

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 (Congoese), Konnichiwa (Japanese), Hola (Spanish), Annyeonghaseyo (South Korea), Israel Shalom (Hebrew)

ROAD SAFETY

We are very thankful for the care taken around the school from families to make sure everyone is safe. Recently, I have become aware of concerns around the Chesham St, Chatham Place and Winchester Place areas with children riding/scootering across the road and nearly being hit. Please take care around this area as well as any area around our school.

We do cover Road Safety at school and to help I have included some useful links that may help at home... <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/safety-for-children/>
<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/safety-for-children/road-safety-tips-to-teach-your-children-2/>

FLOODING ON HECTOR DRIVE

This is a concern with the drainage system not being effective in clearing the water. This turns the road in the front of the school into a lake, causing major disruption to all.

Over the last two months we have been advocating strongly with the Hamilton City Council around this issue. Work done to date has included TV cameras examining the drains for blockages and the developers of the Retirement Village next door helping by reducing their water flows into the area.

Early this week Council staff called an urgent meeting with all those involved with drainage. I have been assured that there is a solution and a plan is being developed to fix it. Once timelines are finalised I will be able to let you know. Meanwhile, if it rains heavily please be aware there may be flooding on Hector Drive.

CAR PARKING, SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN

Thanks so much to almost everyone who takes care around the school, on behalf of our children, many thanks. Some tips to make sure we have a safe school:

- *Parking in Disabled car parks is not permitted at any time unless you have a current "Disabled Parking" permit on display in your vehicle. We have a number of families who legitimately require these carparks.*
- *We are noticing a few parents parking their cars on the cobblestones/footpath when picking up and dropping off children to and from school rather than on the driveway, particularly in front of the Administration Block.
Unfortunately, this is creating a problem with the cobblestones lifting, and the kerb cracking, so we would really appreciate your support.*

Ways you can help....

- *When the weather is fine, please encourage your child/ren to scooter, bike or walk to school.*
- *Arrive at 3.12pm - less traffic, parking is easier, less stress all round.*
- *Smile and accept that a few minutes wait is better than a lifetime of misery because one of our children has been injured or something worse has happened.*

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP ZONE FROM 8.15am-9.00am & 2.40pm-3.15pm

Please note that the drop-off zone is for you to drive in, drop-off (or pick-up) your children and depart. We ask that you do not park and leave your car as this causes a backlog of vehicles, this area is designed to keep traffic flowing. You are welcome to use the carpark beside the Matariki Hall if you wish to visit your child's classroom.

CHANGE OF FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES OR CONTACT DETAILS

Just a little reminder that if your family circumstances or details have changed recently i.e. phone, address, e-mail etc; to please advise the School Office so we can update your child/ren school records accordingly.

If your family are in a shared care arrangement, please advise Marise Crow on 07 853-0039 ext. 858 who will be collecting the child/ren from school on **Friday 9th June, 2017** with regard to Learning Plans.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE - STAFF VACANCY

After School Care is looking for someone available every day of the week, to work 6 permanent hours with definite additional hours. This person must be highly passionate about children, able to take instruction well and also lead when needed. They must be confident, articulate and a good communicator. Our ideal candidate would have OSCAR experience and be able to lead groups of children and give direction to other staff. We are looking for someone who is fit and active, organised, responsible and able to use their initiative. We want someone who has a great team spirit and work ethic. We are after someone long term only, where this job ideally would be their primary job and focus. Extra hours for planning could be available too.

Please email your CV and relevant references to Anna Herbert: offerschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz

JUNIOR TOUGH GUY AND GIRL CHALLENGE

A second notice for those competing in the challenge was handed out last week. This letter confirmed the price and other important details. If you did not come to receive your notice, it is important that you visit Miss Griffin in Marama 14 to take it home as soon as possible.

There is still a large number of unpaid students and all payments must be made by **FRIDAY 26th MAY**. **If payment is not made by this date, your child will be unable to attend.**

ICAS SPELLING EXAM, CHANGE OF DATE

Due to our Marae trip happening in the same week as ICAS exams, a change of date has been advised for the Spelling ICAS exam. This will now be **Friday 16th June 2017** instead of Wednesday 14th June, 2017.

SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE

FRIDAY 19th MAY 2017 FROM 8.30AM - 9.15AM

We will be having a second hand uniform sale in the school hall foyer on the above date. Items for sale will be Polar fleeces, white polo tops, summer hats, shorts, skorts and Trousers.

Get in quick, items won't last! Sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14.

ALL ITEMS PRICED TO CLEAR AT \$5.00 EACH!

Please bring cash with you.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 19th May 2017 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**

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

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

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

NETBALL

Comets	Paige Blissett
Defenders	Alex Frater
Ferns	Gemma McCormack
Magic	Keira Cowan
Meteors	Zoe Harrison
Stars	Lily Seng, Sydney Alison

HOCKEY

All Stars	Samantha Strong
Cheetahs	Emily Hancock
Leopards	Anita Goonan
Lightning	Kaito Fielder
Shooters	Katie Li
Stormers	Reegan Whanga
Tigers	Josh Callan

DATES COMING UP

Tues 23 May	ICAS, Digital Technologies
Thur 25 May	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
Fri 26 May	Muffi Day - Black & White Theme
Tues 30 May	ICAS, Science
Mon 5 June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
Mon 12 June	ICAS, Writing
Fri 16 June	ICAS, Spelling

Kind regards,
Brian Sheedy
Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: tetotara.pta@gmail.com www.facebook.com/TTPTA

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment books went home with every family at the end of last term, I hope you've all had a good look through them to see how amazing they are and what great value for money. It's now time to pay for your membership so that we can complete our fundraising efforts and get our big cheque! :) Please use the link below to pay for your membership:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/15502m5>

Any questions, please get in touch, Jackie Smith 0204220169 or email: gregandjack@gmail.com

Have a great week everyone: Your PTA team: 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.

MINISTRY OF VULNERABLE CHILDREN, THEY NEED YOU

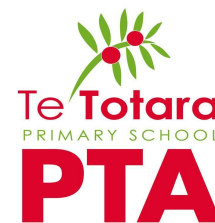
Do you want to make a difference in a child's life?
The Ministry for Vulnerable Children, Oranga Tamariki is currently looking for people in this area who can offer safe, caring, stable homes for young people in need of short term care, time out over weekends and/or holidays, or a home for life.

Our team will support you to understand and manage the challenges of fostering a young person, and we will be there with you to celebrate the successes.

You may be surprised; you could be just the right person to offer your care to a young person who needs you!

If you are interested in finding out more, or know someone who may be interested, or if you think you might be able to help in some other way then we would love to hear from you!

Please call Johnson Taoho, Manager Caregiver Support Waikato Region, on 07 957 4740 or email Johnson.Taoho@mvcot.govt.nz



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