

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)

*** LAST CHANCE TO ORDER A YEARBOOK ***

Don't miss out on a 2016 Yearbook! **Orders Close on Friday 18th November, 2016.** Sorry, no late orders will be accepted. **Only \$20.00 per book;** memories that will last a lifetime.



SENIOR ATHLETICS

It was with regret that we needed to cancel the Senior Athletics on the proposed date and again on the postponement date today. The weather has been adverse with the forecast of possible thunderstorms, hail and further unstable weather systems. We always enjoy these major school events with our community so this decision was not taken lightly.

Our Sports Team will be endeavouring to get the event finalists to take to the Fairfield Cluster Athletics in any fine breaks that we can. As we make decisions around this we will be sending information out to the families of the children concerned.

Fairfield Cluster Athletics is scheduled for **Tuesday 22nd November, 2016** with the postponement date **Tuesday 29th November, 2016.**

BEST FOOT FORWARD PRODUCTION DVD'S

School Production DVD's have arrived and will be sent home today for those who have ordered them. If you have any queries, please contact Marise (07) 853-0039 ext. 858.

SCHOOL LOST PROPERTY BIN, ITEMS ON DISPLAY

Please check out our lost property bin. The **BIG YELLOW** bin is located outside the Earth building; there are **LOTS** of polar fleeces! Please check to see if any items belong to your family as all unclaimed items (*other than school uniform*) will be donated to charity.

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, with the proceeds returned to the school.

Weather permitting; we will endeavour to display all lost property items EVERY Friday starting from Friday 18th November 2016.



TERM DATES FOR 2017

Term 1 Tuesday 31st January - Thursday 13th April
Term 2 Monday 1st May - Friday 7th July
Term 3 Monday 24th July - Friday 29th September
Term 4 Mon 16th October - Friday 15th December

Holidays During the 2017 School Term

Term 1 Monday 6th February Waitangi Day
Term 2 Monday 5th June Queen's Birthday
Term 3 Monday 4th September Mid-Term Break
Term 4 Monday 23rd October Labour Day

STUDENTS ARRIVING/LEAVING TE TOTARA

To help with our planning, it would be appreciated if you could please let us know if your child is leaving Te Totara at the end of 2016 (*other than Year 6 students*). If you have a child coming to Te Totara in the future, we would love to have an Enrolment Form - it would be much appreciated and certainly help with our future planning!

MOVING HOUSE?

Just a little reminder.... if you have moved or will be moving, please remember to advise the School Office of your new contact details so that we can update your child's records accordingly.

VOLUNTEERS "THANK YOU" MORNING TEA ON WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER, 2016 @ 9.00AM

A warm invitation is extended to helpers of our school for a special morning tea in the Staff Lounge @ 9.00am to say "Thanks". If you were involved in helping out in any way at school (*i.e., coaching, book binding, sports help, classroom help, transport etc*) or in any other way, we would love to see you.

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Invoices will be e-mailed to families by the end of the week; we would appreciate any outstanding invoices to be cleared by the end of term. You are welcome to pay through the School Office either by EFT-POS (sorry, no credit card), cash, cheque or internet banking.

Our ASB internet banking details are:

Te Totara Primary School

12-3171-0270973-00

Please indicate what the payment is for i.e. sports fees, swimming, school donation etc...

Any queries regarding your invoice, please e-mail Wendy Bulloch, our Executive Officer on executiveofficer@tetotara.school.nz

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER AT 5.45PM

This is our annual event to celebrate another great year at Te Totara. Here is some information to help make it a great event:

- It is a school event, so children need to be in a clean and tidy uniform and will be together as a school and are under the control of school staff. Please leave your child with us; we will take care of them.
- Students will need to stay through the whole event.
- There will be very limited parking available at the school car park and none in the turning bay. It will be best to find a car park on a nearby street and walk.
- It is like a concert in a park, so bring a picnic, a rug to sit on, something to eat and drink and enjoy a variety concert.
- We use the hill behind Ra and Earth as outdoor stages where children perform. Toilets are open in the Ra and Earth blocks.
- Pre-schoolers are welcome to use the playground away from the performers so they don't distract from the performance.
- Other children not involved in the school are asked to be respectful and if they want to play, then the court area is a good place.
- There are likely to be over 2500 people at the event so we strongly advise walking to the event.
- Please **no** umbrellas as it blocks the view of people behind.
- We will have a "Paparazzi" section at the front for parents of those performing to use to get a good photo.
- If the weather is not good, we will postpone to Tuesday 13th December, same time.
- Notifications will be put on the school Facebook page, school app and the website.
- The event is weather dependent, so may be cancelled at the last moment, but we will do our best to let everyone know as early as possible.
- At the end of the event we will need to stagger people leaving due to Health & Safety, so please be prepared to wait a little time. Announcements will be made to help.

HEALTH CURRICULUM COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Schools are obliged to consult with their community over the Health Programme. Last week we sent home a paper copy Community Health Consultation Survey with the oldest student at school. We do value your feedback, so if forms could be back to the Mooloo Box in the School Office by tomorrow, **Friday 18th November** it would be greatly appreciated.

WHĀNAU EVENING – MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER, 2016

Kia ora tātou. All Te Totara families are warmly invited to an evening of kapa haka, kai and kōrero.

When: Monday 21st November at 5.30pm

Where: Matariki Hall, Te Totara Primary School

What: Te Totara Kapa Haka performance, shared kai (please bring a plate of food to share) and discussion around Te Totara Primary initiatives for tamariki and whānau.

Please contact Ryan Jordan (Room 12) for any queries about the evening.

CULTURAL GROUPS FOR 2017

It would be great to have more Cultural Performance Groups at Te Totara School representing the wonderfully diverse nature of our school.

If you are interested in starting a group in 2017 I would really like to hear from you. This would involve meeting once a week at a time that suits (after school or lunchtime) and instructing students who are interested.

Please come and see me or send me an email - Chris Chase, Matawhero 4 or email: chrisc@tetotara.school.nz

NOEL LEEMING BYOD OFFER

Noel Leeming, The Base store in Te Rapa has a "Power up for school" offer for all our Parents and Students.

This offer is valid from 10 November 2016 – 2 February 2017, only whilst stocks last. This offer can be found under our newsletter tab on our school website.

[Noel Leeming Offer BYOD](#)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by **9.15am on Friday 25th November 2016**, to the School Office please.

Sorry NO late orders will be accepted. REMEMBER.... When completing the order form please fill in all the details i.e. name, room number, item number and title of the book.

A new easy way to order and pay now, is to order and pay online with the book club loop.

Visit: mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held Friday 18th November 2016, in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.

This week children from Orion, Kōpū, Earth & Marama Teams will attend assembly.

This week our Earth 37 children will be sharing.

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

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

SUMMER HOCKEY

Kiwis Emma Lobb

Pukeko Jake McMillan

TOUCH

Rockets Tayla Palmer

DATES COMING UP

Fri 18 Nov	PTA Lemonade Ice-block Friday
Mon 21 Nov	Whānau Evening @ 5.30pm
Tues 22 Nov	Fairfield Cluster Athletics Yrs 4-6
Thurs 24 Nov	Y6 Orientation at RJHS from 9.30am – 12.30pm
Thurs 24 Nov	BOT Meeting @ 6.00pm
Thurs 24 Nov	PTA Gala & Colour Run Planning Meeting
Fri 25 Nov	PTA Muffi Day - 'Sports' Theme... Gold Coin Donation
Tues 29 Nov	Fairfield Cluster Athletics Postponement Date
Fri 2 Dec	Learning Plans go home and online today
Tues 6 Dec	Year 6 Leavers Supper @ 6.30pm
Wed 7 Dec	Volunteers "Thank you" Morning Tea @ 9.00am
Mon 12 Dec	End of Year Celebration @ 5.45pm

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PTA Raffle drawn at the end of year celebration
End of year Celebration Postponement

PTA Lemonade Ice-block Friday
SCHOOL FINISHES FOR 2016 @ 3.00PM

Kind regards,
Anne Fraser
Acting Principal



TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

Hi everyone
Busy week this week! Loads going on, we are very excited about all the wonderful events and activities ahead.



RAFFLE TICKETS

Our exciting new RAFFLE has some AMAAAAZING prizes!! Please ask your family, friends, neighbours and workmates to support the raffle. Tickets are only \$5.00 each, with every ticket receiving 10 CHANCES TO WIN A PRIZE.

The child who sells the most raffle tickets will win an iPad Mini 2, Wi Fi, 32gb - that's a whole lot of space for apps!! Also, for each full raffle book sold, your child will receive one entry into the draw for one of several bonus prizes, as our way of saying 'well done and thanks for helping'.

The draw will be held in front of the audience at the End of Year Celebration, 12 December 2016.

Please ensure that all tickets/stubs, corresponding money and any unsold tickets are secured in an envelope (with your child's name and class number), and returned to the GREEN PTA BOX in the Te Totara office, no later than Thursday 8 DECEMBER.

Need more tickets to sell? Please ask the lovely ladies in the office.

Have too many to sell? Please bring them back to the office asap so that they can be reallocated. Big thanks!!

ICE BLOCK FRIDAY THIS WEEK!

\$1.50 each, please try and have correct change, thank you.

MUFTI-DAY FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER

We are having a Mufti Day next Friday 25th November. Come along dressed in 'Sports' theme. There will be a gold coin collection also. Further details will follow next week.

As parents of Te Totara children, you are all members of the PTA as well. Please help by volunteering whatever time you can spare. Our children are so lucky in being part of a school that is able to offer such a wonderful range of activities and events. All parents work hard, but we believe that if we can all do a little something to help, then it benefits everyone.

EMAIL: tetotara.pta@gmail.com

Till next time, have a wonderful week.

Your friendly PTA committee:

Scott, Anna, Jasmine, Nalina, Vicki & Liz



Please get involved - It's all about the kids!



'CAN AND A COIN' FOLLOW-UP

We were pleased to have recently received a lovely letter from the Salvation Army in regard to the Can and Coin donations we made earlier in the year. Please show your children this letter; they should all be proud of having helped others in the community. Well done, everyone!

10 November 2016

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Rototuna
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Dear Friends

Donation

On behalf of the Hamilton City Salvation Army, I would like to thank you most sincerely for the very generous donation given to us recently.

Your commitment to others in the community is commendable and we are very impressed at your dedication to others less well off in the community.

Caring for people requires resources of many kinds so we do rely a great deal on the support from the community. We see many genuine people who just need a bit of help from time to time to help them in their daily living.

May God bless you all for your thoughtfulness.

Yours sincerely

Captain Jenny Collings
Director
Hamilton City Salvation Army

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.

HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOPS

Get creative, learn new skills and have fun at Escape & Create Art Workshops. Age 5-13: 15th & 16th Dec; 19th - 23rd Dec'16 9th; Jan'17 - 13th Jan'17 8:45am - 3:15pm Cost \$40 /child/day

ALL MATERIALS INCLUDED!!! CONTACT: Nikki Thompson - [021 143 9023](tel:0211439023) or Email: nthompson@slingshot.co.nz

ENABLE NEW ZEALAND CHILDREN'S SPECTACLE SUBSIDY

Enable New Zealand manages the children's spectacle subsidy on behalf of the ministry of Health.

This offer can be found on the Te Totara School website under the newsletter tab.

[Enable NZ Spectacle Offer](#)

SUMMER READING PROGRAMME

WHO'S YOUR HERO?

Free events at all our Hamilton libraries

Complete activities and earn a reward

Finale celebration at Hamilton Gardens

REGISTER AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY FROM 12 DECEMBER