

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 19TH MAY, 2022



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Kia Ora (Maori/NZ), Hello (English), Bula (Fijian), <u>Welkom</u> (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)

A huge thanks to the families who came to visit the Art Exhibition last Thursday. What a joy it was to see our whanau on site once again and be able to wander through the pods and chat to families on such a beautiful evening. For some it was their first time back into the school grounds for 2 years. The team displays were beautifully set up by the teams and the children should all be very proud of the high quality art they have produced. A huge thank you to the teachers, Learning Assistants and staff who have worked so hard to make the Arts Exhibition such a success. Te Totara is fortunate indeed to have such a creative team. Mrs McLaughlin and Mrs Gordon have been busy replacing the 2019 artworks around the school with this year's displays which always gives everyone such a lift.

Next time you are in school you will notice the change of displays. Thank you to all who came and supported the school.

Ngā mihi nui

**Jo Stewart** Deputy Principal





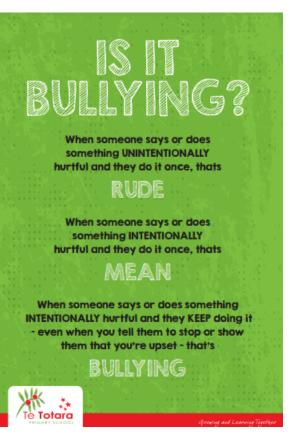
#### PINK SHIRT DAY (MUFTI DAY) FRIDAY 20TH MAY, 2022 - - TOMORROW!

Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against bullying, after another student was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In Aotearoa, Pink Shirt Day aims to create schools, workplaces and communities where all people feel safe, valued and respected.

Our school will be supporting Pink Shirt Day tomorrow. Students are welcome to come to school wearing mufti clothing (not school uniform) wearing something pink e.g. t-shirt, ribbon or something similar to support Pink Shirt Day. Please note: There will be <u>NO</u> collection of money for this day.

More information about "Pink Shirt Day" can be found at <u>www.pinkshirtday.org.nz</u> Pink Shirt Day is led by the Mental Health Foundation.







## \*\* SCHOOL CLOSED \*\* - TEACHER ONLY DAY ON FRIDAY 3RD JUNE, 2022

This is a reminder about the **Teacher Only Day** that is occurring on <u>Friday 3rd June, 2022</u>. This day and the one in October this year was approved by our Board of Trustees and have been on our school calendars since the beginning of this year. This Teacher Only Day is professional development for our teaching staff with all the other schools in our Rototuna / Chartwell/ Fairfield Cluster area.

We very much appreciate your understanding around the <u>school being closed on Friday 3rd June</u>. This date was chosen as it is the Friday before Queens Birthday weekend with a public holiday on Monday 6th June, 2022. We are sure you will enjoy the slightly longer break for your family.

#### **TWO RAW SISTERS**

Our Year 6 students took part in a presentation by the Two Raw Sisters yesterday. They demonstrated some easy recipes for the children and were very inspiring in their message about eating healthy food. The school has purchased a copy of their recipe book which will be available for borrowing shortly.



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#### **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 car parks 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.



3x <u>Disabled Permit holders only</u> car parks. You must display your Disabled Permit to park in these 3 spaces.

## TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

The next Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 25th May**. Policies up for renewal at this meeting are:

- Staff Leave Policy
- Search, Seizure and Surrender Policy

NOTE: All Te Totara Primary School Policies & Procedures are available for your information on our school website under the "Board of Trustees" red quick link tab from the home page. If you have any feedback on these policies please email: jos@tetotara.school.nz

Ngā mihi nui

Rebecca Senar & Jo Stewart (BOT Policy Sub committee)

## 2022 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 <u>ONLY</u> way to register/pay for your child for sports teams. Please Note: Aquatics fees will be charged after your child's class has had their lessons.

Fees and Donations

## 2022 SCHOOL CAMP Y5&6 - \$180.00 PER STUDENT

Marama Team - Monday 26th Sept to Wednesday 28th Sept Milky Way Team - Wednesday 28th Sept to Friday 30th Sept



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#### Class Trips • MAUNGATAUTARI SANCTUARY MOUNTAIN TRIP <u>EARTH & RA CLASSES ONLY</u> - \$10.00 PER STUDENT

*Rā 33 & Earth 38* will visit on Tuesday 7th June, 2022 *Rā 29 & Earth 37* will visit on Wednesday 8th June, 2022 *Rā 30 & Earth 35* will visit on Thursday 9th June, 2022 *Earth 34 & Earth 36* will visit on Friday 10th June, 2022 *Rā 32* will be split across these four days - Mrs Langley will be in contact soon through Seesaw about

which day your child is scheduled to attend the trip.

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.

## CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS OR FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES?

Just a little reminder that if your family circumstances have changed or your contact details i.e. phone, address, email etc; to please advise the School Office on 07 853-0039 or email receptionist@tetotara.school.nz so we can update your records accordingly.

We encourage our families to please check your contact details are current through the Parent Portal at <u>www.atschool.co.nz</u> using the User ID and Passwords that were emailed to you at the end of 2021.

If you have recently joined our school, you will be emailed a User ID and Password for the Parent Portal the day our Learning Plans go online - <u>Friday 17th June, 2022</u> (*it is crucial we have an email address on file for each parent/caregiver*).

If you do not have access to a computer, you are welcome to check your details with the School Office on (07) 853-0039.

# TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

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

#### Hockey

Strikers	Ayla Yalden
Blue	Bhanvika Jetti
Lions	Ganeve Sandhu
Red	Cole Moller

#### Netball

Meteors	Cavali Togia
Ferns	Iris Chen

# **DATES COMING UP**

Fri 20 May	Pink Shirt Day - Mufti Day (no money collection)
Wed 25 May	BOT Meeting at 6.30pm
Fri 3 June	Teacher Only Day
	- SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 6 June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
	- SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 13-17 June	Book Week
Wed 15 June	PTA AGM followed by general PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm
Fri 17 June	Pyjama Day
Wed 22 June	Te Totara X Challenge
	(postponement Tues 28th June)
Fri 24 June	Matariki Celebration Public Holiday
	- SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 8 July	TERM 2, ENDS @ 3.00pm
Mon 25 July	TERM 3 BEGINS @ 8.55am

To Stewart **Deputy Principal** 

# TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: <u>pta@tetotara.school.nz</u> <u>www.facebook.com/TTPTA</u> Please 'like' our Facebook page to ensure you keep in the news loop: <u>www.facebook.com/TTPTA</u>



#### **PTA MEETING**

We had our first in person PTA Meeting last night and it was great to catch up with other PTA members and get an update from our Deputy Principal (Mrs Stewart) on what's happening around school at the moment and in the future. It was great to meet a new face and have an apology from another person who couldn't be. Both are looking forward to joining the PTA at our AGM next month.

We discussed **Ice Block Days and Discos** as possible fundraising activities over the next few months. Please check our PTA Facebook page over the next week for more details on our next Ice Block day.

#### UPCOMING AGM

When: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Time: 7:30pm to be followed by a general PTA Meeting

Where: Staff Lounge (Turn Right as you enter into the Hall)

Who's invited: Anyone who is a parent or caregiver of a child who attends Te Totara Primary School.

#### WHAT HAPPENS AT THE AGM?

The AGM is where the Committee decides who will be on the Executive Team for the following year (Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Communications Officer).

The PTA is on the lookout for a new Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary and people who are keen to help out when required. If you would like to put your name forward or would like further information on the positions please email the PTA at <a href="mailto:pta@tetotara.school.nz">pta@tetotara.school.nz</a>.

#### I'D LIKE TO JOIN THE PTA BUT I DON'T HAVE TIME?

We hear this a lot from people. The PTA isn't as much of a time commitment as you think. Meetings are approximately 1 hour long and are held roughly 8 times a year. A bit more time is required for event planning, but the events we are likely to hold over the next year will be smaller and won't need large amounts of planning time.

#### WANT TO SEE YOUR FRIENDS ON A REGULAR BASIS?

Join the PTA with another school parent and you will be able to catch up with them on a more regular basis while organising fun and exciting fundraising activities for our school community.

#### WHAT DOES THE PTA DO?

- Does your child like having a dry space to play in like the Galaxy on a wet day? They do. The PTA contributed funds when the artificial grass courts were covered.
- Does your child like the playground by Matariki? Great. The PTA fundraised to provide this and also the shade sail overhead.
- Do you like seeing the new memorial garden between the Staff Lounge and Orion block? Wonderful. The PTA provided the funds to the School to enable this to be developed.
- Has your child played with the Lego Spike Education sets in their class? They have, awesome! The money they raised in the Spellathon last year funded these sets.

#### 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.

#### **DO I NEED ANY SPECIAL SKILLS?**

No. 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 CAN I DO TO HELP?

You can take on an executive role, attend meetings as a committee member or help out at events, such as selling drinks at Disco's, Ice-block Days or to help plan other fun fundraising events.

#### **ENTERTAINMENT BOOK**

Should you wish to support the PTA you can purchase an Entertainment Membership. Memberships run for 12 months from the date of activation and are packed full of valuable 2 for 1 and up to 50% off offers.

Currently when you purchase a Single City Membership, you can choose between a BONUS \$20 Farmers or \$20 Sephora eGift Card. Purchase a Multi City Membership and you can choose between a BONUS \$40 Farmers or \$40 Sephora eGift Card.

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

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

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

PTA AGM – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm PTA Meeting – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June, following AGM Ice Block Day – Keep an eye on Facebook for further details

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.





## **Rototuna New World Scholarship**

Applications are now open for a prospective student entering Year 7 in 2023.

This scholarship provides support to a student whose financial situation may not allow them to attend Southwell School. The Scholarship is tenable for the duration of the successful student's education at Southwell School in Years 7 and 8. The value of the scholarship is \$5000 per annum.

> Applications close 30 July 2022. Enquiries to <u>registrar@southwell.school.nz</u>

# **Rototuna Junior High School**

# Information Evening for 2023 Enrolments Thursday 16 June 2022 - 6.45 pm

Prospective students and whānau are all welcome, please come along to Te Rangimārekura (Large Theatre) at 6.45 pm - full tours of the school will be held on our Open Day in Term 3 (date to be confirmed).



We would appreciate if masks were worn for this event