

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), Mbofe, Jambo (Congolese), Konnichiwa (Japanese), Hola (Spanish), Annyeonghaseyo (South Korea), Israel Shalom (Hebrew)

This week has been a busy one with many of our Year 3 & 4 students visiting Miranda to see the [Pukorokoro Miranda Bird Sanctuary](#) which amazed our children, especially hearing of the journey that Godwits take.

Our Milky Way Team had a great day at Raglan and we heard many stories of the giant crabs discovered.

Visits such as these are always linked to learning so there is a real purpose to the trip. As well as the educational benefits there is a sense of excitement about visiting new places. My thanks to our staff for the huge effort put into making these trips so worthwhile, also our parents for coming along and supporting their children and the school.

### TT TV

This weekly programme is produced by our children each week, with support from Miss Frew and highlights different school happenings. We have well over 300 hundred views each week and our children enjoy learning about their school. You will find each episode on the front of our website each week <http://www.tetotara.school.nz/1/pages/38-latest-news>. In this week's edition there are items about the Earth Team's outdoor education visit, new buildings around the school and a raffle to support the Gala.

## LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSION BOOKINGS & GOAL-SETTING LETTER

### BOOKINGS OPEN TOMORROW, FRIDAY 10TH MARCH, 2017 @ 9.00AM

Learning Plan Discussions will take place on **Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd March, 2017** for all students **except Matawhero 3**. The classroom teacher of Matawhero 3 will contact each family shortly.

Today, each student will bring home a **“Goal-Setting”** letter which will help teachers prepare for the Learning Plan Discussions. **Each student is required to return to the Goal-Setting letter to their classroom teacher by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.** If your original sheet doesn't make it home last week or is lost, please visit our school website [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz) under the newsletters tab OR click on the following link: [Student Goal-Setting Letter](#)

We have arranged **15 minute time slots** 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:

#### Wednesday 22nd March, 2017

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

#### Thursday 23rd March, 2017

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, 6.30pm, 6.45pm & 7.00pm.

### **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](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) – our school code is **e25kk**. You can also access this site via our school website [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz)

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" from the confirmation screen.

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 **do not** make arrangements direct with classroom teachers.

### **Who should come?**

We encourage the student, 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 Monday 20th March @ 3.00pm. We will not be able to accept bookings after this date/time.**

**Please Note: School will finish at 2.00pm both Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd March for all students. Students will need to be collected at 2.00pm - Thanks.**

### **AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

**As the whole school will finish at 2.00pm on Wednesday 22nd March & Thursday 23rd March 2017; After School Care will begin at 2.00pm, for those children enrolled.**

### **BUILDING DEVELOPMENT AROUND OUR SCHOOL**

You may well have noticed all the earth moving machinery around the northern boundary of the school. This is the site works beginning for a new Retirement Village, being built by the Summerset Group. Eventually, it will border the north and western boundaries of the school, so half the school site will have a Retirement Village on the border.

We have met with the Summerset Group and we are very much looking forward to building good connections between us. It does provide some good opportunities for our children and Retirement Village residents. Eventually, there will be around 270 homes including villas, townhouses and serviced apartments. The Retirement Village will also provide a Care Centre offering a range of aged-care services for those requiring more support. To find out more information please visit....

<https://www.summerset.co.nz/rototuna-hamilton/> also you will find out a little more on our TT TV news item this week...[www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz)

## PARKING AROUND OUR SCHOOL

We know that this can be a challenge, especially with wet days and we are appreciative of how well our pickup and drop off zone works with polite and respectful driving behaviour almost always shown.

Unfortunately, we have had a concern raised from a resident about motorists parking over driveways. Also, at least one incident of parking in someone's driveway without permission and receiving a less than friendly response around this.

As adults we are in a prime position to model behaviours which demonstrate our school values, especially around respectfulness, so please look after our neighbours, we value them.

## GALA DAY VOLUNTEERS ONLINE SIGN-UP - WE NEED YOU!!!

### BOOKINGS ARE OPEN NOW

To volunteer your help for our School Gala this year, please use our online booking system. It's easy..... just choose the stall and the timeframe you are available to help. We would really appreciate **someone from every family signing-up. If volunteers could please sign up for a minimum of 1 hour that would be fantastic, as many hands make light work! .**

Booking times are displayed in 30 minute slots, so please book 2 consecutive time slots of 30 minutes to volunteer for 1 hour.

[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) – our school code is: **dfjad**



## ICAS EXAMS

We would like to give your Year 4 -6 child the opportunity to compete in the 2017 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) run annually by Educational Assessment Australia with the University of NSW. If your child has ability, interest or aptitude in any of the subjects below, he or she may enjoy this challenge.

Information letters will be coming home on Monday 13th March if your child has expressed an interest in ICAS.

## WINTER SPORTS INTEREST LETTERS

Anyone who missed out on getting Interest Letters for Netball, Hockey or Basketball at the Sports Muster on Wednesday this week, you can obtain copies from the School Office. Hockey and Basketball is available for Year 1-6 students. Netball is available for Year 3-6 students only.

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held tomorrow, **Friday 10th March, 2017** in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm. This week children from Orion, Kōpū, Earth & Marama will attend assembly.

This week our Marama 15 children will be sharing.

## SPORTS

### TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY

#### TOUCH

Chiefs Kautu Maeuea, Kadence Cullen  
Pacers Anten Maeuea, Ryan Ollington

#### CRICKET

Tigers Yug Desai  
Midgets Samantha Wilton, George Williams



## DATES COMING UP

Fri 10 March	Swimming Sports Trials at Waikato Diocesan School
Wed 22 March	Learning Plan Discussions, <b>School finishes at 2.00pm</b>
Thurs 23 March	Learning Plan Discussions, <b>School finishes at 2.00pm</b>
Thurs 23 March	Hot Air Balloon at Te Totara Primary School
Sat 1 April	<b>SCHOOL GALA &amp; COLOUR RUN</b>
Thur 13 April	<b>TERM 1, 2017 FINISHES @ 3.00pm</b>

Kind regards,

**Brian Sheedy**  
Principal

## TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: [tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com) [www.facebook.com/TTPTA](http://www.facebook.com/TTPTA)



### PTA NEWS

Well it has been another very busy week. Only a few weeks until our massive Gala, it's going to be HUGE! Please spread the word amongst your family and friends – this will be a massive school and community event.

We are pleased to add another element to our Gala – a Craft Market which will operate in Matariki. There are some amazing stallholders that are joining us, very exciting.

### GALA TOKENS

To alleviate long queues on Gala day, we will be pre-selling Gala Money Tokens the week before the Gala. These cards will be used as 'cash' when paying for rides, pod activities etc. Tokens are available in \$20.00 cards, with each card containing ten \$2.00 tokens.

EFTPOS sales will be available on the day, but please buy your tokens earlier in the week to ensure you don't have to wait in payment queues on Gala day.

Please note that food vendors and craft market stalls will NOT accept tokens.

**Further information regarding how/when the pre-purchasing of tokens will take place will be communicated in next week's newsletter.**

### COLOUR RUN TICKETS ON SALE NOW !

Don't miss out on tickets, they are selling like hot cakes! If you want to participate in the fun, you must register – please see link below.

#### How do we register?

Registrations are open online now - it's easy to book your tickets and pay online. Simply go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/te-totara-2017-colour-run-tickets-32149731713>

*(if hyperlink doesn't work please copy and paste the url address)*

#### How much does it cost?

If you register online before the day the cost is \$10.0 per person. If you register on the day, the cost is \$12.00 per person.



**SPECIAL EARLYBIRD PRICING: Register and pay online before Friday 17th March and for every 4 tickets purchased, you'll receive the 5th entry for FREE!**

Registration covers your entry fee (enabling you to participate in the 'run') and includes one bag of colour. Extra bags of colour will be available for purchase on the day for \$6.00 each.

### **What time does the run start?**

The Colour Run kicks off at 2.00pm on Saturday 1st April - directly after the finish of the GALA. Come along early, grab some delicious lunch at one of our food stalls and make a day of it!

### **POD GROCERY RAFFLE**

You may see that in each pod there is now a plastic 'Gala' box: as part of our celebrations we are now collecting donations of grocery items, which will be raffled on Gala day.

Over the next 2 weeks we are asking if each child could please donate a grocery/homeware item, to go into their pod's collection basket.

There will be a prize for the pod whose raffle sells out first on the day!

Please ensure that groceries are non-perishable and please, no expired food as this will have to be removed. Non-food items are fine too. Thanks.

Fill it up, go wild with decorating the box and make it awesome - ribbons, pictures, other decorations are all encouraged! If the baskets overflow, that's OK, we can easily start a second pod basket!

### **HELP PLEASE!!**

We are needing the following items for our Colour Run – if you or anyone you know can help, please let us know ASAP:

*Hay Bales*

*Large camouflage netting or fishing net*

*Donations of dishwashing liquid*

That's all for now. Have a great week everyone!

*Your "boom" PTA team: Scott, Anna, Jasmine, Nalina, Vicki & Liz J*

**Special thanks to our active Gala support team, especially Raewyn Oliver, Jason James, Trudy Bulbeck, Dave Smart, Andrea Larsen, Jackie Smith, Katie Hemmingsen and Sam Higgs. Appreciate your help and efforts very much!**

## **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.



# Child restraints

Do you know your responsibilities?

As the driver of a vehicle, you must make sure that **any child under 7 years of age** is properly restrained by an approved child restraint that is appropriate for the age and size of the child. **They must not travel in the vehicle if you can't put them in an approved child restraint.** The vehicle's safety belt on its own is not an approved child restraint.

Approved child restraints include:

- infant restraints for young babies (often called baby capsules)
- restraints for older babies, toddlers and preschool children (often called car seats)
- booster seats for preschool and school-aged children
- child safety harnesses (used with or without a booster seat) for preschool and school-aged children.

If the child is aged 7 years you must use an approved child restraint if one is available in the vehicle and if it is appropriate for the child's age and size. Otherwise they must use a safety belt if one is available. If no child restraints or safety belts are available, they must travel in the back seat.

Children aged 8 to 14 years must use a safety belt if one is available. Otherwise, they must travel in a back seat.

*"The back seat is the safest place for children under 12 years of age. If the back seat is available, use it at all times."*

**If you are transporting children in a vehicle on our roads, you need to know how to safely restrain them so they're protected in the event of a crash.**

For children aged 0-14 years, one of the leading causes of injury involves children as passengers in motor vehicles, with about 18 deaths per year and the equivalent of one classroom-full (26) children admitted to hospital every month.

Studies show that child restraints significantly reduce the risk of hospitalisation and death when used correctly.

Under NZ law, all children under seven years of age must use an approved child restraint appropriate for their age and size.

## CRASH FORCES: WITH BOOSTER SEAT



## CRASH FORCES: WITHOUT BOOSTER SEAT



Crash test simulation from the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (Video: <http://youtu.be/AccYpfcEITs>)

**HALF OF ALL NEW ZEALAND CHILDREN STILL NEED TO USE A BOOSTER SEAT AT 10 YEARS OF AGE**



Remember, it's about **height** not age: children must use an appropriate child restraint until they are **148cm** tall.

**THE INJURIES THAT CAN BE CAUSED BY USING AN ADULT SEATBELT TOO SOON**

