



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2021

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LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS

These were due to have taken place on 25th and 26th August however, due to the Covid Delta outbreak and subsequent lockdown, they had to be cancelled. With the added restrictions in place at Alert Level 2 at school we have decided to have these interviews either over the phone or through a virtual forum such as 'Google meets' or 'Zoom' We normally prefer to have these important discussions in a face to face, however we are unable to safely do this onsite at present.

This will be for all classes, except Room 18, who have already had their discussions prior to Mrs Laybourn going on leave and Room 25 which will need to be scheduled when Mrs Lincoln resumes her teaching duties. Room 4 will have discussions with Mrs Crackett when the 'School Entry Assessments' are completed.

For all other classes your child's teacher will contact you to arrange a mutually suitable interview time during the next 2-3 week period. The interview time will be a 15 minute conversation where your child's progress will be discussed, the next learning steps and their Learning Plan goals co-constructed with you. The teacher will send out the draft Learning Plan goals, so you will be able to comment on these as part of the interview process. We hope to have these Learning Plan discussions concluded by Friday 8th October which is the end of the first week of the October holiday break.

STAFF FAREWELL

This week we are very sad to farewell Celeste McCoard who is leaving our Administration staff team to pursue new opportunities. Celeste has been an important member of our staff family for the past nine years in a part-time capacity in the School Office. She has been responsible for many vital school roles, particularly that of compiling the school newsletter to be published to families each week, a very important part of our communication with our community.

We thank Celeste for all her wonderful work for us and wish her all the best with her accountancy work for their business and the vital administrative role she is fulfilling for the Covid-19 Vaccination programme in our local pharmacy.

OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS PERIOD FOR 2022

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available on our school website www.tetotara.school.nz

The Board has determined that [20 places for New Entrant \(Year 1\) students](#), whose 5th Birthday falls within the enrolment period of [15th December 2021 – 30th June 2022](#) are likely to be available to out-of-zone students. The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

There will be two 2022 out-of-zone enrolment periods:

The First enrolment period runs from 15th December 2021 – 30th June 2022

The Second enrolment period runs from 1st July 2022 – 15th December 2022

For students seeking enrolment within the first enrolment period of **15th December 2021 - 30th June 2022**, the deadline for receipt of out-of-zone applications is **3.00pm Friday 1st October, 2021** and should be addressed to: *Te Totara Primary School, PO Box 28134, Hamilton 3256*

If the number of out-of-zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot supervised by a Justice of the Peace, a Practising Lawyer or a Police Officer in accordance with Section 11G (1) of the Education Act 1989.

If a ballot for out-of-zone is required, it will be held on **Friday 15th October, 2021**. Parents will be informed of the outcome by **Wednesday 20th October, 2021**.

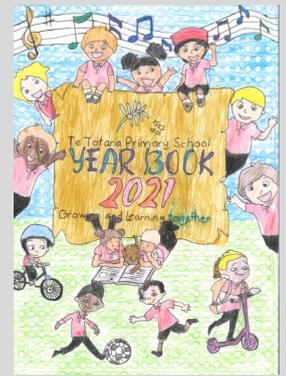
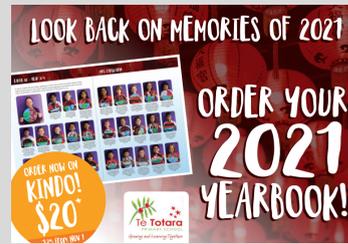
2021 YEARBOOK

ORDERS THROUGH KINDO ONLY

\$20.00 Early Bird price

\$25.00 if ordered on or after

Monday 1st November



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 **Monday 15th November, 2021 @ 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.

FIRST CREDIT UNION, SCHOOL BANKING

First Credit Union have advised the health and safety of their members and staff remains their priority at this time and they wish to advise that **they will not be restarting our school banking program in Term 4.**

If parents would like to continue to save into their children's First Credit Union accounts, contact First Credit Union directly and they would be more than happy to help you set up regular automatic payments



SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

Our school lunch program will not be operating under Alert Level 2. **We are hoping to be able to order school lunches again in Term 4 starting on Monday 18th October, 2021.**



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.

- **Years 1-6 Touch Rugby - Term 4 only**
Cut-off date for registration is **TOMORROW, 3.00pm Friday 17th September, 2021**
- **Years 1-6 Cricket - Term 4 only**
Cut-off date for registration is **3.00pm Friday 24th September, 2021**
- **2021 Yearbook**
Cut-off date for registration is **3.00pm Monday 15th November, 2021**



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.

Fairfield Intermediate School Open Days (by appointment only)

Due to the Covid-19 lockdown our Open Days needed to be rescheduled. To accommodate the new changes at Delta Level 2 we are adapting the way that we run our annual Fairfield Intermediate Open Days.

Instead of having a drop in day where families can enter the school at any stage and have a group tour, we have opted to host **'Individual Open Days' on Tuesday 21 September, Wednesday 22 September and Thursday 23 September between the hours of 9.00am and 2.30pm.**

On these days, prospective parents and students will be able to book an appointment time through the school office, to organise a personalised tour of the school. Tours will take approximately 30 minutes, and once you have booked your time you will receive email confirmation that outlines the procedure for the visit, including Delta Level 2 processes. Our priority is to ensure that we are able to carry on with our Open Days in a manner that keeps everyone safe at this time.

If you would like to arrange to have your tour with another family, you are welcome to do so but please ensure you state this when booking your time.

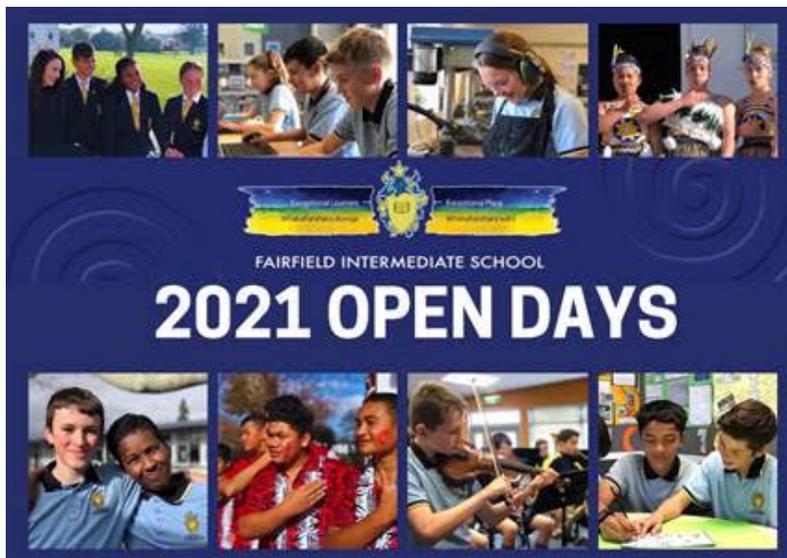
Bookings can be made via phone (07) 855 9718 or you can contact the school through email at mail@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz.

Please note that if you are unable to make it on one of these days, you are welcome to contact the school office to book a time more convenient to you and your family.

We look forward to welcoming you to Fairfield Intermediate.

Ngaa Mihi

Angela Walters - Acting Principal



Rototuna Junior High School Enrolments

Thank you to all of the whānau / families who have completed the enrolment process for their child to start with us for the first time in 2022. If we are waiting on documentation to complete the enrolment process, please get it to us as soon as possible.

Once your enrolment is complete, a form will be sent to you to gather further information about your child's friendships to help us make decisions about their advisory group and hapū. This friendship form will be sent to all completed enrolments by the end of the term.

<https://www.rhs.school.nz/enrolments>

Thank you



FOOD AT SCHOOL - ALLERGIES

We have children at our school who are highly allergic to dairy products and nuts and exposure to these foods could potentially be life threatening to them. We have procedures in place for 1:1 support for these children to ensure their safety. At present we will continue to carry on with our normal food eating programme, but we have to carefully plan school events/learning area celebrations etc.

With this in mind, please don't be offended if any kind offers of food to the school are scrutinised.

Please ensure all food containers are clearly named to prevent any accidental sharing of wrong lunches. We are also looking at the bringing of food to school for birthdays for the class such as cakes etc, this may not be an option due to allergies.

Thank you for your understanding of this matter.

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 30 Sept BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm

Mon 1 Oct TERM 3 ENDS @ 3.00PM

Mon 18 Oct TERM 4 BEGINS @ 8.55AM

Tues 30 Nov Year 6 Leavers Supper

Thurs 2 Dec Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea in the Staff Lounge @ 9.00am

Mon 6 Dec End of Year Celebration from 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Tues 7 Dec Postponement Date - End of Year Celebration

Ngā mihi,

Anne Fraser - Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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SPELL-A-THON FUNDRAISER: UPDATE

Unfortunately due to the recent Covid-19 lockdown, the testing of the spelling words for the PTA's Spell-a-thon fundraiser was unable to take place in week 5.

Testing will be in the last week of term as students have been busy learning their spelling words over lockdown. Once a date has been finalised we will advise via the School Newsletter and on the PTA Facebook page.

We know many students have already sought sponsorship from whanau and friends prior to the lockdown, and know that lockdown's can change the financial position of many households. We ask that if someone has offered sponsorship to you, and is now in this position that you decline to accept the sponsorship. This is a fundraising event for our school but the PTA want to ensure our Community is looked after first.

Any money raised by the PTA in this Spell-a-thon will be put towards the purchase of 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 21st century skills needed to become the innovative minds of tomorrow...while having fun!

PRIZES... LEGO, LEGO and more LEGO.

Prizes for each pod. As previously mentioned there was also a special prize for the person with the highest overall sponsorship. Due to Covid-19 we will now randomly draw this prize.



The Cheesecake Festival at Smith & McKenzie Steak House

in Linden Court, Chartwell, has been extended and is back up and running this month. To get yourself a piece of delicious cheesecake under Covid-19 alert Level 2 restrictions, you will need to book a seat in the restaurant or order online via their website, <https://smithandmckenziesteakhouse.mobi2go.com>.

Our school has selected a Key Lime & Candid Apple flavour for its cheesecake. \$1.00 from the price of every slice sold will go back to the school or community group that created that flavour.



ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP

The FREE Upgrade from a Single City Membership to a Multi City Membership is back for a limited time!

When you purchase a **\$69.99 Single City Membership**, you will be upgraded to a **Multi City Membership valued at \$119.99 for FREE!** That's a \$50 saving and as an added extra you will get a free months membership, meaning 13 months of great savings.

Purchase your Membership using the following link and 20% of the purchase price will go back to Te Totara Primary School PTA. Click on the below link:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/15502m5>

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

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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.**

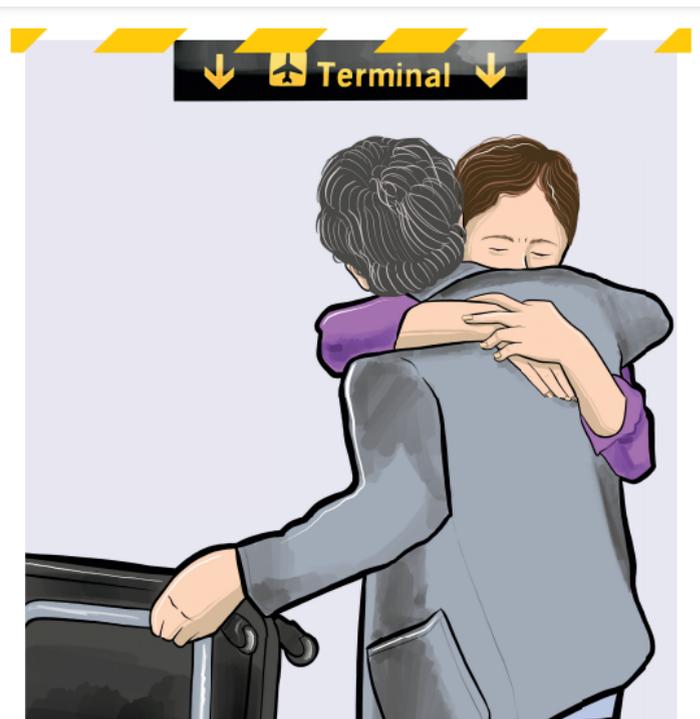
KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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Proud Sponsor of our 2021 School Yearbook, Thank You!

Develop your cricket skills during the holiday break!



Join in on the fun and games with other keen cricketers.

Thursday 7 October
& Friday 8 October

Thursday 14 October
& Friday 15 October

Yr 1-4: 9am to 12pm
Yr 5-8: 1pm to 4pm
\$40 per day or
\$70 both days

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