

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

MUFTI DAY TOMORROW - FRIDAY 24TH MARCH, 2017

Please support our student Shawnessy by dressing up in mufti clothing this Friday 24th March, 2017. The dress-up theme will be Sports, so let's have some fun and dress-up as your favourite sports star! Our school leaders will be around the school with collection buckets. Please drop a gold coin in for Shawnessy. We wish her all the best!

Kia ora my name is Shawnessy Nordstrom. From age nine months my parents used to say I was always good with a ball. Since I was five years old I have played basketball.

I have represented Waikato-Tainui in National Māori tournaments and have played for the Waikato Pistons in the Waikato High School competition since I was 9 years old and also at regionals. From there I have been selected to attend a three day trial for the New Zealand Under 14 girls basketball team. If successful I will have the chance to play against Australia in June.

One of my favourite quotes comes from one of my favourite NBA players - Kevin Durant "Hard work beats talent when talent fails to work hard". I have always been determined to push the boundaries in this sport and give it my all. I have trained almost every day since I was five. My dream has always been to play for the New Zealand Women's Tall Ferns and maybe even one day I might be able to have a shot at the WNBA.

This trial will take me one step closer to my goal. I hope all of the students at Te Totara can believe in themselves and achieve their goals too. I will be happy to run basketball skills clinics during lunchtimes at Te Totara to help others learn a new sport or build on the skills they already have.

My motto is "There are no boundaries". I really appreciate all of your support. Thank you



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due **TOMORROW 9.15am, Friday 24th March, 2017** 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 quick easy way to order and pay now, is to order and pay online with the book club loop.

Visit: mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

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 – our school code is: **dfjad**



ICAS EXAM FORMS

Tomorrow, **Friday 24th March, 2017** is the last day for ICAS Exam forms to be received, please place these in the Mooloo Box in the School Office by 9.00am. **Sorry, NO late Exam Forms will be accepted.**

FAIRFIELD CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS, TUESDAY 21ST MARCH 2017

On Tuesday this week 18 students from Te Totara Primary School attended the Fairfield Cluster Swimming Sports held at Fairfield High School. Competition was fierce and the weather was kind. Our children participated in their events with great attitudes. We had seven competitors compete in finals with the following results:

Year 5 Girls Freestyle	Rebecca Plank	3rd Place
Year 5 Girls Breaststroke	Rebecca Plank	3rd Place
Year 5 Girls Backstroke	Ashlee Lobb	6th Place
Year 4 Girls Freestyle	Zoe Harrison	3rd Place
Year 4 Girls Backstroke	Zoe Harrison	3rd Place
Year 5 Girls Relay	Rebecca Plank Paige Hopping Libby McMillan Catherine Young	3rd Place

We are very proud of the achievements of all the children who participated in these swimming sports and would like to thank the parents who came to support our children.

****URGENT** SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2017**

Enrolment Period of 1st July - 15th December, 2017

The Board of Trustees are looking to accommodate, if possible, younger siblings and children of staff in the 2017 school year. To help determine this, we urgently need to have Enrolment Forms into the School Office to help with this process. Our standard Enrolment Form is available online from our school website www.tetotara.school.nz or by visiting the School Office. Please return completed out-of-zone Enrolment Forms and relevant documentation to the School Office by **Friday 31st March, 2017**.

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 for the upcoming enrolment period of **1st July 2017 - 15th December 2017**. This will be completed in late May, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS

Well done to Libby and Rylee who competed in a Triathlon last week. Rylee came second in the Year 6 girls and Libby came third in the Year 5 girls which was a fantastic achievement! The Triathlon consisted of a 100m swim, 8km bike and 1.5 run. They both received a medal which was very exciting. Libby and Rylee are very proud of their achievements.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held tomorrow, **Friday 24th March, 2017** in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm. This week children from Orion, Kōpū, Earth & Marama will attend assembly. This week our Kōpū 23 children will be sharing.

SPORTS

TE TOTARA PLAYERS OF THE DAY

TOUCH

Chiefs Sam McMorran, George Williams
Pacers Aimee Bulbeck, Benjamin Jessep

CRICKET

Midgets Lucas Hill, Grace Hodgson, Alec Fenwick,
Lachlan Crossan
Strikers Ryan Ralph, Oliver Sharpe

DATES COMING UP

Fri 24 March Muffi Day, Dress up in Sports
Theme (*Gold Coin Donation*)
Fri 24 March Scholastic Book Orders Close at 9.15am
Sat 1 April **SCHOOL GALA & COLOUR RUN**
Thur 13 April **TERM 1, 2017 FINISHES @ 3.00pm**

Mon 1 May **TERM 2, 2017 BEGINS**
Thur 25 May **BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm**

Kind regards,

Brian Sheedy
Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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LAST WEEKS ICE BLOCK FRIDAY

Thanks to all the parent helpers who helped with Ice Block Friday last week, it is very much appreciated.

WOOP WOOP – 9 DAYS TO GO!

The Gala and Colour Run is going to be HUGE! Please spread the word amongst your family and friends – this will be a massive school and community event.



PRE-PURCHASE YOUR GALA MONEY TOKENS * CASH OR EFT-POS ONLY (Sorry, No Credit Card or Paywave Transactions)

To alleviate long queues on Gala Day, we will be pre-selling GALA MONEY TOKENS NEXT WEEK IN THE MATARIKI HALL FOYER FROM **8.30AM - 9.15AM starting Tuesday 28th March**.

Each morning after 9.15am tickets can be purchased from the School Office.

EFTPOS or CASH SALES ONLY - \$20.00 will buy you a card of 10 tokens, which can be used for pod activities, rides, etc.

EFTPOS sales will be available on Gala Day (*sorry, no Credit Card or Paywave transactions*), 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 accept cash only.

If you haven't purchased your Colour Run tickets yet, please do so today!

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)

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.

We are asking if each child could please donate a grocery/homeware item, to go into their pod's collection basket. **MONDAY MORNING IS THE LAST CHANCE TO DONATE, thank you.**

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The PTA are very grateful for the help that volunteers give us – thank you.

Please donate just an hour of your time on Gala Day to help run the activities. We are expecting an amazing result from the day, and we can't do it without you.

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

Your "organised and on-to-it" PTA team: Scott, Anna, Jasmine, Nalina, Vicki & Liz J

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.

FLEXIKIDZ HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The FlexiKidz holiday program puts the fun back in physical development and movement learning.

The program will run every day from **8:45 - 13:15** and is suitable for kids 5-10 years of age.

The next program will run from **Tuesday, 18 April to Friday 27 April** (the program will not run on public holidays).

The FlexiKidz program is not just another sports program, attempting to keep your child busy and rid them of energy. Our coaches are qualified in sports and exercise science. Our program promises to be filled with fun, excitement and learning.

For further inquiries or to register, please contact our team on info@flexikidz.co.nz or 022 431 0360.

YMCA HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Our friendly, fully trained staff can't wait to have your child on board with us these holidays. We run fun-filled days including moving and grooving for NZ Dance Week, cooking and crafts. We also go on trips in and around the Waikato. It's a great opportunity for kids to make new friends. For those parents and caregivers that have busy schedules, our programmes run from 7:30am - 5:30pm. Programmes dates are April 18th-28th. Check us out at www.ymcahamilton.org.nz or call us on 07 838 2529.

TE RAPA JUNIOR RUGBY MUSTER DATE

CALLING ALL BOYS & GIRLS! JOIN OUR FUN & FRIENDLY CLUB!

Hi all registered kids for the 2017 rugby season at Te Rapa

We have a muster coming up so you can meet your team mates, coach and club committee

Please free up Sunday 2nd April 2017 @ 11am to come along to the Te Rapa clubrooms

Snacks will be available for purchase and there will be a 2nd hand gear store on site with all proceeds going towards the end of year prize giving.

Also if your child has registered for 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10th grade and they have a friend keen to play for Te Rapa too then bring them along and we can sign them up on the day!

See you all there! FOR MORE INFO CONTACT JASON BRYANT 0275938967 OR KIRSTY MARLOW 0276752182

SMITH AND MCKENZIE, MONDAY NIGHT KIDS DINE FOR \$5.00

For the past 6 years, every Monday night, kids (10 & under) can order a kids combo (drink, kids main & dessert) at Smith & McKenzie for just \$2 with any dining adult. We also open up our function room as a playroom for the kids, where a team member supervises them while they draw, play games or watch movies.. From the 6th March, due to rising costs we are increasing our Monday promotion to kids dine for \$5, with just a \$2 surcharge on steaks. *Alongside this, each month we will be randomly selecting a school within the Hamilton limits to receive a \$100 book voucher. This is a way for us to create a significant difference to one school each month.*

In conjunction with our kids' night, once a month we have been hosting a Kids Themed night where kids are able to dress up as their favourite characters based around the theme of the month. Just 3 months in and already we have had 3 very successful themed nights. Our very first being a 'Frozen' themed night where we had countless children (and a few parents) running around as little Elsa's and Anna's.

On the 27th March from 4.30pm, our 4th Kids themed night will kick off! This month's theme is Under the Sea - we expect to see a lot of Mermaids, Moanas' and Nemos'. We will have prizes for the best dressed boy and girl and other spot prizes will also be given away.



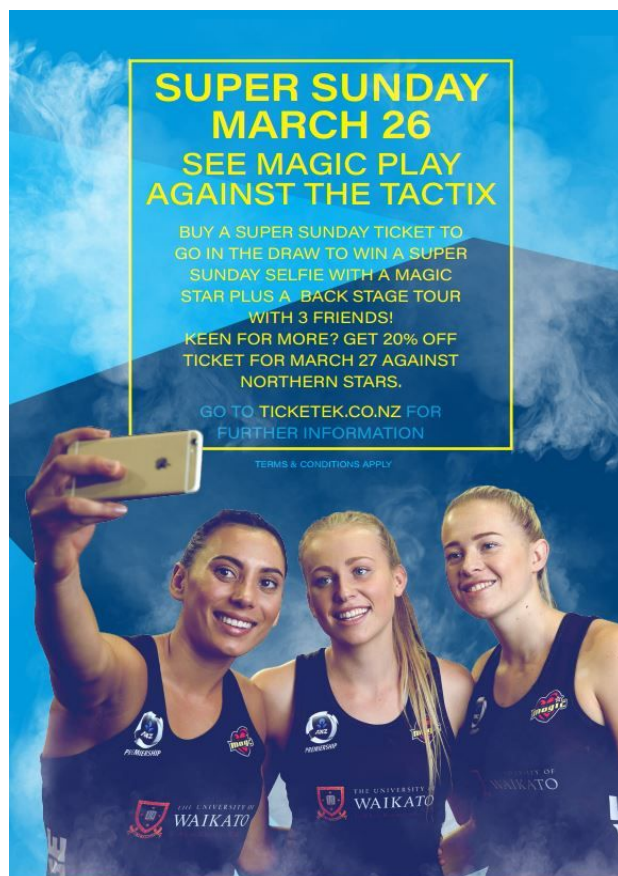
It's School Holiday Time!!
18th to 28th April 2017

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



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**SUPER SUNDAY
MARCH 26**

**SEE MAGIC PLAY
AGAINST THE TACTIX**

BUY A SUPER SUNDAY TICKET TO GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN A SUPER SUNDAY SELFIE WITH A MAGIC STAR PLUS A BACK STAGE TOUR WITH 3 FRIENDS!

KEEN FOR MORE? GET 20% OFF TICKET FOR MARCH 27 AGAINST NORTHERN STARS.

GO TO TICKETEK.CO.NZ FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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