

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)

MUFTI DAY TOMORROW – FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER, 2016 “SPORTS THEME”

We are having a Mufti Day at school tomorrow, come along dressed in ‘Sports Theme’ (no school uniform). There will be a gold coin collection, look out for our school children with collection buckets at entrance points to the school.

CLASS PLACEMENTS 2017

We are currently working through placements for next year. We have been pleased that parents and students have had an opportunity to contribute to the process, it has helped.

- The class for next year will be available from **4.00pm Friday 9th December** on the Parent Portal, using with same login details used to access Learning Plans online.
- Teachers will talk with children about the arrangements for 2017 and answer any queries on Friday 9th December, so students have an opportunity to clarify any queries they may have
- On Wednesday 14th December from 1.30pm-2.00pm students will visit their new class and teacher. This helps our children know what is happening and to ask questions and build rapport with their teacher ready for 2017.

LEARNING PLANS GO HOME FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER, 2016

A Learning Plan for each student will be sent home on **Friday 2nd December 2016** with the oldest or only child from each family. However, if your child started in Term 4 this year you will not receive a Learning Plan yet. Your child's teacher will be talking to you about your child's progress since starting with us.

The Learning Plans will also be available online after **3.00pm on Friday 2nd December 2016**. Included in the information pack being sent home with the Learning Plan will be instructions on how to log-on to the site.

National Standards in Reading, Writing and Maths – how well is my child doing?

Ministry of Education National Standards pamphlets in the below languages are available to view on our school website www.tetotara.school.nz under the tabs “Our Learning” then “National Standards”:

* English * Samoan * Tongan * Afrikaans * French * Hindi * Chinese * Arabic * Korean

A REMINDER....

Please keep your Log-in and Password details for the Parent Portal handy as you will need these to access your child/ren's new class details for 2017 on Friday 9th December from 4.00pm. These will be included inside the Learning Plan folder.

FAMILIES IN SHARED CARE ARRANGEMENT

If your family are in a shared care arrangement, please advise Marise Crow a.s.a.p. on 07 853-0039 ext. 858 who will be collecting the child/ren from school on **Friday 2ND December, 2016**. If you are happy for both copies of the Learning Plan to go home in the same envelope, please advise.

KAPA HAKA/WHANAU HUI

On Monday our Kapa Haka group performed for their whanau, and we will see them at assembly tomorrow, as well as at the End of Year Celebration on Monday 12th December. They are well worth watching and we are very proud of them!

SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS

Enrolment Period of 1st March 2017 – 30th June 2017

The Board of Trustees are looking to accommodate, if possible, younger siblings and children of staff for the above enrolment period. 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 a standard Enrolment Form, which is available online from our school website www.tetotara.school.nz or by visiting the School Office.

The Board will look at the number of enrolments, the level of predicted student growth and determine how many spaces for out-of-zone students are available. Further information will follow next week via the school newsletter.

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.

PHOTOLIFE SHOOT KEYS – GROUPS & CLUSTER SPORTS PHOTOS

A **reprint** of the Shoot Keys have arrived and were sent home with each child earlier in the week with details on how to order **GROUP & CLUSTER SPORTS PHOTOS** online.

If you do not have a computer, please collect an order envelope from the School Office.

Families who have a shared care arrangement can still use the same Shoot Key to order online. If you have any queries, please phone Photolife direct on 0800 501040.

"Free Delivery" to the school will apply to orders prior to 8.00am on Friday 2nd December, 2016.

SCHOOL STATIONERY ORDERING FOR 2017

We have teamed up again this year with OfficeMax MySchool so that you can buy all your school stationery needs for 2017 over the internet. If you do not have access to the internet, you can purchase stationery direct through Office Max (cnr Victoria St & Princes St, Hamilton) Ph: (07) 838-8604. Advise them that you are from Te Totara Primary School and the year level your child (ren) will be in 2017. They will have hard copies of stationery lists available at the shop.

Many of our families used this online system last year and will be familiar with the ordering process. This website is available from today for ordering at:

www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara

Instructions on ordering stationery will be placed on our website under "Newsletters".

[My School Stationery Information, 2017](#)

Please note: You do not need a Student ID, please leave this field blank. If you have a new entrant starting in Term 1, 2017 your child will be classified as a Year 1.

Please ensure you have placed your order no later than **Thursday 26th January, 2017** to ensure delivery before school starts on **Tuesday 31st January, 2017**. Please ensure your child/ren have all their school stationery items before school begins for 2017.

Back to School made easy

I use OfficeMax for all our back to school supplies. April Jeremiah

SHOP YOUR WAY

myschool.co.nz OfficeMax Stores 0800 724 440

LET'S GET IT DONE

- **Shop Your Way** - online, in-store, by phone or simply download a copy of the class list requirements for your child
- **Price Match Promise** - find a lower price and we'll match it[^]
- **Free Delivery** - for orders over \$57.50[^]. Plus choose delivery to home or work at a time that suits you in the holidays
- **Earn School Rewards** for your school[^].

[^] Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details

BEST FOOT FORWARD PRODUCTION DVD'S

School Production DVD's were sent home last week to families who ordered them. We have had a number of DVD's returned from the Ra & Milky Way performance to the school with problems. We urge you to PLEASE watch your DVD and if there are any issues, return it to the school with your child's name, classroom number and a note explaining why. 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.

KEEPING UP-TO-DATE

With this busy time of the year it is important to keep up to date with events in the school and we have many ways to keep up to date, including:

Online school calendar [On line School Calendar](#)

School App [Download the School App](#)

School Web site [Te Totara Web Site](#)

Weekly notices [Weekly Notices](#)

Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/TeTotaraPrimarySchool230374533681330/>

We have a great team at school who keep these all updated in real time.

Te Totara Primary School



Growing and Learning Together

WEET-BIX KIDS TRYATHLON – SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY, 2017

Juniors aged between 7-10 years OR Seniors aged between 11-15 Years

If your child is interested in participating in the Weetbix TRYathlon as part of our Te Totara Primary School group, registrations are done online for each entrant by parents/caregivers – they are not done through the school. However, to be acknowledged as part of our school group, please ensure when registering your child that when you come to “Which School do you attend”, you choose the school group “**Te Totara Primary School**” in the drop-down box, and then check the small box underneath that to confirm you want to be linked to our school group.

We'd love to win “biggest school group” again but if you don't check the box to link to the school group, it won't recognise you as being part of it! All the information you need is on the Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon website <http://try.weetbix.co.nz/> but for your information, the TRYathlon is on **Sunday 19th February, 2017** and it is held at the Waikato University grounds. Please check the website for any other information you need.

Nothing needs to be returned to school, we are just trying to get some information to you before the school holiday break so that you have time to check out the website and get your registrations in!

Don't forget to start swimming, biking and running!!

Megan Leitch (for the Sports Team) meganl@tetotara.school.nz

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

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT- SPEED RESTRICTIONS

New 5km speed limit signs have been put up this week at the entrance to the carpark and the drop-off zone.

The Safety of our children as they move to and from school is very important to us.

Please continue to drop your child off in the safest place and in the safest manner, always respect all other carpark users and adhere to the 5 km speed limit while on school grounds.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due tomorrow, **Friday 25th November 2016 by 9.15am** to the School Office. **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 25th November 2016, in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.

This week Matawhero, Neptune, Ra and Milky Way children will attend assembly.

This week our Kapa Haka children will be sharing.

YEAR 6 LEAVER'S SUPPER EVENING

Tuesday 6th December 2016 from 6.30pm-8.00pm in the Matariki Hall

This will be a night to remember, our Year 6's are leaving us.

Invitations have been sent home and RSVP's are due by Tuesday 29th November, 2016.

Please bring a plate of finger food to share for supper and BYO drink.

Due to limited space, **no siblings please**. We are really looking forward to this special evening.

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 Francesca Cullen, Sophie Hancock
Pukeko Aeryn Mckay

TOUCH

Rockets Daniel Read, Bradley McEwen
Rockets Fair Play Awards – Paige Blissett, Logan Running

CRICKET

Strikers Xavier McGrath, Blake Finlayson, Alex Wilton
Tigers Angus McDonnell



DATES COMING UP

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| 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 |
| 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 |
| Mon 12 Dec | PTA Raffle drawn at the End of Year Celebration |
| Tues 13 Dec | End of year Celebration Postponement Date |
| Fri 16 Dec | PTA Lemonade Ice-block Friday |
| Fri 16 Dec | SCHOOL FINISHES FOR 2016 @ 3.00PM |

Kind regards,
Brian Sheedy
Principal



TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

Just a couple of point this week – our raffle sales are going really well – who is going to win the student prize for selling the most tickets? There are a few contenders already, keep it up!

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 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 lotta 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, Monday 12th 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, as soon as possible – and definitely no later than Thursday 8th DECEMBER, 2016.

IMPORTANT: if you are unable to sell your tickets please return them ASAP, as we have many children wanting more books to sell!

GALA AND COLOUR RUN MEETING TONIGHT!

Please come along and share your ideas for making next March's Gala the best one ever!

MUFTI-DAY TOMORROW

We are having a Mufti Day this **Friday 25th November, 2016**. Come along dressed in 'Sports' theme. Gold coin donation please :)

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

EMAIL: tetotara.pta@gmail.com <<http://tetotara.pta@gmail.com>> <<http://tetotara..pta@gmail.com>><<http://tetotara.pta@gmail.com>>

Till next time, have a wonderful week.

Your friendly PTA committee:

Scott, Anna, Jasmine, Nalina, Vicki & Liz

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.



The Summer Holidays are almost here!!

Check out our active and fun filled Holiday Programme at our five fantastic venues:

Hamilton Girls' High, Southwell, Te Totara Bankwood and Leamington Schools

We are OSCAR/WINZ Approved



Programme and bookings www.kellysports.co.nz

Email: waikato@kellysports.co.nz
Phone Kim, Mark or Liam 07 839 9017
Text 022 0532425

SQUIGGLE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Squiggle holiday programme is OSCAR approved and open from 16th Dec – 23rd Dec and re-opening on 9th Jan – 27th Jan. We have a massive programme with a variety of activities and learnings that everyone will enjoy, including Young Engineers, arts and crafts, team games, cooking, sports and heaps more! We'll also be visiting Waterworld, learning about glowworms at Waitomo Caves and heading to watch Moana at the movies. For more information and a full programme, go online – www.squiggle.org.nz.

