

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)

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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IT'S GALA WEEK!

Looks like Saturday's weather is going to be SUN SUN SUN so we are really looking forward to our Gala and Colour Run - it is going to be HUGE!

Please spread the word amongst your family and friends – this will be a massive school and community event.



GALA DAY VOLUNTEERS - CAN YOU PLEASE HELP OUT?

Thanks to all those who have already volunteered just a bit of time to help on Gala Day – we still need some additional helpers though, so please put your name down.

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. To sign-up:

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz – our school code is: **dfjad**

** 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 IN THE MATARIKI HALL FOYER FROM 8.30AM-9.15AM**. 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, raffle tickets 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 the day.

PARKING ON GALA DAY

Just a reminder that there will be NO PARKING in the school carpark due to the large number of pedestrians that we are expecting on the day. Please utilize Borman Rd and Moonlight Drive for parking, thank you. Please be respectful and considerate of our lovely local neighbours, by not parking over their driveways, thank you.

WHO IS GOING IN THE DUNK TANK?

Come try and dunk your favourite teachers into a tub of cold water! Thanks to all of the following teachers for being such good sports:

10:15am Logan Ganley (Room 32)

10:30am Inge Alferink (Room 12)

10:45am Craig Rodger (Teacher)

11:00am Mark Macleod (Room 19)

11:15am Barnie (Caretaker)

11:30am Rebecca Griffin (Room 14)

12:00pm Brian Sheedy (Principal)

ENTERTAINMENT ON STAGE

We've got some great entertainment lined up on the main stage next to Ra Pod. Make sure you come and check it out:

10.30am – Jump Jam

11.00am – Power Hoop

11.30am – Punjabi Bhangra

12.00pm – Dance FX

12.30pm – Kapa Haka

RAFFLES

Huge thanks to all those that donated items for the Pod raffles. These have now been collected and look GREAT. Make sure you buy a few raffle tickets for your favourite pod's box – they will be sold just outside Matawhero.

\$2.00 buys you a chance to take home a box full of goodies – and there are some lovely surprises in there as well.

A special thanks to Raewyn Oliver for all her hard work in getting these raffles organised!

FOOD AND DRINKS

We will definitely be well catered on Saturday – there are lots of spots to find something yummy to eat and drink. You may wish to consider purchasing food and drink a bit earlier than lunchtime to beat the queues.

MAMA'S DONUTS

The Marama Team are selling Mama's Donuts at the Gala this Saturday.

The prices are: **2 donuts = \$6.00 3 donuts \$8.00 4 donuts = \$10.00**

We would like to say thank you to Mama's Donuts who are supporting us with our fundraising goals. They are providing us with donuts at a reduced price so we can raise money to go towards our covered courts.

Make sure you get in quick on Saturday morning as last time we sold out very quickly!

mamasdonuts
Homemade • Fresh Daily • Delicious

CRAFT MARKET

The Matariki Hall will be the place to be if you are interested in quality crafts, gifts and yummy food – we have some wonderful stallholders there with all kinds of wonderful handcrafted items. Please bring along some extra cash and grab something fabulous.

There will also be an on-site professional hairdresser who can do quick trims, pretty twists, funky do-ups, colour blasts and more!

That's it for now – we are really excited for the day, and hope you will enjoy it as much as we will!

Your 'excited, energized and effervescent' PTA Team:

Scott, Anna, Nalina, Jasmine, Vicki & Liz



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CHARTER AND ANNUAL PLAN

Today we are sending home a pamphlet outlining our Strategic and Annual targets with the oldest or only student in the school. You can also find these on our School website under the 2017 Charter Section, along with the 2017-2019 Strategic and 2017 Annual Plan, 2017 Targets and the 2016 Analysis of Variance.

<http://www.tetotara.school.nz/6/pages/6-2014-charter>

Some information:

- The Strategic Plan is our three-year plan (*on one page*) to support our vision of Growing and Learning Together
- Our Annual Plan and targets are based on achievement results from 2016 and Ministry of Education priorities. It sets out very specific actions, responsibilities, resourcing and timeframes to achieve our targets
- Our goals are set above the Government expectations of 85% of students achieving at or above National Standards in Reading, Writing and Maths.

How did we get on in 2016? - Significant Points

- There were significant gains in Maths during 2016, reflecting our three year professional learning programme. This saw 98.8% of students who had been at our school for one year or more achieve the National Standard or above
- In Reading for all students 86% of students achieved the National Standard or above
- In Writing for all students 90% of students achieved the National Standard or above
- In Maths for all students 93% of students achieved the National Standard or above
- Our school is a very diverse school, we now have 19% (144 students) of our students who qualify for English as Second Language Resourcing. We do know that over time these wonderful students achieve well
- We have a focus on lifting achievement in a number of areas including Year 2 in reading. This is an area that a number of children are building their English Language experiences to support their reading.

Our Targets for 2017

Background

Our targets are set from achievement data and school and MOE priorities. All targets are set against students who have been at Te Totara Primary School for one year or more at the end of 2017 (using Ministry of Education data collected at the end of 2016 as a base figure).

Reading

Students	Target
All students (Total - 713)	88% (627 students) at or above in relation to National Standards
Maori students (Total - 76)	88% (67 students) at or above in relation to National Standards
Pasifika students (Total - 18)	88% (16 students) at or above in relation to National Standards
After 2 Years at school (Total -87)	85% (74 students) at or above in relation to National Standards

Writing

Students	Target
All students (Total - 713)	90% (642 students) at or above in relation to National Standards
Maori students (Total - 76)	90% (69 students) at or above in relation to National Standards
Pasifika students (Total - 18)	90% (16 students) at or above in relation to National Standards
Year 5 students (Total - 131)	90% (118 students) at or above in relation to National Standards

Maths

Students	Target
All students (Total - 713)	92% (656 students) at or above in relation to National Standards
Maori students (Total - 76)	92% (70 students) at or above in relation to National Standards
Pasifika students (Total - 18)	85% (15 students) at or above in relation to National Standards
Year 6 (Total - 112)	91% (102 students) at or above in relation to National Standards

If you have any queries then please don't hesitate to contact me at: brians@tetotara.school.nz

JUNIOR TOUGH GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE - YEAR 5&6 ONLY

Held at the Ngaruawahia Christian Youth Camp

Are you a Year 5 & 6 and interested in joining the Te Totara Team for Junior Tough Guy and Girl Challenge? Interest letters were handed out yesterday at lunchtime. If you missed out, pop into Marama 14 to see Miss Griffin for an interest letter. More information about this event can be found at <http://www.eventpromotions.co.nz/events/junior-tough-guy-and-gal-challenge/>



****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 projected 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.

MUFTI DAY THANKS FROM SHAWNESSY

*I'd like to thank all the students, parents, teachers, and staff of Te Totara Primary School for the huge support received last Friday, we raised **\$823.00**. This has been a wonderful blessing to me and my family. I hope to make Te Totara proud by doing my best and giving 100 percent. Words can't express how grateful I am. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou. From Shawnessy*

HOT AIR BALLOON AT SCHOOL

Last week we were lucky enough to have a visit from the DragonFly Team from Balloons Over Waikato. Unfortunately, the wind made it unsafe to put the balloon up however, everyone loved the experience nonetheless!



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held tomorrow, **Friday 31st March, 2017** in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm. This week the Matawhero, Neptune, Ra and Milky Way children will attend assembly. This week our Milky Way 19 children will be sharing.

SPORTS - Te Totara Players of the Day

TOUCH

Chiefs Dayi Wang, George Williams

Most valuable players - Kautu Maeuea, Josh Bulbeck

WAHOO!!!!!! Well Done Chiefs! 1st in the Year 3-4 Boys Grade! What a great finish to a brilliant term of touch.

Pacers Tayla Palmer, Harry Schaab

CRICKET

Midgets TBA

Strikers TBA

DATES COMING UP

Thur 30 Mar BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
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

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.

WAIKATO SHOW

This year's Waikato Show from 7 to 9 April has three great competitions for kids:

*Shoe Box Space Craft Competition: Kids are invited to design their own favourite place at home in a Shoe Box Diorama. All entries will go on display, and there are awesome craft prizes to be won, well worth entering. (We need to receive entries or be notified of these before the show so we have time to display them).

* Alpaca Colouring Competition: A fun competition with some lovely prizes. Entries will be put on display at the Show. *Food

Competition: Lots of categories to enter from vege growing to baking apple pies! Your school garden can enter, or your classroom, or any individuals. waikatoshow.co.nz [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Schoolsdayout](#)

5 PHAT DAYS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

WHEN: Tuesday, 18th April – Friday, 21st April at Melville Intermediate School Gymnasium from 8am-4pm. COST: \$120 (WINZ subsidies may apply)

AGE: 8-14 Year Olds. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK: Fun at the Lake, Activities at Waterworld, Surfing, Boogie Boarding & Lifeguard Games at Mt Maunganui & Outdoor Games. CONTACT: Rou or Kirstin at our office on 07 8432 600 or check out our website www.glenviewcommunitycentre.co.nz

BUILDING A ROAD NEAR YOUR SCHOOL...

A four-lane expressway is being built 'over the fence' from your school. You're invited to find out what's happening and how it's being built. Project Open Day - Saturday 1 April, 10.00am to 3.00pm 164 Percival Road (off Ruakura Road), Hamilton. Kids can dig for archaeological treasure - and win rewards. Take a walking tour through a bridge construction site. Email: info@cityedgealliance.co.nz <<mailto:info@cityedgealliance.co.nz>> Phone 0800 322 044

EDVENTURE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Edventure Everyday, Edventure Sports and Edventure Outdoors programmes are running these holidays. OSCAR available 5-13 yr olds central hamilton enrol at www.edventure.co.nz or ph 02102241576



Artz on Show School Holiday
Performing Arts Workshop

This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5 – 15 years. Students participate in a range of performing arts classes, concluding the week with a performance!

24 - 28 April 2017, 9 am – 4 pm daily
Held at Southwell School

View our website; www.artzonshow.co.nz
or contact Hayley on either
artz@artzonshow.co.nz or 0800 667 469

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