

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 27TH MAY, 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)

** SCHOOL CLOSED **

FRIDAY 4TH JUNE - Teacher Only Day MONDAY 7TH JUNE - Queen's Birthday Holiday

A reminder school will be <u>CLOSED</u> for these days. School opens again on Tuesday 8th June, 2021

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

If your child will be away from school then please let us know by either:

- **School App** send an "Absentee" notification
 Go to the App store on your Apple or Android device and search "School Apps NZ" to download the App to your phone or tablet and then add "Te Totara".
- Phone the school on (07) 853-0039 (press 1)
- Text the School Office on 027 207-4466 with name, room number and reason for absence.

<u>Please note that we do not send a reply to text messages</u>. We would appreciate any absence messages before 9.00am.

TE TOTARA SCHOOL APP

Go to the App store on your Apple or Android device and search "School Apps NZ" to download the App to your phone or tablet and then add "Te Totara".

The School App features:

- An absentee tab that allows you to notify our School Office about a child's absence from school
- A Fees and Donations link to Kindo
- A link to our School Newsletter
- Contacts
- Maps
- Events
- Links
- Alerts allow notifications and you will get updates from the school around activities, postponements and cancellations

MEDICATION PERMISSION SLIPS

From time-to-time it is necessary to administer medication to children at school, especially during the winter season. 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.

PLEASE NOTE: THOSE FAMILIES WHO HAVE PURCHASED PRODUCTION TICKETS WILL RECEIVE THEM NEXT WEEK.

"Stella the Starfish"

TICKETS ON SALE NOW THROUGH KINDO ONLY

Cut-off date is Monday 14th June @ 3.00pm

Tuesday 22nd June 2021 @ 2.00pm & 6.00pm

Both performances by: Neptune 24, 25 & 28 and Orion 8 & 9

Wednesday 23rd June, 2021 @ 2.00pm & 6.00pm

Both performances by: Neptune 26 & 27, Orion 7 & 10 and Matawhero 2 & 3



TICKETS: We ask families to please be mindful that there are many Year 1 & 2 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 6.00pm evening performance**. There should be an opportunity to purchase extra tickets closer to the time depending on ticket sales, this will be communicated to our families through our school newsletter.

PLEASE NOTE: There is NO ticket limit for the 2.00pm Matinee performances.

ALL TICKETS ARE \$6.00 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, <u>NO</u> door sales on the night.

- Payment of tickets is through KINDO. Sorry, we will not be accepting any payments through internet banking or through the School Office.
- If you do not have access to a computer, you are welcome to use the school iPad which is available in the School Office. If you do not have an email address, please contact Marise Crow 07 853-0039 ext. 858.
- Tickets are non-refundable nor transferable so please ensure you are ordering the correct day/time.
- We acknowledge that some families may have children performing on both days and may have to purchase tickets for each of the days. Unfortunately, we cannot offer any solution to this as the money from ticket sales goes towards the costumes, lighting, sound, backdrops etc.



- Only 300 tickets are available for each performance so don't miss out!. NO extra seating or standing room will be allowed due to Health & Safety Regulations.
- The School Office will regularly check sales through KINDO and will send colour coded ticket/s home with the oldest child in each family within a few days of purchase:
 Tuesday 22nd June ticket colours: 2.00pm/Purple ticket and 6.00pm/Yellow ticket
- Please remember to bring your ticket to the performance; this will confirm you have purchased a seat. Sorry, no ticket - no entry - there will be NO DOOR SALES. There will be no general reserved seating available for parents/families.
- Doors open for Matinee Performances at 1.30pm / Evening Performances doors open at 5.30pm
- The number on your ticket is NOT your seat number, seating is on a first-come-first-served basis.

Wednesday 23rd June ticket colours: 2.00pm/Orange ticket and 6.00pm/Blue ticket

- There will be an area allocated for wheelchair access and seating. If you require this service, please make sure you indicate this when purchasing your tickets through KINDO.
- <u>All Year 1 & 2 students</u> are required to attend each of their own team performances. Students performing on the day/evening do not require a ticket.
- For evening performances the Lead Characters (Narrators) are required to meet in the Staffroom at 5.30pm.
- All other evening performance students are to arrive at **5.30pm** and go directly to their allocated classrooms to meet their teacher where they will be supervised.
- All our students will have an opportunity to watch a dress rehearsal of the Junior School Production during school time so please <u>do not</u> buy your child who attends Te Totara a matinee performance ticket.

2021 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.



Junior Production - "Stella the Starfish"

Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd June @ 2.00pm & 6.00pm

Ticket purchase cut-off is 3.00pm Monday 14th June, 2021

NOTE: 2X TICKETS PER FAMILY FOR THE EVENING PERFORMANCES

Questions?

Register for Kindo using our School App or through our School Website (click on the link) <u>www.tetotara.school.nz</u> 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)**

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COLLECTING YUMMY STICKERS

Thanks for collecting Yummy stickers and the cut out-labels. The 'cut-out' labels from the 2kg bags of 'Yummy' apples or individual 'Yummy' apple stickers can be cashed in to go towards winning free DG Sport sports gear for our school. You can download the sticker charts by visiting our school website: www.teototara.school.nz under the newsletters heading:



Yummy Sticker Collection Sheet Yummy Sticker Sheet - Match the Variety Yummy Sticker Label Collection Sheet

Could all sticker charts please be handed to Mrs Rochelle Lingard (Room 21) upon completion.

KIDS' LIT QUIZ

Congratulations to our two Kids' Lit Quiz teams! On 19 May, they competed against 52 other teams from 30 schools. It was the 30th anniversary of the Quiz, which is an international event created by Kiwi Quizmaster Wayne Mills.





The Quiz is open to Year

6, 7 & 8 students. Our Te Totara 1 team (Elise, Summer, Ella, and Edith), came 25th overall and was the 4th placed Year 6 team. Congratulations to Ella, who won an individual prize.

Our Te Totara 2 team (Sophie, Charlotte, Daniel, and Blake), came 42nd overall and was the 10th placed Year 6 team.

Both teams, and our reserves (Dion, Kingston, Lyla, and Alexis) worked very hard and we are proud of the effort they put in. They had a really fun night and it was a wonderful introduction to the "sport of reading".

TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As part of our Te Totara School Charter regarding the objective of 'Growing Whanau and Community Engagement', the Board welcomes your feedback on our policies.

The Te Totara Board of Trustees will be ratifying the policies below at our next BOT meeting to be held on Thursday 27th May:

- Attendance
- Appointments
- Staff Leave
- Valuing Diversity E.E.O.

At the June BOT meeting (Thursday 24th June) the Te Totara Board of Trustees will be reviewing these policies:

- Student Behaviour Management
- Bullying Prevention and Response Policy
- Search and Seizure Policy
- School Records-Retention/Disposal

NOTE: All of the Te Totara Primary School Policies and Procedures are available for your information on our school website under the "Board of Trustees" red quick link tab from the home page.

Please address your comments on the June policies by email to Melissa Guyan at:

melissag@tetotara.school.nz by 3.00pm on Thursday 10th June, 2021.

Melissa Guyan & To Stewart

Board of Trustees Policy Sub-committee

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday**, **28th May**, **2021 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm**. This week our children from our Neptune & Marama teams will attend assembly and Marama 14 will be sharing.

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

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

HOCKEY

Red Sone Pretorius White Bianca Teitge

Strikers Taimania Edwards-Greenwood

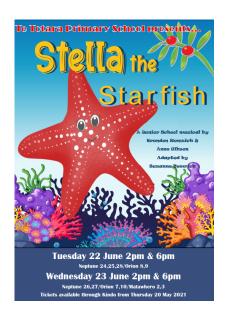
Lions Ayla Yalden Eagles Inge Van Rooyen

NETBALL

Meteors Megan Moore
Stars Ella Beros
Magic Sofia Vea
Invaders Jaelynn Te Kani

MINIBALL

Thunders Freddy Williams



DATES COMING UP

Fri 4 June SCHOOL CLOSED - Teacher Only Day

Mon 7 June SCHOOL CLOSED - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wed 16 June PTA AGM @ 7.30pm in the Staff Lounge

Tues 22 June "Stella the Starfish" Junior School Production @ 2.00pm & 6.00pm

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Tues 29 June PTA Mainstream Green Fundraiser (see below for more details)

Fri 9 July TERM 2 FINISHES @ 3.00PM

Mon 26 July TERM 3 BEGINS @ 8.55AM

Ngā mihi,

Anne Fraser - Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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www.facebook.com/TTPTA



PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

WEDNESDAY 16TH JUNE @ 7.30PM IN THE 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.

A PTA meeting will follow at the conclusion of the AGM.

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.

MAINSTREAM GREEN FUNDRAISER

If you would like to live a life with less stuff, less waste and less impact on our planet then this is the event for YOU! The PTA is hosting Nicola Turner of Mainstream Green:

When: Tues 29th June at 7.00pm

Venue: Archie's Cafe Borman Village,

454 Borman Road, Flagstaff

Cost: Adults \$40.00

Youth \$20.00 (Under 18)

All Adult tickets include a complimentary glass of beer/wine.

A GREENFUL LIFE

LESS STUFF,
LESS WASTE,
LEARN MORE!

A FUNDRAISER FOR
TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

TUESDAY JUNE 29 | 7PM ARCHIES CAFE | BORMAN VILLAGE HAMILTON





Tea/coffee and nibbles (from Archies Cafe & Lush Bites) will be available for all on the night. Tickets can be purchased through: http://events.humanitix.com/living-lightly-hamilton

During the evening Nicola will share how, as a family of four, they have simplified their life, freed up time and significantly reduced their impact on the planet.

The event will cover lots of do-able ideas and practical hacks to help you simplify your life and reduce your impact. You will leave the event inspired and with lots of tools to help you and those around you create change.

Topics covered include: Food, beauty & fashion, kids, getting around, inspiring others and heaps more!

Your PTA committee:

Shelley, Julyan, Rilesh, Kerry, Kerri