

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 11TH MARCH, 2021

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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)

## **LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS**

School will finish at <u>2.00pm</u> both Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th March for all students. Students will need to be collected at <u>2.00pm</u> - Thanks.

## LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSION BOOKINGS & GOAL-SETTING LETTER

Learning Plan Discussions will take place on **Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th March**, **2021** for all students **(except Room 7)**.

Each student will bring home a "Goal-Setting" letter this week which will help teachers prepare for the Learning Plan Discussions. Each student is required to return to the Goal-Setting letter to their classroom teacher by Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. If your original sheet doesn't make it home this week or is lost, please visit our school website <a href="www.tetotara.school.nz">www.tetotara.school.nz</a> under the newsletters tab OR click on the following link: <a href="Student Goal-Setting Letter">Student Goal-Setting Letter</a>

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:

## Wednesday 24th March, 2021

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm, 5.00pm, 5.15pm & 5.30pm

## Thursday 25th March, 2021

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm (teachers break between 5.00pm-5.30pm), 5.30pm, 5.45pm & 6.00pm

## How do I book a time?

To make an appointment time for your child/ren, please use our online booking system <a href="https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz">www.schoolinterviews.co.nz</a> - our school code is <a href="https://doi.org/dakym">dakym</a>.

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" under Parent Bookings when you have booked an interview time.

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.

#### Who should come?

We encourage the student, and family members who have an interest in learning, to come along and discuss this with the teacher.

## What will the format be?

The discussion is a general one about how the learner is progressing, areas of strength and also discussing next steps in learning and how this can happen.

Bookings close on Monday 22nd March, 2021 @ 3.00pm. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept bookings after this date/time.

## AFTER SCHOOL CARE - LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS

As the whole school will finish at 2.00pm on Wednesday 24th March & Thursday 25th March 2021, After School Care will begin at 2.00pm, for those children enrolled.

Spaces are limited.... so if your child/ren normally attends ASC on either/both those days, please advise ASC two weeks in advance if you DO NOT require your booking. Otherwise, your child/ren will be booked in for the earlier start time of 2.00pm automatically on those days.

Any queries, please email Anna Herbert: afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz

## EMERGENCY FIRE DRILL EVACUATION TRIAL - TUESDAY 10TH MARCH, 2021 @ 10.25AM

We regularly hold emergency trials to make sure everyone knows what to do and is safe. Our first Fire Drill trial for the year was held earlier this week. This involved a continual ringing of the bell, and a message through our speaker system telling us to evacuate the buildings. The assembly point was on the asphalt area between Earth & Matawhero, as the undercover turf area (our usual assembly area) was unavailable due to turf resurfacing in progress.

The school roll was taken by the teachers to ensure all students on our site were accounted for. This was an excellent drill which was achieved in 6 minutes from first signal to completion. Our 715 children were fabulous, calm and well-supported by our staff.

We set the trial early in the day to avoid the summer heat and talked to our students about the trial afterwards.

This drill was unannounced which meant that only Mrs Fraser knew when it was going to occur. This is the best type of trial as it gives us a great indication of how everyone would be in an actual emergency. By letting our community know about these safety trials you can feel well assured that we will look after your children in every situation. Well done Te Totara team!

## 2021 FEES & DONATIONS PAID VIA KINDO

Fees have now been loaded onto KINDO. This online system allows you to pay for our school's fees (Mathletics/Mathseeds, Aquatics, Voluntary



School Donation, Lost Library Book Costs etc) and is also the ONLY way to register/pay for your child for sports teams.

Please Note: Aquatics will be charged after your child's class has had their lessons.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by Friday, 19th March, 2021 @ 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.

# SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2021 Enrolment Period of 1st July, 2021 - 14th December, 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, we urgently need to have Out-of-zone Enrolment Forms into the School Office to help with this process. Please complete an OUTZ Enrolment Form for each child, which is available online from our school website by clicking the following link: <a href="https://www.tetotara.school.nz">www.tetotara.school.nz</a> 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 1st July, 2021 to 14th December, 2021. This will be completed in late May, 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 3.00pm on <u>Friday 19th March</u>, 2021.

## FOUND, SCOOTERS AND BIKE AT SCHOOL

Our Caretaker has a few scooters and a bike that have been left at school recently. Please contact us at school if you think these might belong to your child. Thanks





# TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

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

Galaxy Edith Newman-Lander, Tobyn Newman-Lander

Superstars James Walker, Slade McMurray

Thunder Zander Beumer



## **SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday**, **12th March**, **2021 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.** This week our children from our Neptune and Marama teams will attend assembly and our Marama 12 children will be sharing at assembly.

# DATES COMING UP

Wed 17 Mar PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm Fri 19 Mar PTA, Iceblock Day

Wed 24 Mar
Learning Plan Interviews 2.15pm - 5.30pm - School finishes at 2.00pm
Thurs 25 Mar
Learning Plan Interviews 2.15pm - 6.00pm - School finishes at 2.00pm

Thurs 25 Mar BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm

Fri 26 Mar School Disco - PTA (Fairy Tales & Super Heros Theme)

Years 1-2 from 5.30pm - 6.45pm Years 3-6 from 7.00pm - 8.15pm

Fri 2 Apr Good Friday - Public Holiday Mon 5 Apr Easter Monday - Public Holiday

Tues 6 Apr Easter Tuesday - SCHOOL CLOSED (schools only)

Fri 9 Apr PTA, Iceblock Day

Fri 16 Apr END OF TERM 1, 2021 @ 3.00pm

Mon 3 May TERM 2, BEGINS @ 8.55am

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# TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

**EMAIL:** <a href="mailto:pta@tetotara.school.nz">pta@tetotara.school.nz</a> <a href="mailto:www.facebook.com/TTPTA">www.facebook.com/TTPTA</a></a>
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#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next PTA meeting is Wednesday 17 th March at 7.30pm in the Staff Lounge, (turn right inside the entrance to Matariki Hall). Parents and caregivers of Te Totara Primary School students are welcome to attend. We look forward to meeting you.

## **ICE BLOCK DAY**

Ice Block day is next Friday 19th March. To make the day a success we need at least 3 volunteers to help sell ice blocks. If you can spare an hour of your day from 12.30pm we would love to have you join us. Please contact us via our Facebook page or email pta@tetotara.school.nz

# ICE BLOCK DAY FRIDAY 19TH MARCH (AFTER EATING FOR LEARNING OUTSIDE MATARIKI) \$2 EACH

## **SCHOOL DISCO**

We have a School Disco coming up on Friday 26th March. The theme is "Fairy Tales & Super Heroes".

The students of Milky Way and Ra have been given the

opportunity to host the disco. Parents, your child will bring home a letter shortly asking if you can assist on the evening. Could you please return this form promptly to school, as it helps with our planning for the evening.

If anyone else would like to help out please email the PTA at <a href="mailto:pta@tetotara.school.nz">pta@tetotara.school.nz</a>

Disco Theme: Fairy Tales & Super Heroes

Time: Years 0-2 from 5:30pm – 6:45pm

Years 3-6 from 7:00pm – 8:15pm

Entry Fee: \$2.00 per child

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

PTA Meeting – Wednesday 17th March Ice Block Day – Friday 19th March School Disco – Friday 26th March Ice Block Day – Friday 9th April

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.

## GROW WAIKATO, TECHNOLOGY - POSTPONED TO TUESDAY 30 MARCH

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Dr David Clark - Minister for the Digital Economy and Communications

David Hallett - Co-founder & Director of Company X

Kahl Betham - CEO & Executive Director of Gallagher Group

Mike Jenkins – Founder and CEO of The Instillery

Ryan Joe – General Manager of Growth at The Instillery

Rob Vickery – Founder and Managing Partner of Hillfarrance

John Hanna - CEO of Ultrafast Fibre Venue:

The Atrium - WINTEC Hamilton City Campus (Parking available in carpark building access via Ward Street on Nisbet Street Time: 4:30 - 4:45pm - Mix and mingle, 4:45 - 6:00pm - Speaker presentations and Q & A Session

Hosted by Jamie Strange, MP for Hamilton East







## Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop

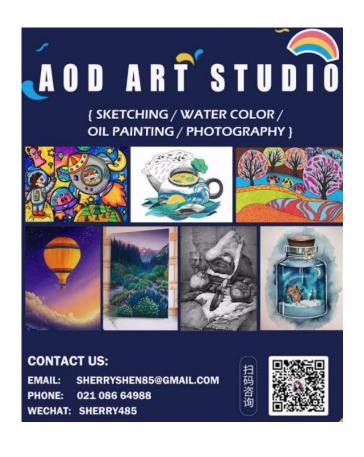
This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5-15 years.

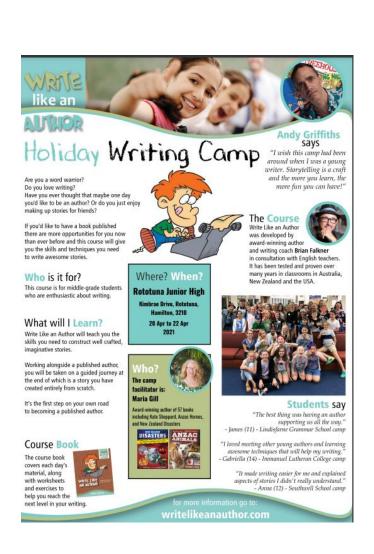
Students participate in a range of performing arts classes, concluding the week with a performance!

27 - 30 April 2021, 9 am – 4 pm daily Held at Takapuna Normal Intermediate

View our website; www.artzonshow.co.nz or contact Hayley on either artz@artzonshow.co.nz or 09 294 7129









## KIDS SPEAK OUT!

No Confidence – School speeches – Bullies - a NIGHTMARE?

After School Classes: Kids gain a voice and real-life skills.

SPEAK4

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

RING: Roz 027 248 2888 www.speak4success.co.nz

