

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)

### STAFF CHANGES

I would like to share with you some changes amongst our staff this term.

We have welcomed **Ruth Crackett** to the Matawhero team as a New Entrant Teacher in Room 4. We will also be starting another New Entrant class at the end of August in Room 1. **Alex Harwood** will be joining our staff, she will be the teacher in this new class.

**Nerida Laybourn** is expecting her first baby and will be going on parental leave very shortly. Room 18 will have **Sally Mowbray** as their teacher for the rest of the year. Sally is a long-standing staff member, she has been working in Room 18 during this term as part of our effective transition programme in these circumstances. Sally and Nerida have held their Learning Plan interviews together this week, so parents can be assured of a seamless transition between the teachers.

We also have **Julia May** expecting her first baby early next term, so she will be going on parental leave at the end of this term. We have appointed **Kobie Pretorius** to take over Room 10. She is looking forward to working with the students in Term 4. We are working on a transition process with Julia and Kobe so that the students and their families are very secure with this change. The learning will carry on in the same manner with the support of our great Orion teaching team.

We wish both Nerida and Julia well with this exciting new stage of their lives. We are a family-focused school, it is lovely to share these special occasions with our staff. It is so exciting when we have our staff and their gorgeous babies visit us for morning tea.

Last week we farewelled **Becky Somerville** (Whaea Becky) from our staff as she takes up her new position as Deputy Principal at Rototuna Junior High School. Becky has been at Te Totara since 2009, our second year of operation. She had a significant impact on our school in the area of Tikanga and Te Reo Maori by working with our staff to grow their own knowledge in this area. She fostered strong connections with our whanau and our Kapa Haka groups. Becky was also a Team Leader for a few years before winning a position across our Kaahui Ako Community of Learning cluster. She worked in the Learning Support area with our E.S.O.L. students and families.

We acknowledge her leadership skills at Te Totara and very much support her move to Rototuna Junior High School, as the school we contribute most of our students to. Te Totara Primary will maintain our close links with Becky and we know that she will particularly 'look out' for our students.

I am delighted to support Becky as the manahiri alongside Richard Crawford (Kaahui Ako Lead Principal) at Becky's welcoming powhiri this Friday morning at Rototuna High Schools. I will take our community's best wishes to this occasion.

### IMPACTS OF WINTER ILLNESSES

This has certainly been a difficult year for winter illnesses. As well as having large numbers of students away, our staff have been particularly affected as well. Ensuring full staff coverage for our classes every day has been the most challenging since we opened.

Fortunately, we have a wonderful selection of 'Guest Teachers' who willingly come in to cover our classes when our staff are unwell. We certainly have needed to use them in recent weeks with some long term and short term arrangements. Our Guest Teachers are very capable and well known with our children so the learning continues as planned.

I would like to especially acknowledge the hard work done by Jo Stewart (D.P.) and Jennie Brook-Watt (A.P.) to ensure we have teachers and teacher aides for our learning areas every day. Your children's learning and wellbeing remains our top priority.

*Anne Fraser*  
Principal

## LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSION BOOKINGS

### BOOKINGS OPEN NOW



Learning Plan Discussions will take place on **Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th August, 2021** for all students except the following classes:

**Room 4 - Mrs Ruth Crackett** - Entry Assessments will be completed instead

**Room 18 - Mrs Nerida Laybourn** - Interviews will be held on 10th & 11th August

**Room 28 - Mrs Bridget McLaughlin** - To be arranged at a later date by the teacher

**Room 29 - Mrs Niki Collins** - To be arranged at a later date by the teacher

We have arranged **15 minute time slots** 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 25th August, 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 26th August, 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 & 6.15pm

#### 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](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) – our school code is **s8tux**

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 23rd August, 2021 @ 3.00pm. We will not be able to accept bookings after this date/time.**

#### PLEASE NOTE:

**School will finish at 2.00pm both Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th August for ALL students (including Rooms 4, 18, 28 & 29). Students will need to be collected at 2.00pm - Thanks.**

## **A word of warning from Te Totara Primary School Board of Trustees**

Our school pick-up/drop-off zone and car park is extremely busy with many vehicles forming a queue on Hector Drive to turn left into it. This queue can be very long at times.

**This is a message to those people who drive their vehicles on the wrong side of the road to get past these queued cars. This also includes cars being driven over the crossing on the wrong side of the road.**

There is absolutely no excuse for this now as cars can enter Hector Drive from the opposite end, off Kimbrae Drive.

Driving in the above manner has previously been considered to be “dangerous overtaking” within the meaning of Section 7 of the Land Transport Act 1998. The penalty for this offence is disqualification from driving for six months and a maximum penalty of imprisonment for up to three months or a fine not exceeding \$4,500.

This is a warning that Police will be spoken to about monitoring this part of the roadway and the behaviour of those driving cars in the manner above. Whether the Police prosecute drivers for dangerous driving will be a matter for them.

The behaviour puts at risk the safety of our children and this is an unacceptable one as far as the Board and School are concerned.

***“To the many drivers that are doing their best to look out for child safety around the pick up area, we thank you.”***

***Terry Singh***

*Board Chair*

*Te Totara Primary School Board of the Trustees*

### **SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2022**

#### **Enrolment Period of 15th December, 2021 to 30th June, 2022**

The Board of Trustees are looking to accommodate, if possible, younger siblings and children of staff in the 2022 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 on the following link: [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz) 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 **15th December, 2021 to 30th June, 2022**. This will be completed mid October, 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 Friday 20th August, 2021.**

## FAMILY HOLIDAYS TAKEN DURING TERM TIME

From time-to-time we have families who wish to take their children out of school for a family holiday during term time. A new "G" Attendance Code has been introduced by the Ministry of Education (MOE) to keep track of these "unjustified" absences.

"G" Code Definition as per the MOE: When a student is on a New Zealand or overseas holiday during the school term, the absence is unjustified. A parent's note does not provide justification.

Our school would prefer family holidays to be taken outside of term time, we have approx. 12 weeks of school holidays available each year to do so. Events like a Birthday aren't considered a valid reason for your child/ren being away from school either.

We do appreciate there may be some circumstances beyond the control of families whereby children will need to be away during term time, in this instance simply notifying the teacher/school verbally that your family is going on holiday is not sufficient.

Our school procedure is to email the Principal with the dates your child/ren will be absent from school and the reason why.

Your email will be acknowledged and the Attendance Register will be coded as a "G" during their absence from school. We regularly monitor student absence.

Email address for our Principal, Anne Fraser, is: [principal@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:principal@tetotara.school.nz)  
c.c. [officeassistant@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:officeassistant@tetotara.school.nz) (for the Attendance Register)

## Does my child have to go to school every day?

Yes, your child must go to school every day. Under the Education Act 1989, parents and carers of school children up to 16 years old can be prosecuted if their child is away from school without a good reason.

## Why do they need to go every day?

Going to school every day really is the key to getting the best out of school because:

- It sets up good habits for going to school right from day one
- Learning to read, write and do maths takes a lot of practice and is easier to master if your child goes to school regularly
- Each day is a chance to learn something new
- School offers your child regular, dedicated help to master the many skills they need
- It teaches your child life skills like commitment, being reliable, having a good work ethic and sticking with things when they get hard.

For more information on attendance at school, please click on the following link: [Education.govt.nz](http://Education.govt.nz) [website](#)

## 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, 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.**

**Kindo Questions? Kindo Helpdesk on 0508 454636 (toll free)**

**If access is denied, it is most likely that our school does not have your current email address recorded on your child's file. Please do not hesitate to contact the School Office on (07) 853-0039 to amend.**

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The online one stop school shop



## 2022 SCHOOL TERM DATES

- Term 1**      **Wednesday 2nd February – Term 1, 2022 Begins**  
*(Tuesday 1st February - Teacher Only Day)*  
Public Holiday: Monday 7th February (Waitangi Day Holiday)  
Thursday 14th April – End of Term 1 *(11 weeks)*
- Term 2**      **Monday 2nd May – Friday 8th July (10 weeks)**  
Teacher Only Day - Friday 3rd June  
Public Holidays: Monday 6th June (Queens Birthday)  
Friday 24th June (Matariki Celebration)
- Term 3**      **Monday 25th July – Friday 30th September (10 weeks)**  
Our Mid-Term break - Monday 29th August
- Term 4**      **Monday 17th October – Thursday 15th December (9 weeks)**  
Teacher Only Day - Friday 21st October  
Public Holiday: Monday 24th October (Labour Day)

## IN-ZONE NEW ENTRANT ENROLMENTS

If you have a preschooler coming to Te Totara in the future and you haven't officially enrolled your child at school yet, we would love to have an Enrolment Form - it would be much appreciated and certainly help with our future planning! Click on the link for an [Enrolment Form](#)

## FIRST CREDIT UNIONS AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Check out First Credit Unions Winter newsletter, complete the word finder quiz and two lucky entries will win \$50!

[https://www.tetotara.school.nz/newsletter\\_sets/newsletters/522-first-credit-union-s-winter-newsletter](https://www.tetotara.school.nz/newsletter_sets/newsletters/522-first-credit-union-s-winter-newsletter)

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held, **Friday 13th August, 2021 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.** This week our children from our Neptune and Marama teams will attend assembly and Neptune 24 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](mailto:celestem@tetotara.school.nz)

### NETBALL

Comets	Siyi Wu
Invaders	Amber Cooke
Magic	Sofia Vea
Stars	TBA
Ferns	Elise Wootton, Rida Ali

### HOCKEY

Green	Skylar Wright
Green	Matilda Passache, Eden Wise, Sophie Baker, Special Awards
Lions	Gurneer Kaur
Red	Keerti Pera, Isabella Wright
White	Devon Palmer, Rishita Donthi

### MINIBALL

Thunder	Van Nac
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# DATES COMING UP

Tues 24 Aug School Cross Country  
 Wed 25 Aug Learning Plan Discussions - **School closes at 2.00pm**  
 Thurs 26 Aug Learning Plan Discussions - **School closes at 2.00pm**  
 Thurs 26 Aug School Cross Country - Postponement Date  
 Thurs 26 Aug BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm  
 Fri 27 Aug Daffodil Day  
 Mon 30 Aug Mid Term Break - **SCHOOL CLOSED**  
 Tues 31 Aug Cluster Cross Country  
 Thurs 2 Sep Cluster Cross Country - Postponement Date  
 Mon 6 Sept Dog Safety Parent Evening @ 6.30pm  
 Wed 15 Sept PTA Meeting  
 Thurs 30 Sept BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm  
 Mon 1 Oct TERM 3 ENDS @ 3.00PM

Mon 18 Oct TERM 4 BEGINS @ 8.55AM

Ngā mihi,

*Anne Fraser* - Principal



Would you like to support a school in your community?

Would you like to advertise directly to the people that live in Rototuna?

Te Totara Primary School is 13 years old and has a roll of 788 children and 572 families. It is located on Hector Drive, off Borman Road in popular Rototuna.

Every year we create a full-colour Yearbook, to capture forever the fun and learning at our school. We would love to include your local business in this year's publication.

Our parents tell us that the Yearbook is often left on their coffee table with other family members purchasing multiple copies.

We want to make our Yearbook available to our community at an accessible price. Due to production cost increases, we depend on our local business support to make this happen.

We also like to encourage our parent community to support your partnership with us so the advertising costs listed below include four weeks of promotion in our weekly school newsletter.



## ADVERTISING RATES

Back cover	\$1500
Inside front cover (whole page)	\$1200
Inside front cover (half page)	\$700
Whole page	\$1,000
Half page	\$600
Quarter page	\$300
Business Card size	\$150



TO SUPPORT TE TOTARA SCHOOL, please contact  
 Julia - juliam@tetotara.school.nz

# TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: [pta@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:pta@tetotara.school.nz) [www.facebook.com/TTPTA](http://www.facebook.com/TTPTA)

Please 'like' our Facebook page to ensure you keep in the news loop: [www.facebook.com/TTPTA](http://www.facebook.com/TTPTA)



## SPELL-A-THON FUNDRAISER: TIME TO GATHER SPONSORSHIP



The Spell-a-thon forms and spelling words have now been given to your children. If you haven't seen a form yet please ask your child to empty their school bag!



The money raised by the PTA in this Spell-a-thon will be used to purchase LEGO® Education SPIKE™ Prime Sets for our school. These LEGO SPIKE™ Sets are the go-to-STEAM learning tool. They combine colourful LEGO building elements, easy-to-use hardware, and an intuitive drag-and-drop coding language based on Scratch. Students will be able to design and build robots, dynamic devices and other interactive models. SPIKE Prime helps students learn essential STEAM and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills needed to become the innovative minds of tomorrow...while having fun!

**HOW IT WORKS...** Class teachers will provide an age appropriate list of spelling words to your child to learn. Please help and encourage your child to learn their Spell-a-thon words. The students will be tested during class time in week 5 (w/b 25<sup>th</sup> August). Students need to ask family, whanau and friends to sponsor them. They may offer as little or as much sponsorship as they like - either by sponsoring per correct answer, or by offering a fixed amount sponsorship.

Your child's results will be sent home so you can see how they did. This score needs to be written on their sponsorship form.

**The sponsorship form and all money collected must be returned, in a sealed envelope, to the Green PTA Box in the School Office by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

**PRIZES... LEGO, LEGO and more LEGO.**

**Prizes for each pod, and one special prize for the student who raises the highest overall sponsorship.**

We hope you and your family will support this fun initiative, thank you!



## CHEESECAKE FESTIVAL

The Cheesecake Festival at Smith & McKenzie Steak House in Linden Court, Chartwell, is on now until 11<sup>th</sup> September. Our school has selected a **Key Lime & Candid Apple flavour** for its cheesecake.

If you like cheesecake and wish to support our school then get along to Smith & McKenzie Steak House. \$1 from the price of every slice sold will go back to the school or community group that created that flavour.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Next PTA Meeting – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September

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.**



Raising Money for Camp  
Twitch 2021 and



9th September 2021  
Doors open at 7pm  
Quiz starts at 7.30pm  
\$20 per person / Tables of 8-10

## AT SMITH AND MCKENZIE

13 Lynden Court, Chartwell, Hamilton 3210  
Bar and Restaurant open

Quiz / Silent Auctions / Raffles  
Team registrations a must as space is limited.  
Contact [Tanzquiznight@gmail.com](mailto:Tanzquiznight@gmail.com)

# Grow Waikato

## Building and Construction - Commercial

### Tuesday 17 August

#### Wintec City Campus - The Atrium

(Parking in the Wintec carpark)

4:30pm-4:45pm Networking

4:45pm-6pm Speakers

With guest speakers:

**Vanessa Williams - Hamilton Central Business Association**

**Jim Mylchreest - Mayor of Waipa District Council**

**Leonard Gardner - Foster Construction**

**Chris Joblin - Tainui Group Holdings**

**Rob Dol - Greenstone Group**



Hosted by **Jamie Strange**  
MP for Hamilton East

Authorised by Jamie Strange, Parliament Buildings, Wellington



FAIRFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

### INFORMATION EVENING

Monday 16 August - 6:30pm to 8:00pm

### OPEN DAYS

Wednesday 25 August - 9:00am to 2:00pm

Wednesday 1 September - 9:00am to 2:00pm

