

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 11 AUGUST, 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)

DROP-OFF/PICK-UP ZONE ROAD RULES AND SPEED LIMIT

This area is a great place to quickly drop off and pick up your children. Just a reminder to all our families that the speed limit is **5kms per hour in our drop-off/pick-up zone**. We have had some near misses recently so it is really important that we stick to the 5km per hour speed limit. Most of our community do a wonderful job in looking after our students in this situation however, I am very aware that speed can creep up, therefore we do need to frequently remind our families of this safety protocol.



Ultimately, it is the <u>driver's responsibility</u> to look both ways for children who may be crossing before driving off.... children can be very unpredictable at times.

We do have staff rostered on duty in the drop-off zone in the mornings however this is not until 8:30am as they have preparation work to do beforehand.

Please note, current road rules also apply upon entering our drop-off/pick-up zone regarding positioning yourselves in the correct lane for turning out onto Hector Drive. At this stage the left lane closest to our school buildings is still able to be used for right turning as well. When leaving the drop-off zone **if you wish to turn left onto Hector**

Drive, please position yourself in the LEFT LANE only, closest to the school buildings. The RIGHT LANE should be for cars turning right out onto Hector Drive. We have seen a few near miss accidents with cars crossing through lanes without indicating and not considering other drivers.

SAFELY GOING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Please support us in keeping your children safe by following these simple guidelines:



Use the drop-off zone in front of the school





Cross Hector Drive, Borman Road and Moonlight Drive <u>using the pedestrian crossing with the lights</u>

Walking or on wheels, cross the carpark at the barrier arm.



- Parents remain in their cars and children need to buckle up quickly
- Children to cross to the furthest lane with Mrs Fraser.
- Park in surrounding streets and use the walkways.

We practice these procedures with the children.

SEAT BELTS IN VEHICLES

We have been observing a few students who have not been safely sitting in their car seats with the seat belt fastened securely, before the car moves off. This is an illegal and highly dangerous practice, if the car has to stop suddenly the risk for injury of unsecured children is very high. It is also not modelling good vehicle safety practices to your children. We are very conscious of the risk in this and will be stopping vehicles that move off without children being secure.

Mrs Fraser is being very active in this regard in the drop off zone area that she manages.

Please look for our car:

- Get into the car quickly,
- Take their bag off their back and stow it safely and immediately secure their seat belt around them.

This way they are safe and ready to go without holding up the flow of traffic. Thank you so much for your attention to this important safety issue.

2022 BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS TIMEFRAME

Election Day Declaration of Result New BOT in place Wednesday 7th September Tuesday 13th September Wednesday 14th September

August 8th, 2022

Board Parent Election 2022 - 5 Parent Representatives At the close of nominations at 12 noon Wednesday, August 3rd, the following nominations were received for parent vacancies on the School Board of Trustees.

- * Sam Cammock
- * Frank Coleman
- * Paul Fletcher
- * Melissa Guyan
- * Budiono Ko
- * Steffani Perera
- * Maninder Singh
- * Mingze Sun
- * Alex Williams

We will now be proceeding to an election. **Papers on how you vote electronically will be distributed by email Wednesday 10th August 2022.** Your school can download candidate profiles from their election portal. **For those without valid email addresses - they will be mailed voting papers for a paper vote**. Voting closes at 12 noon Wednesday 7th September, 2022. There is a box located in the School Office for your printed voting papers.

Results will be on the school portal for candidates and school at 12 noon Tuesday 13th September 2022 and then emailed.

New Board takes office Wednesday 14th September 2022. Kind Regards, Wayne Jamieson

General Manager, CES







LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSION BOOKINGS BOOKINGS OPEN NOW

Learning Plan Discussions will take place on **Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th August**, **2022** for all students except Room 8.

Room 8 only - Tuesday 23rd August 3.15pm-5.00pm & Thursday 25th August 2.15pm - 6.15pm

We have arranged <u>15 minute time slots</u> for the discussion, there will be a change over bell so that everyone is aware of timings. If you have more than one child, you might like to have a break between each interview. To ensure the smooth running of our Learning Plan Discussions, we would be grateful if all our parents/caregivers kept to the timetable. There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress on:

Tuesday 23rd August, 2022 - ROOM 8 ONLY

3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm & 5.00pm

Wednesday 24th August, 2022 (Rooms 27 & 21 finish @ 6.15pm) 2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm, 5.00pm, 5.15pm & 5.30pm (NOTE: Room 27 - Cath Glyde & Room 21 - Rochelle Lingard's last appointments will be at 6.15pm)

Thursday 25th August, 2022 (Rooms 27 & 21 finish earlier)

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm *(teachers break between 5.00pm-5.30pm)*, 5.30pm, 5.45pm, 6.00pm & 6.15pm *(NOTE: Room 27 - Cath Glyde's last appointment is 3.30pm & Room 21 - Rochelle Lingard's last appointment is 4.45pm)*

How do I book a time?

To make an appointment time for your child/ren, please use our online booking system

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz - our school code is x66kq

An electronic confirmation can be sent to you via email upon completion of your booking, **please don't forget to include your email address and select "email" under Parent Bookings** when you have booked an interview time.

If you are unable to access the internet, please phone the school (07) 853-0039 ext. 858 and leave a message with the time slot that you would prefer and Marise will collate these.

We will endeavour to give you the time as close as we can to your preference. If we are unable to assist we will go by first in first served. Please <u>do not</u> make arrangements directly with classroom teachers.

Who should come?

We encourage the <u>student</u>, and family members who have an interest in learning, to come along and discuss this with the teacher.

What will the format be?

The discussion is a general one about how the learner is progressing, areas of strength and also discussing next steps in learning and how this can happen.

Bookings close on <u>Monday 22nd August, 2022 @ 3.00pm.</u> We will not be able to accept bookings after this date/time.

PLEASE NOTE: School will finish at <u>2.00pm</u> both Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th August for <u>ALL</u> students. Students will need to be collected at <u>2.00pm</u> - Thanks.

NO CASH ACCEPTED THROUGH SCHOOL OFFICE

As of <u>Term 4, 2022</u> we will no longer accept cash payments through the School Office.

- Scholastic Books (Book Club) can be ordered and paid online through LOOP (see below).
- Pre-loved School Uniform paid by EFTPOS only
- After School Care paid by Internet banking or EFTPOS only
- School Donation, Mathletics/Mathseeds, Lost Library Books, School Camp, Aquatics fees etc are to be paid through KINDO

LOOP is the easy way for families to order and pay for Book Club.

Log in, or create a new account at mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

- **1.** If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile
- 2. Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class
- 3. Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- 4. Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue
- 5. Make payment via credit card.

2022 YEARBOOK ORDERS 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 **Tuesday** 15th November, 2022 @ 3.00pm. late orders will be Sorry, no 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.

CANCER SOCIETY DAFFODIL DAY Friday 26th August, 2022

Our school will be celebrating Daffodil Day again this year. More information will follow in next week's newsletter













NATIONAL MONITORING STUDY OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Last week Te Totara hosted 2 teachers from the National Monitoring Study. This nation wide study is designed to assess and understand achievement and progress of New Zealand Year 4 and Year 8 students within the New Zealand Curriculum. In 2022 the focus is on Mathematics, Health and Physical Education. 27 Year 4 students took part in a range of fun activities, interviews and assessments with our visiting assessors in these areas over 3 days at the end of last week.

The assessors were impressed by the great thinkers we have at Te Totara and also noted the enthusiasm our students have for learning in Mathematics. Thank you to the parents of the 27 children for allowing your children to participate in this study and we look forward to reading the report when it comes to us.

Ngå mihi **Jo Stewart** Deputy Principal

SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2023 Enrolment Period of 16th December, 2022 - 30th June, 2023

The Board of Trustees are looking to accommodate, if possible, younger siblings and children of staff in the 2023 school year. To help determine this, we urgently need to have Out-of-zone Enrolment Forms into the School Office to help with this process. Please complete an OUTZ Enrolment Form for each child, which is available online from our school website by clicking the following link: <u>www.tetotara.school.nz</u> or by visiting the School Office.

The Board will look at the number of enrolments, the level of projected student growth and determine how many spaces for out-of-zone students are available for the upcoming enrolment period of **16th December**, **2022 to 30th June**, **2023**. This will be completed in mid October, allowing for lots of time for families to know what is happening. Further information around the number of out-of-zone spaces to be released will be communicated via the school newsletter over the next few weeks.

Please return the completed OUTZ Enrolment Form, including the relevant documentation, to the School Office by 3.00pm TOMORROW, <u>Friday 12th August, 2022</u>.

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 will be charged after your child's class has had their lessons.

- 2022 Yearbook Early-bird special of \$20.00 (until 31st Oct)
- 2022 School Camp \$180.00 (Years 5&6 Students only)

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.





SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on Friday 12th August, 2022 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm. Students from Earth 34 & 38 will attend assembly and will be sharing.

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

StrikersTBABlueCiara Watts & Derrick WuRed SticksTBARedRishitha DonthiLions30/7 Ari Parmar & 6/8 Nicole PretoriusTigersTBA

Netball

MeteorsHarper GardinerMagicMorgan WenhamCometsArmani AddyInvadersAmber CookeFernsHarper McMurrayShootersAshlynn Lawrie and Rachel Goile



DATES COMING UP

Wed 24 Aug	Learning Plan Interviews - School Finishes at 2.00pm
Thurs 25 Aug	Learning Plan Interviews - School Finishes at 2.00pm
Fri 26 Aug	Cancer Society Daffodil Day - MUFTI DAY
Tues 30 Aug	Fairfield Cluster Cross Country
Mon 29 Aug	Mid Term Break - SCHOOL CLOSED
Wed 21 Sept	Senior School Production - Star Warts: The Umpire Strikes Back
Thurs 22 Sept	Senior School Production - Star Warts: The Umpire Strikes Back
Monday 26th - Wednesday 28th September	
	Year 5-6 Marama Team School Camp - Ngaruawahia Christian Camp
Wednesday 28th - Friday 30th September	
	Year 5-6 Milky Way Team School Camp - Ngaruawahia Christian Camp
Fri 30 Sept	TERM 3, ENDS @ 3.00pm
Mon 17 Oct	TERM 4, BEGINS
Wed 19 Oct	Photolife Cluster Sports & Cultural Photos

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

PTA MEETING

The next PTA Meeting will take place on Wednesday 7th September 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 7th September 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.**



