

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 7TH JULY, 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)

** JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ** MONDAY 11TH JULY TO FRIDAY 22ND JULY, 2022 The School Office will be open on Friday 22nd July from 9.00am - 2.00pm for Enrolment enquiries

School Begins on Monday 25th July at 8.55am

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora o te whanau o Te Totara

As we come to the last week of Term 2, I am very grateful that we have all remained safe and well over the past few months. It has been particularly challenging with the spread of Covid Omicron strain and the arrival of the winter flu and other viruses.

It has been remarkable that we have been able to continue to teach every day despite significant absences of staff with illnesses. Jo Stewart, our wonderful Deputy Principal is responsible for our Guest Teacher coverage. She has worked extremely hard this term to ensure we have a teacher for every class. Thank you to Jo and our wonderful staff for your dedication to our students by ensuring that successful and enjoyable learning continues to be our priority.

I hope you and your families have managed to rebound from these difficult times. I know that some families are encountering challenges related to employment and other worries with the high cost of living. Please don't hesitate to be in touch with us via myself or through Marise, our Community Liaison Officer. We can help in many personal and practical ways to share your load or ease your concerns. It is what we do in the most difficult times that defines the depth of Te Totara as a Community of Care.

As we go into the two weeks of school holidays I wish you a wonderful break with your children, enjoy some of that slower and simpler pace of life that refreshes us all. If you are travelling to see our lovely country or to reunite with family and friends overseas, I hope you travel safely.

For me, my husband and I are flying to Australia to reunite with our daughter, her partner and our 18 month old grandson. We last saw him when he was 6 weeks old and whilst Zoom and Messenger calls are a great way to keep in touch, nothing beats a big hug ! My arms are certainly aching to cuddle our little boy.

I look forward to connecting again for more exciting learning together, including a fabulous Senior School Production to look forward to next term.

See you all again on Monday 25th July, the beginning of Term 3.

Kia ora

Anne Fraser Principal

2022 BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

7/1/2022

School Board Parent Election 2022

Nomination Round

Our school will be undertaking a parent election for 5 School Board vacancies. This process will start with the issuing of nomination papers to our caregiver community by Friday 15th July, 2022.

We have employed CES to undertake the election process on our behalf. This year with legislative change, our nomination form and full instruction on how to place your nomination into our own School's Election website will be emailed to you if we have your email address in our database or you will receive it by post if we don't have your email in our database.

Nomination papers will also be available at the School Office. The school will send those on to CES for processing upon receipt from candidates.

Nominations close on Wednesday 3rd August at 12 noon. Election day is <u>Wednesday 7th</u> <u>September, 2022.</u>

We look forward to your participation in this process.

Wayne Jamieson Returning Officer

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The below links provide further information as to what being a school Board Member entails: <u>Community Member Guide to the Role of the School Board of Trustees</u> <u>Becoming a Board Member</u>

<u>Kōrari Programme</u>

Kōrari - A programme that provides you with governance training to help you understand the role of school boards of trustees.

2022 Election Timeline Main Roll Closes Nominations Called by Supplementary Roll Closes Nominations Close Invitation to Vote Election Day Declaration of Result New BOT in place

Wednesday 13th July Friday 15th July Monday 1st August Wednesday 3rd August (12 noon) Wednesday 10th August Wednesday 7th September Tuesday 13th September Wednesday 14th September

** In preparation for the BOT online elections, please ensure the school holds email addresses for <u>each</u> caregiver/parent on file. Contact the School Office on 07 853-0039 to check. **







LIBRARY VOLUNTEER WANTED

Our school library is in need of a volunteer on Tuesdays from 9.00am-12.00 noon. We need help with issuing and returning books for classes. Full training is given. If you are interested please contact our Library Manager, Michelle Simms: **michelles@tetotara.school.nz** Volunteering at the library is a great way to get to know more of our school staff and students.

LIBRARY OPEN TO PARENTS

The library is open to parents/caregivers every Friday during term time, from 8.15am to 9.00am. You are welcome to borrow up to six books for each child.

LOST PROPERTY BIN

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.



In Term 1, Woojin participated in the World Maths Day Mathletics Competition. He won first place in the world on this day. He earnt 1680 points and said he is proud of his achievements and he loves Maths. He also won a Nintendo switch and a game which arrived at his home! Very exciting news. It was wonderful to present Woojin with his trophies at our Team Assembly.

A top effort Woojin - we are all very proud of you!







SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES IN THE MATARIKI HALL TO RETURN IN TERM 3, 2022

We are so pleased to be able to welcome families back into our Matariki Hall in Term 3 to celebrate their children's achievements. **This will happen every Friday in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.** On Friday 29th July, our children from the Ra team will attend assembly and Ra 32 & 33 will be sharing. Parents of Ra are very welcome to attend to support your children.

TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID19

A reminder.... If your child tests positive for Covid 19, please email our Anne Fraser at **principal@tetotara.school.nz** or send a notification via our School App.

Please include the following information:

- 1) Name of child/ren and class number/s
- 2) Date of positive Covid test
- 3) Date Covid symptoms first began (if different than covid test date)
- 4) The last day they attended school



TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

If you are a Coach or Manager, please email the POD by Wednesday 1pm to stephy@tetotara.school.nz

Hockey

Strikers	Liam Svenson
Blue	Nimrit Somal
Red Sticks	James Walker
Red	Zayne Sebastian
Lions	TBA
Tigers	Kayla Petzer
Netball	
Meteors	TBA

Meteors	
Magic	
Comets	
Invaders	
Ferns	
Shooters	

TBA Dylan Horne Kenzie Humphrey Avni Rathore Hinemoana Whitiora TBA

DATES COMING UP

Fri 8 July	TERM 2, ENDS @ 3.00pm
Mon 25 July	TERM 3, BEGINS @ 8.55am
Tues 2 Aug	Photolife Class & Individual Photos
Wed 3 Aug	Photolife Class & Individual Photos
Wed 3 Aug	PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm
Wed 10 Aug	Photolife Groups & Cluster Sports Photos
Fri 26 Aug	Cancer Society Daffodil Day

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>

NEXT PTA MEETING

The next PTA Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 3rd August at 7.30pm** in the Staff Lounge. All parents and caregivers of students of Te Totara Primary School are able to attend, so please book this date in your diary today! We would love to have you join us. We will also be discussing and finalising our next events to be held in Term 4.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next PTA Meeting – Wednesday 3rd August at 7.30pm.

Your PTA Committee: Kerri, adelle, Narreet, Kerry & Angelique

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.

Children aged 3 to 12 can now get their FLU vaccination FREE at Anglesea Pharmacy



This winter, the Flu is worse than ever due us having been in lockdown. Bring your children in for their FREE Flu Vax







Learn to Dive with Waikato Diving Club

Waikato Diving (Springboard and Platform) are running Learn to Dive session at WaterWorld commencing Term 3 2022. Sessions will be run on a Tuesday or Wednesday for 40 minutes between 4.00pm and 5.30pm, or on a Saturday morning. Diving teaches fitness, water confidence and safety, learning to meet and conquer challenges, friendship and a team spirit without the team environment of some other sports. It is also an Olympic Sport (for those planning ahead). Divers need to be confident in water and ideally at least 7 years old. To register your interest or find out more information please email <u>waikato.diving.ww@gmail.com</u> or txt / call Danny on 0276002201.





TOURING AOTEAROA THROUGH JUNE-JULY 2022 DURING TERM AND THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

The Glow Show's fabulous, giant-scale, glow-in-the-dark puppets are back, touring all of Actearoal

The magical MATARIKI GLOW SHOW is coming to a theatre near you, during Term 2 AND the July school holidays.

61,000+ tamariki, educators and whänau have already seen our Glow Shows... this year, join us in an exquisite celebration of our very first, nationwide Matariki holiday.

The MATARIKI GLOW SHOW tells the gorgeous story of te kähui whetu ö Matariki (the star cluster/whänau of Matariki) as they gather to light up the skies for Te Tau Hou Mäori (Mäori New Year). But where is the smallest star Waipuna-a-rangi? Could she be lost in the moana?

The show brings this mythical magic to life with its unique puppets, which glow under UV lights in a black box theatre and intrigue tamariki wherever they go.

Delightfully told in te reo Mäori and English, the MATARIKI GLOW SHOW educates as it entertains, with its cutting-edge concept, upbeat original soundtrack, and themes of whakawhānaungatanga, friendship and togethemess.

The show is touring to 40 venues, from Kaitaia to Invercargill, most locations, staging two different shows a concise version for ages 5 and under, and a longer version with Q&A for 6-12 year olds. Shows sell out so book your tickets fast!

The Matariki Glow Show will be at Heaphy Room, Claudelands, Hamilton, July 15!

School Holidays

11am (0-5 years) - \$16.50pp + fees 1pm (6-12 years) - \$18.50pp + fees

One day only, so don't miss out! Book at <u>www.glowshow.co.nz/bookings</u> You can email us for more info at <u>hello@glowshow.co.nz</u>