the Parent Portal handy, these will be inside the Learning Plan folder. We encourage families to log-in to the Parent Portal and check that we hold the correct details on file for your child/ren e.g. mobile numbers, home address and email address

For those families who started Te Totara Primary School from the beginning of Term 2, 2020 you will not receive a Learning Plan yet. You will receive your Parent Portal Login and Password details with your child's End of Year Report. Please check with your child's teacher if you are unsure.

Log onto your @school Parent Portal **http://www.<u>atschool</u>.co.nz/** Enter your user ID and Password

- Go to My Child
- Click on Contact Details

KINDO CHANGES TO POLi PAYMENTS (Instant Bank Transfers)

We have been advised that a service fee of 1% (capped at \$3) will apply for myKindo topups using POLi (instant bank transfers) from 6 July 2020. Internet banking continues to be FREE.

You will see these top-up options:

- Internet Banking (POLi) will incur a 1% service fee (capped at \$3). Funds are instantly transferred.
- Credit/Debit Card will incur 2.5% and 50c service fee. Funds are instantly transferred. Visa, Mastercard, American Express, China Union Pay.
- Internet Banking (at your bank) FREE. Allow two days for processing of funds (normally next day). Orders can be automatically placed when the funds have cleared. Kindo is a Registered Bill Payee with all major banks (search 'Kindo' to avoid entering their bank account number when using internet banking).

You can set up an Auto Payment or top up additional funds to your myKindo balance to avoid topping up each time, which will streamline your next purchase if you'd like to do so. **Questions? EMAIL:** <u>hello@mykindo.co.nz</u>





(Mathletics/Mathseeds, Aquatics, Voluntary School Donation, Lost Library Book Fees etc) and is also the ONLY way to register/pay for your child for sports teams. Fees and Donations 2020 SCHOOL CAMP (Years 5&6) URGENT - all outstanding amounts to be paid via KINDO under the "Fees & Donations icon" We currently have \$3,210.00 outstanding in

camp payments.

2020 FEES PAYABLE VIA KINDO



SENIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION Γυτ τυτ

TUT, TUT! is presented through special arrangement with Beat by Beat Press (www.bbbpress.com)

TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER - 1.30PM & 6.30PM Marama 12&13, Milky Way 18, Ra 30&32 and Earth 38

WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER - 1.30PM & 6.30PM Marama 15, Milky Way 19&20, Ra 33 and Earth 35&36,

THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER - 1.30PM & 6.30PM Marama 14&22, Milky Way 21&23, Ra 29 and Earth 34&37

More details to follow in Term 3, 2020. Pop these dates in your diary. Tickets will go on sale next term via KINDO.

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We look forward to welcoming you all to this very exciting event!



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on Friday 3rd July, 2020 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm. This week our children from Neptune and Earth will attend assembly. This week our children from Neptune 25 will be sharing. Sharing will begin promptly, please ensure you arrive through the main door and are seated by 2.00pm.





This online system allows you to pay for our school's fees



TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

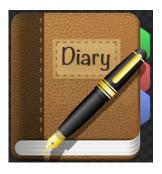
If you are a Coach or Manager, please email the POD to **celestem@tetotara.school.nz** HOCKEY

Eagles Sarah

Sarah Poborowska

DATES COMING UP

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
Wed 22 July	PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm
Thurs 30 July	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
Fri 31 July	PTA Iceblock day
Thurs 27 Aug	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
Mon 31 Aug	Mid-Term Break - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 8 Sept	Senior Production - further Details to follow
Wed 9th Sept	Senior Production - further Details to follow
Thurs 10 Sept	Senior Production - further Details to follow
Thurs 24 Sept	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm



Ngā mihi, **Anne Fraser** Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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



PTA AGM: NEW APPOINTMENTS

Following our PTA AGM last Wednesday night, we saw Fiona Hurst, Moshe Malal and Rae Gunn step down from the PTA Executive. We would like to thank them all for the many, many hours they have contributed to the PTA during their time on the Executive.

Thanks to all those who attended, and special thanks to the people who have agreed to join the exec committee.

We are very pleased to announce the new PTA committee:

Chairperson:	Shelley Bishop
Deputy Chairperson:	Julyan Hoyte
Treasurer:	Rilesh Patel
Secretary:	Kerry Jurgensen
Communications:	Kerri Shanks
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Congratulations team, we are sure you will continue the fantastic work of the PTA! Remember: all parents and caregivers are members of the PTA. This is your school too, and the PTA welcomes all involvement where you can spare some time.

NEXT MEETING

The PTA Meeting on Wednesday 22nd July is our planning meeting for the next 12 months. The Committee welcomes you, our School Community, to join us at this meeting, to share any ideas and thoughts you may have.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PTA Meeting: Wednesday 22nd July 2020 @ 7:30pm in the Staff Lounge Ice Block Day: Friday 31st July 2020

Your outgoing 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.



Phone Kim or Mark 07 839 9017

MISSING SCOOTER - PARENT LETTER

Missing from after school on Friday 26th June. It is a MGP VX9 coloured teal and black. It was sitting in the fence alongside all the other scooters between the Earth and Matawhero blocks. It's in near new condition as per the photo. It has the name Emma Burgess engraved underneath the board.

If located please return to the Caretakers shed – no questions asked.

Welcome Back to Waikato Bay of Plenty Netball

Tickets on sale today for our three Splice Construction Magic home games.

Sunday, 2nd August (Purchase one ticket and watch both games)

WBOP vs Marvels – curtain raiser 3.30pm (4 x 15 quarters)

plus 'Splice Construction Magic' vs The Good Oil Tactix 5.15pm

Monday, 3rd August

'Splice Construction Magic' vs Ascot Park Hotel Southern Steel 7.15pm (no curtain raiser) Sunday, 9th August (Purchase one ticket and watch both games)

Mens Netball - curtain raiser 5.30pm (4 x 15 quarters) plus 'Splice Construction Magic' vs Northern Stars 7.15pm

Come and have fun at

UltimateTransformations Gymnastics!



Free Trials this School Holidays! Ages 2 1/2 - 12 years 6th, 7th, 13th or 15th July 2020 For more information and to register for our Free Trials go to our website: https://www.ultimatetransformations.co.nz/





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Timeless Toys

Monday 6 July Journey back in time for a toy-making adventure Create classic toys that have entertained generations of children.

Starry Night Tuesday 7 July Mark Matariki. Join us as we explore the secrets of the night sky.

Upcycling Art Wednesday 8 July Sometimes once is not enough. Reduce, reuse remake and reimagine. Spend the day turning trash into treasure

World Music Thursday 9 July Go on a musical odyssey around the globe and learn how to make your own instruments.

Curate, Create, Ideate Friday 10 July Spend the day at the museum and learn what it

means to be a curator

6-17 July 2020

Supervised programmes for ages 7-13 years only

8.30am-5pm Monday to Friday \$45 per day Book online at waikatomuseum.co.nz/shp

Digi Day 00 Monday 13 July Curious about codino? Bave over robots? Develop your STEM skills and learn how to code using visual programming language.

Digi Day 001 Tuesday 14 July Learn how to make your own movie using green

screen and stop motion technology. Whacky Wire Wednesday 15 July Pick up some ideas from Fieldays No. 8 Wire National Art Award and let wire inspire

Shaping Hamilton, Shaping Me Thursday 16 July

Explore what home means to you. Spend the day making map art. Magical Mayhem

Friday 17 July A day of magical arts and wizard-worthy crafts.

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G Hamilton City Council 07 838 6606 f 20

Jitterbugs TP A PLESSONS

Email jitterbugsdanceless

TERM 3 2020 TIMETABLE

Monday (Rototuna Junior High School Dance Studio)

- 3.45 Jitterbugs Seniors (have to be selected to be in this session)
 4.15 Jitterbugs Mini's (girls aged 3 5¹/₂)

 4.45 Jitterbugs Advanced (have to be selected to be in this session) Tuesday (Rototuna Junior High School Dance Studio)

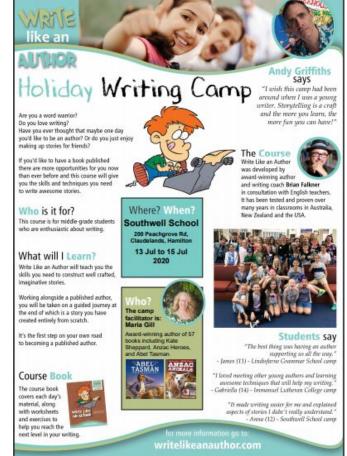
- 3.45 Jitterbugs Hip Hop (girls aged 9–14) session taught by Kaia
- 4.15 Jitterbugs Junior (girls aged 5½-7)
 4.45 Jitterbugs Junior Plus (girls aged 6½-8)
 Wednesday (Te Ao Marama School Hall)

 - 3.35 Jitterbugs Mini's (girls aged 3-5½)
 - 4.00 Jitterbugs Junior (girls aged 5 ½-7)
- 4.30 Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls aged 7 12)
- Thursday (Rototuna Junior High School Dance Studio)
 - 3.40 Jitterbugs Junior (girls aged 5 1/2-7)
 - 4.10 Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls aged 7 12)
 - 4.40 Jitterbugs Mini's (girls aged 3-5½)

CLASSES START WEEK 2 - MONDAY 27TH JULY AND PROPOSED SHOW DATE IS SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2020. COST: \$105 (INCLUDING GST).

HOLIDAY SESSIONS ALSO OFFERED ON THE 6TH & 13TH JULY

EMAIL JOLIE AT JITTERBUGSDANCELESSONS@OUTLOOK.COM OR CHECK OUT THE JITTERBUGS FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFO





HOCKEY Holiday Program



Dates: Monday 13th July - Friday 17th July

Time: 8:30am (drop off) – 4:30pm (pick up) Open to Year 3 – 8 students

\$50 per day or all 5 days \$200

Fun activities each day Hockey being one of the activities www.waikatohockey.org.nz

