

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 26TH MAY, 2022



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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 3RD JUNE - Teacher Only Day MONDAY 6TH JUNE - Queen's Birthday Holiday

A reminder school will be <u>CLOSED</u> for these days. School opens again on Tuesday 7th June, 2022

#### PINK SHIRT DAY CELEBRATION AT TE TOTARA

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.





Speak up, Stand together, Stop Bullying. Te Totara took part in Pink Shirt Day on Friday last week, as part of a powerful movement to spread aroha and kindness and end bullying.



#### WET WEATHER - COLLECTION OF CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL

With the winter weather on its way, Hamilton City Council would like to remind parents to be patient after school while collecting students...if possible try arrive 5mins-10mins after the bell when safe car parks will become available, even better equip your children with wet weather



gear so they can walk and be collected at a safe parking area avoiding the busy school gate.

#### **ICE BLOCK DAY**

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When: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at lunchtime (after eating for learning)

How: Teachers will collect the student's money during class time and collect

the ice blocks from outside the Matariki Hall

Cost: \$2.00 per ice block (lemonade flavour only)



#### LOST PROPERTY BIN LOCATION

We have relocated the Lost Property Bin to the end of the school car park, right down the end past the staff car park by the Caretakers Shed and Sports Shed. You are welcome to walk down and rummage through this. It makes it so much easier to find your child's clothing if it is NAMED clearly. We try our very best to return named items to their owners; however, any unclaimed/unnamed items (other than school uniform) remaining at the end of term will be donated to the Salvation Army.

We ask ALL families to please check your child's uniform on a weekly basis to ensure they are wearing their own uniform, rather than someone else's.





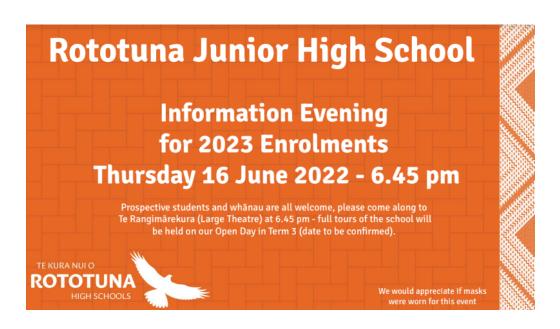
#### \*\* LOST PROPERTY VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED \*\*

We would really appreciate volunteer help to sort out our Lost Property Box. If you can spare approx. I hour of your time once a fortnight, we would love to see you! It would entail checking the names on uniform items and returning them to their rightful owners.

If you have any questions or you would like to help out, please contact Marise on (07) 853-0039 ext. 858

**Please, please remember to name your school uniform items.** We will endeavour to return named school uniform items of clothing to their rightful owner, however any unnamed school uniform will be given to the School Office and sold at the end of term, with the proceeds returned to the school.





#### **ILLNESS AT SCHOOL**

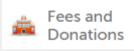
The School Office has seen a few cases of diarrhoea and vomiting amongst students at Te Totara Primary School. As this can be very easily transmitted, please ensure all unwell students are kept at home until **48 hours after the diarrhoea and/or vomiting has stopped.** It is important to encourage good hand washing and drying. Please see a Doctor if vomiting and/or diarrhoea is severe or the illness does not improve.

#### 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 ONLY 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.









- 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
- MAUNGATAUTARI SANCTUARY MOUNTAIN TRIP <u>EARTH & RA CLASSES ONLY</u> - \$10.00 PER STUDENT Registrations Close: Friday 27th May, 2022 @ 3.00pm
- 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.



• ARBOR DAY PLANT - WEDNESDAY 1ST JUNE, 2022 (SELECTED STUDENTS ONLY)

Registrations Close: Friday 27th May, 2022 @ 3.00pm

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.

#### 2022 BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Board of Trustees elections are coming up in September 2022 and we wanted to give everyone plenty of opportunity to think about standing for the Board. The below links provide a brief guide as to what it entails:



<u>Community Member Guide to the Role of the School Board of</u> Trustees

### 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 Taimania Greenwood

Blue Quinn Torr-Williams & Josh Verma

Red Sticks Livia Gibson Red Willow Murdie

Netball

Meteors Sophie McLeod

Magics Stella Wilson (14/5)) & Brylee Shortland (21/5)

Comet Chloe Tsui Invaders Amber Cooke

Ferns Yoyo Xu

## DATES COMING UP

Thurs 2 June PTA - Ice Block Day 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 @ 7.30pm followed by general PTA Meeting

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

## Anne Fraser

**Principal** 

#### TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: pta@tetotara.school.nz www.facebook.com/TTPTA

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



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#### **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 foyer)

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> or send us a message via our Facebook page.

#### 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, all while organising fun and exciting fundraising activities for our school community.

#### WHAT DOES THE PTA DO?

- Does your child like playing in 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 helped fundraise to provide this and also the shade sail overhead.
- Do you like seeing the new friendship 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**

Hurry Last Days!

Until 31<sup>st</sup> May 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.

Support Te Totara Primary School PTA by using the following link to purchase your Entertainment Membership. Remember 20% of the purchase price goes back to Te Totara Primary School PTA

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

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Ice Block Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June PTA AGM – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm PTA Meeting – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June, following AGM

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 registrar@southwell.school.nz

