

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER, 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)

STAFFING UPDATE

We are about to say 'farewell for now' to Mrs Julia May who is one of our wonderful teachers in the Orion block. Julia is due to give birth to her first baby in a few weeks time and we wish her and Chris her husband all our best wishes with this exciting time in their lives. Mrs Kobie Pretorius will be taking over as the teacher in Orion 10 for the rest of the 2021 school year. She has been working closely with Mrs May over the past few weeks and is very much looking forward to teaching these students.

Last week we opened another New Entrant classroom in Matawhero 1 which now has 8 lovely learners. We welcome Mrs Alex Harwood to our staff. Alex is a very experienced new entrant teacher, she is really enjoying being part of our team.

Thank you so much to you all in the way that you have responded so positively towards the Alert Level 2 conditions that the school is operating in. Everyone has been so helpful in this area. I have certainly enjoyed all the smiles and warm greetings at the school gates!

Anne Fraser - Principal

REMINDER ABOUT LEVEL 2 REQUIREMENTS

- Drop off at school must occur between 8.15am and 8.55am. No students are to be on or around the school site before then. School gates are locked until that time and then again at 3.15pm.
- The school day ends as usual at 3pm and all students must have left the school grounds by 3.15pm or enrolled in our After School programme. We have noticed a number of students still waiting to be picked up after this time. Our cleaners will be onsite from 3.15pm to undertake a thorough clean of all areas so students need to be off the school grounds by this time if they are not enrolled in After School Care.
- If your child has an older sibling picking them up from Rototuna Junior High School after school, then we will have them waiting for their sibling under staff supervision in the drop off zone.
- Drop off to and pick up from school is to be at either the main school gate, or in the drop off zone or the gate beside Orion, or the back gate. We ask that you say goodbye to your children at this point.
- Please scan the Covid QR codes at each gate. This is mandatory.
- Any visitors to the school office will be managed on a one in, one
 out process. Visitors will be required to wear a mask when entering
 our school office to keep our Administration staff safe.
- If your **child is unwell, they <u>must not come to school</u>**. Children who become unwell during the school day will immediately be isolated and their caregivers called. Please wait outside the School Office and a staff member will bring your unwell child to you. Your child will be signed out by School Office staff.

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 1 and Room 4 will have discussions with Mrs Harwood and 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.

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 Practicing 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 <u>Friday 15th October, 2021</u>. Parents will be informed of the outcome by **Wednesday 20th October, 2021**.

TE TOTARA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As part of our Te Totara School Charter regarding the objective of 'Growing Whanau and Community Engagement', the Board invite your feedback on our policies. The Te Totara Board of Trustees will be reviewing the policies below at our next BOT meeting on 30th September:

- Emergency Management Review
- · Strategic Planning & Self Review

At the 27th October meeting the Te Totara Board of Trustees will be reviewing these policies:

- Media Guidelines
- · Health & Safety-Workplace

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.

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.

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

Becky Somerville - Deputy Principal

2021 YEARBOOK ORDERS THROUGH KINDO ONLY

\$20.00 Early Bird price \$25.00 if ordered on or after



LOOK BACK ON MEMORIES OF 2021



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.

ROAD SAFETY AND CAR PARKING

Thanks so much to almost everyone who takes care around the school, on behalf of our children, many thanks. Some tips to make sure we have a safe school:

- Parking in Disabled carparks is **not** permitted at any time unless you have a current "Disabled Parking" permit on display in your vehicle. We have a number of families who legitimately require these carparks.
- If you are in the main car park, please **don't double park** as it causes a grid lock behind you from cars entering and exiting the school car park. If you are behind someone who does this please feel free to toot, we won't mind...
- Do not leave your vehicle if you are parked in the drop-off zone, this will allow for the continued flow of traffic.
- Please be extra careful when backing out of a parking space, there may be children behind you that you cannot see.
- The use of hand-held mobile phones is not permitted while driving.
- Please ensure your child fastens their seat belt before your vehicle starts moving.



SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

Our school lunch programme will resume again in Term 4 starting on Monday 18th October, 2021.

FIRST CREDIT UNION

First Credit Union's School Banking programme will also resume in Term 4.



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)

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

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

HOCKEY

Green Samantha Billingham

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 30 Sept BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm Fri 1 Oct TERM 3 ENDS @ 3.00PM

Mon 18 Oct TERM 4 BEGINS @ 8.55AM

Fri 22 Oct Teacher Only Day - School Closed

Mon 25 Oct Labour Day Public Holiday - School Closed

Wed 27 Oct BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm Tues 16 Nov Junior "Have a Go Day"

Tues 23 Nov Senior Athletics

Tues 23 Nov Art Exhibition 9.00am - 10.00am Wed 24 Nov Art Exhibition 3.00pm - 6.30pm

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

Wed 8 Dec Fairfield Cluster Athletics
Tues 14 Dec Last day of term for the year

Ngā mihi,

Anne Fraser

Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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Te Totara PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

SPELL-A-THON FUNDRAISER: - IS BACK ON

Spell-a-thon is back on, and testing of spelling words will be completed by the end of this Term. Some classes have already been tested, others will be this week, and the remainder will take place next week. The class teacher will inform students when testing will take place. What happens after testing? 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 Thursday 21 st October 2021. This is the first week of Term 4.

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.

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. Any money raised by the PTA in this Spell-a-thon will be put towards the purchase of LEGO® Education SPIKETM Prime Sets for our school. These LEGO SPIKETM 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 st century skills needed to become the innovative minds of tomorrow...while having fun! We hope you and your family will support this fun initiative, thank you!



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



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 flyers are available from the School Office.



Gaurav, proud sponsor of our 2021 School Yearbook, Thank You!



