

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST, 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)

Tena koutou Te Totara whanau

It has been an eventful couple of days with the announcement of a cluster of community transmission of Covid 19 in Auckland. With that development and the directive that we will be moving into Alert Level 2, I sent out messages through our School App and Facebook page to ask you to read comprehensive communication on our website. If you haven't seen that message yet, I urge you to look at it.

Thank you so much for responding in such a positive way to the guidelines that have been swiftly re-established at Te Totara to the emergence again of Covid 19 in New Zealand.

While we all feel disappointed and had hoped this would not occur, as it is such a 'tricky virus' which is so prevalent around the world, then there was a high chance this could happen.

The main positive is that in our country, and most importantly Te Totara Primary School, we are well equipped to respond to what we need to do to keep our community safe and functioning well.

As our Prime Minister said at her briefing today "we have dealt with the news of this outbreak in an urgent but calm and methodical way." This is also what we have moved to do at school, with an urgent but calm and methodical response to what we need to do to protect our own community. You can be reassured that as things develop and if changes to Alert Levels do occur then we have the capacity to continue to respond in this manner. I will continue to communicate with you as soon as I have any updates or important information to share with you. This will be through our School App, Facebook page and Website areas. For all of us this is an anxious time but I know we will get through this by following the protocols that have been set, and everyone doing their bit to track back towards

elimination of Covid 19 again.
Children adjust their behaviour and thinking from the reactions of the adults around them.
I put this piece in my message yesterday to you, I think it is worth repeating here:

A good thought to share with your children when talking about the virus is that 'we are all a bit disappointed that this virus is in New Zealand again, however we are being told by our Prime Minister and Dr Ashley Bloomfield to do some things to help us all stay safe and well. We can do this by following the Alert Level 2 rules, and our Te Totara STARS behaviours. We did this so well last time and the virus went away; we can do it again this time!'

You and your families are always in my thoughts, kia kaha whanau, together we will get through this.

Anne Fraser

Principal
Te Totara Primary School

We have a number of sporting teams in operation at the moment and also events that we are involved in. It is useful from time to time to remind our supporters and families of the guidelines we have established, in relation to what we expect of our families who are on the sidelines. We have a Code of Behaviour that originated in conjunction with Sport Waikato which outlines those expectations.

For your information, it is printed for you below:

TE TOTARA CODE OF BEHAVIOUR FOR PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS

- Encourage children to take part in sport but do not force them.
- Focus on the children's effort and performance rather than whether they won or lost.
- Teach children that trying hard is more important than winning.
- Encourage fair and skilful players.
- Insist that they always compete according to the rules and respect officials and coaches' decisions.
- Never ridicule or shout at a child. Mistakes are part of learning and everyone loses sometime.
- Children learn from example so applaud all good performances and good sportsmanship including the opponents
- If you disagree with an official do not question the official in public. There is a standard procedure for complaints see the manager or the meeting referee.
- Recognise the importance of volunteer officials, administrators and coaches who give their time so that your child can be involved.
- Remember children compete in sport for their enjoyment, not ours.
- Talk to your child. Do they enjoy their sport? Are they learning that doing their best, being sporting and having fun are important?
- Teach children to respect the effort of their opponents.
- Encourage children to think about the stars. Are they being respectful, self-managing, trying their best, always learning and making smart decisions.

Thank you for adhering to these guidelines.

Te Totara Sports Committee.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Please note that as parents are unable to come on-site the Scholastic Book Fair won't be able to take place unless we drop back down from Level 2. This means it won't be open on Friday 14 August. We will keep you informed via our Facebook page about whether the rest of the Book Fair will be able to go ahead.





LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS (NOT FOR ROOM 1 STUDENTS) BOOKINGS CLOSE: 3.00PM MONDAY 17TH AUGUST



At this stage, under Covid 19 level 2 guidelines our learning plan discussions will be going ahead as we have staggered appointment times for these discussions and we will ask for social distancing at the appointment time's in the classrooms please.

PLEASE NOTE: Room 1 parents will have a discussion with Mrs Glyde at a later date.

PLEASE NOTE: Room 2 students will have their Learning Plan Discussions on Tuesday

18th August from 3.15pm & Thursday 20th August from 2.15pm.

Tuesday 18th August - ROOM 2 ONLY (Mrs Hansen)
Wednesday 19th August - ALL STUDENTS (NOT Room 2 - Mrs Hansen)
Thursday 20th August - ALL STUDENTS

We have arranged <u>15 minute time slots</u> for the discussion, there will be a change over bell so that everyone is aware of timings. If you have more than one child, you might like to have a break between each interview. To ensure the smooth running of our Learning Plan Discussions, we would be grateful if all our parents/caregivers kept to the timetable. There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress on:

How do I book a time?

To make an appointment time for your child/ren, please use our online booking system

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz - our school code is CNKZ7

An electronic confirmation can be sent to you via email upon completion of your booking, please don't forget to include your email address and select "email" from the confirmation screen.

If you are unable to access the internet, please phone the school (07) 853-0039 ext. 858 and leave a message with the time slot that you would prefer and Marise will collate these.

We will endeavour to give you the time as close as we can to your preference. If we are unable to assist we will go by first in first served. Please **do not** make arrangements directly with classroom teachers.

Bookings close on Monday 17th August, 2020 @ 3.00pm. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept bookings after this date/time.

PLEASE NOTE:

School will finish at <u>2.00pm</u> both Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th August for all students (including Rooms 1&2). Students will need to be collected at <u>2.00pm</u> - Thanks.

** URGENT ** - SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2021 Enrolment Period of 17th December 2020 - 30th June, 2021

The Board of Trustees are looking to accommodate, if possible, younger siblings and children of staff in the 2021 school year. To help determine this, please complete an Out-of-zone Enrolment Form for each child and return it to the School Office to help with this process. Out-of-zone Enrolment Forms are available online from our school website www.tetotara.school.nz (click the link) or by visiting the School Office.

The Board will look at the number of enrolments, the level of projected student growth and determine how many spaces for out-of-zone students are available for the upcoming enrolment period of 17th December 2020 - 30th June, 2021. This will be completed in late September, allowing for lots of time for families to know what is happening. Further information around the number of out-of-zone spaces to be released will be communicated via the school newsletter over the next few weeks.

Please return the completed OUTZ Enrolment Form, including the relevant documentation, to the School Office by tomorrow, Friday 14th August, 2020

CROSS COUNTRY AT SCHOOL LAST WEEK

Last Tuesday we were able to run our Cross Country in sunny weather.

It was great to see all our children out there participating and giving it their best efforts.

Thank you staff for the organisation of the event and to parents for supporting their children on the day.

Results were;

Year 6 Girls 1st Olivia Davey 2nd Grace Hodgson 3rd Kaiani Morrison

Year 5 Girls 1st Danelle Steyn 2nd Anaya Chand 3rd Rotem Malal

Year 4 Girls 1st Abby Davey 2nd Clara Chie 3rd Dylan Horne

Year 3 Girls 1st Lani Tafuna 2nd Bella Jiao 3rd Amelia Cullen

Year 2 Girls 1st Lydia Tuck 2nd Livia Gibson

3rd Ana Edwards-Greenwood

Orion Girls 1st Harper Cullen 2nd Chloe Hammonds 3rd Lacey James

Matawhero Girls 1st Selina Chen 2nd Arya Bange 3rd Marli Steyn Year 6 Boys 1st Daniel Kiely 2nd Asher Horne 3rd Toby Halliday

Year 5 Boys 1st Moses Mihigo 2nd Aidan Templeton 3rd Vili Tafuna

Year 4 Boys 1st Lucas Templeton 2nd Aiden Ou 3rd Van Nac

Year 3 Boys 1st Mason O'Hallahan 2nd Caden Rabarts 3rd Xavier Lake

Year 2 Boys 1st Billy Halliday 2nd Wesley Smit 3rd Xander Tantrum

Orion Boys 1st Jaydee Pretorius 2nd Cohen Hamilton 3rd Charlie Halse

Matawhero Boys 1st Alon Livne 2nd Luke Van Zyl 3rd Declan Faulkner





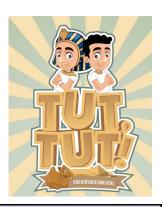
SENIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION

"TUT TUT"



TICKETS ARE ON SALE <u>NOW</u> THROUGH <u>KINDO ONLY</u>

Ticket purchase cut-off date is Wednesday 2nd September @ 3.00pm



TICKETS: We ask families to please be mindful that there are many Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 families wanting to attend an evening performance therefore, at this stage we have to limit ticket sales to a **maximum of 2 tickets per family for the 6.30pm performance**. There may be an opportunity to purchase extra tickets closer to the time depending on ticket sales. This will be conveyed through our newsletter.

PLEASE NOTE: There is no ticket limit for the 1.30pm Matinee performances.

TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER - 1.30PM & 6.30PM

Performances by: Marama 12&13, Milky Way 18, Ra 30&32 and Earth 38

WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER - 1.30PM & 6.30PM

Performances by: Marama 15, Milky Way 19&20, Ra 33 and Earth 35&36

THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER - 1.30PM & 6.30PM

Performances by: Marama 14&22, Milky Way 21&23, Ra 29 and Earth 34&37

ALL TICKETS ARE \$10.00 EACH

Children 3 years old and under are FREE, <u>provided they are sitting on the knee of a paying adult ticket.</u> Otherwise, you <u>must purchase a separate ticket for them.</u>

Limited to 300 tickets each performance. Sorry, NO door sales on the night.

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

NO PARKING IN THE BARNARDOS CAR PARK PLEASE

Our neighbours, Barnardos, have brought it to our attention that some of our Te Totara parents are parking in their car park when picking up their children who attend our school.

Often this means their own families are unable to find a parking space in the Barnardos car park when they are picking up their child.

We ask our families to please DO NOT park in the Barnardos car park.

2020 FEES PAYABLE VIA KINDO

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



- FAIRFIELD CLUSTER CROSS COUNTRY (Selected Y4-6 Students only) Cut-off 3.00pm on Wednesday 19th August
- WINTER SPORTS TOURNAMENT (Selected Y4-6 Students only) Cut-off 3.00pm on Friday 21st August
- TUT TUT PRODUCTION TICKETS Cut-off 3.00pm on Wed 2nd September
- 2020 YEARBOOK Cut-off date 3.00pm on Friday 20th November
- 2020 SCHOOL CAMP (Years 5&6)

 Fees and Donations



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 YEARBOOK

ORDERS THROUGH KINDO ONLY

\$20.00 Early Bird order

\$25.00 if ordered after 3.00pm



October

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 20th

November, 2020 @ 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.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on Friday 14th August, 2020 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.

This week our children from our Milky Way team will only attend assembly.

This week our children from Milky Way 19 will be sharing.

Sharing will begin promptly, please ensure you arrive through the main door and are seated by 2.00pm. Covid tracing will be compulsory for any parents attending this assembly please.

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 Samantha Billingham

Rishik Puvvula Hawks Strikers Lacey James Stormers Isabella Wright

MINIBALL

Celtics Rohnan Kendrick, Devon Palmer

Thunder Addison Berry



DATES COMING UP

Wed 19 Aug Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm - 5.30pm

- School Finishes at 2.00pm

Thurs 20 Aug Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm - 6.00pm

- School Finishes at 2.00pm

Tues 25 Aug Fairfield Cluster Cross Country

Thurs 27 Aug Fairfield Cluster Cross Country (Postponement Date)

Thurs 27 Aug BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm

Fri 28 Aug Daffodil Day - Gold coin donation
Mon 31 Aug Mid-Term Break - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 8 Sept Senior Production at 1.30pm & 6.30pm

- Marama 12&13, Milky Way 18, Ra 30&32 and Earth 38

Wed 9th Sept Senior Production at 1.30pm & 6.30pm

- Marama 15, Milky Way 19&20, Ra 33 and Earth 35&36

Thurs 10 Sept Senior Production at 1.30pm & 6.30pm

- Marama 14&22, Milky Way 21&23, Ra 29 and Earth 34&37

Sat 12 Sept 2020 General Election Early Voting @ Te Totara Primary School

Tues 15 Sept Fairfield Cluster Winter Sports (no postponement date)

Wed 16 Sept Photolife Cultural & Sports Photos

Sat 19 Sept 2020 General Election Voting @ Te Totara Primary School

Thurs 24 Sept BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
Fri 25 Sept PTA Ice Block Day
Fri 25 Sept End of Term 3, 2020

Ngā mihi,

Anne Fraser

Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Haven't already purchased a 2020 Entertainment Digital Membership and want one? Now is the BEST TIME to do it.

Our school community has been invited to a free 6 week trial. This gives you the opportunity to check out and use the thousands of incredible savings across local dining, activities, travel and shopping experiences. Be in quick, as this FREE 6 week digital trial is only available from the 10th – 23rd August 2020. Visit www.entbook.co.nz/15502m5 to take up this amazing offer, then download the App and you are ready to start saving.

After discovering the value of an Entertainment Digital Membership, you can support our school by purchasing a 12 month membership. 20% of the purchase price is returned back to our school. As an additional bonus any Entertainment Membership purchased between 14 August and 13 September 2020 will see our school receive an additional \$10 for Single City Membership or \$20 for every Multi City and Multi Plus Membership.

Flyers containing more information on this offer and the Entertainment Membership have been sent home with your child this week. Should you require more information please email the PTA on pta@tetotara.school.nz



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 25th September – Ice Block Day

Your PTA committee: Shelley, Julyan, Rilesh, Kerry, Kerri

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.

