

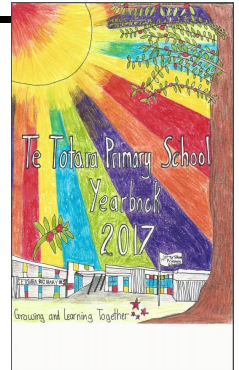
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## YEARBOOK ORDERS - ONLY 8 DAYS TO GO! NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED

### ORDER YOUR 2017 YEARBOOK NOW THROUGH KINDO

Our wonderful school Yearbook is currently being put together, it's a great record of the years' learning and events and includes over 100 full colour pages. Children love reading the pages and do so for many years. Orders Close through KINDO on **Friday 17th November, 2017. Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.**

Please note: If you have Grandparents who wish to order their own copy of the Yearbook, this must be ordered through Kindo and combined with the family order.



### OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS - TO BE PAID THROUGH KINDO

As at 9th November 2017 the following amounts are still outstanding:

	As at 1 June	Owing today
Touch Rugby Fees	\$204.00	\$30.00
Cricket Fees	\$375.00	\$43.00
Netball Fees	\$869.00	\$81.00
Hockey Fees	\$874.00	\$281.00
Basketball Fees	\$320.00	\$260.00
Lost Library Books	\$100.00	\$300.00
Taitua Arboretum Class Trip	\$170.00	\$45.00
Pukorokoro Class Trip	\$80.00	\$10.00
Aquatics (Swimming)	\$31,645.00	\$14,557.50
Mathletics	\$9,677.00	\$3,725.84

**We would really appreciate it if all outstanding fees are paid by the end of this term.**

School Donation	\$52,400.00	\$30,913.18
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**School Donation payments can be made at the beginning of the year or throughout the year; the funds will be used for resources for the children.**

Any queries regarding your invoice, please e-mail Wendy Bulloch, our Executive Officer at [executiveofficer@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:executiveofficer@tetotara.school.nz)

### 2018 WEETBIX TRYATHLON

This summer's Weetbix TRYathlon is on **Sunday 11th February, 2018** at Waikato University. Start training now so you're ready to compete as there are fantastic prizes to be won and it is a really fun day. It's open to anyone aged between 7 years -15 years and you can enter as an individual, or with a friend in a team of two. Enter by registering online at [try.weetbix.co.nz](http://try.weetbix.co.nz) but **don't forget to click on the drop down box that selects "Te Totara" as your school!** We have won "biggest school" for the past couple of years which has won us some great prizes. See Mrs Reid if you have any queries.



## **STUDENTS LEAVING TE TOTARA**

If you have not already notified us and are planning to leave our school at the end of 2017 (*other than Year 6 students*), it would be appreciated if you could please urgently advise us by emailing Marise Crow at

[receptionist@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:receptionist@tetotara.school.nz)

If you have a child coming to Te Totara in the future, we would love to have an Enrolment Form - it would be very much appreciated and certainly help with our future planning.

## **EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE (ERO) VISIT-NEXT TWO WEEKS**

Over the next weeks we welcome Jennifer Coster as the Coordinator of the team of four who include Heather Brown, Neil Harray and Marsha Copping. During their time here they will be meeting with our Board, Senior Leaders, School Leadership team, staff, parents as well as classrooms to evaluate "How effectively does Te Totara School Curriculum respond to Maori and other children whose learning and achievement need acceleration. "If you would like to know more about their role and how they review...[How ERO reviews](#)

## **ERO PARENT MEETING - TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER, 2017 AT 2.00PM**

As part of their review the ERO Team would like to meet with parents. They are particularly interested in meeting with parents of children who have Learning Needs (Priority Students) or children who have ongoing needs.

The meeting starts at 2.00pm in the Staff Lounge and is due to be finished by the end of school. If you would like more information, or clarification about this, then please don't hesitate to contact me [brians@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:brians@tetotara.school.nz)

## **COMING HOME SHORTLY - FINDING OUT FROM PARENTS AND STUDENTS QUESTIONNAIRE**

Over the next few weeks we will be giving each student a one page sheet with two key questions. We are asking each child to take this home and complete the questionnaire with their family and return to school. The information will be analysed independently and will be shared back to the community and our Board. The information will support our future Strategic and Annual Planning, so your help is important:) We do ask that surveys are returned to the Mooloo box, with the last date for collection being Friday 1st December, 2017.

## **STAFFING UPDATE**

Last week we farewelled Jemma Campbell, who has moved location and taken up a teaching position at Maeroa Intermediate as a Drama and Dance teacher, which is a passion of hers. We thanked her for her wonderful service and she left us with our very best wishes.

For the remainder of the year Craig Rodger, who is currently a teacher at our school, will be teaching in Room 31. We thank him for taking on this role to provide the children with a known teacher at this time of the year.

We are finalising our staffing for 2018 and are delighted with the calibre of teachers who will be in with us in 2018. Our aim is to have all the staffing complete in time for the children to meet their new teacher on Thursday 14th December and we will keep you updated closer to this date.

## **WIN A DRAGON!**

Our library is running a competition and the prize is a giant stuffed dragon! To be in to win, parents or family members need to borrow a book from the library on any Friday in November. The more Fridays you borrow, the more entries you will have. The library is open every Friday from 8.00am-9.00am and from 2.45pm - 3.20pm. Signing up to borrow is easy, just bring a Te Totara student with you!

## TERM DATE FRIDGE MAGNETS FOR 2018

We have a great opportunity for a business to sponsor our term date fridge magnets for 2018. These fridge magnets go home with each Te Totara family at the end of this year and are placed in all our new enrolment packs that we hand out to new enrolments in 2018.

If you would like to advertise your business on these fridge magnets and be our 2018 sponsor, please email Celeste at: [celestem@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:celestem@tetotara.school.nz)

We would like to thank Kaimai Cycles In Morrinsville for sponsoring our 2017 fridge magnets.

## ART EXHIBITION & OUR ART NEWS 2017

This term we are learning about Literacy and Visual Art. Each team has a literacy theme to link with different types of art. In week 9 our wonderful art will be on display in each pod. We are looking forward to having more fantastic art happening across our school.

You are welcome to view the art on Monday 11th December, Tuesday 12th December, and Wednesday 13th December (Week 9).

Most of this art will be displayed around our school for everyone to enjoy. You will also notice some incredible outdoor art - Tiki and Totem Poles that Liz Wills has worked on with some of our Year 5&6 students. We thank her very much for her talents and expertise. Thank you to Barnie and Ian for displaying these and cutting and preparing the wood for painting.

Thank you everyone for an outstanding year in Visual Art... especially to the amazing Year 6 Art Leaders, The Visual Art Team and all the helpers in Milky Way 18.

Angela Sweeney (Visual Art Coordinator).

## PATH BETWEEN TE TOTARA AND ROTOTUNA HIGH SCHOOLS

Summerset Retirement Villages, who are building the retirement around the north and west side of the school have let us know that part of the current path between the schools is on their land. They are kindly working with the Council to make sure that the access remains but you may find that the path narrows a little in the future, as there is work coming soon in this area of their development and reshaping needs to take place.



## AVAILABLE TO PAY NOW THROUGH KINDO...

**Aquatics / Athletics / School Donation / Lost Library Books**

**2017 Yearbook (CLOSES 17 NOVEMBER)**

**2018 Year 5&6 School Camp (coming soon)**

**Fairfield Cluster Athletics Registration Yrs 4-6**

**(Selected Pupils only, register from Tuesday 7th November)**

- Some items on KINDO are listed as **“Selected Pupils only”** as it may apply to specific year levels or a specific group of children. **THIS MEANS ONLY THOSE STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN GIVEN A LETTER FROM THE SCHOOL ARE ASKED TO REGISTER. OTHERWISE, THIS WILL NOT APPLY TO YOUR CHILD.**
- **You will be sent a confirmation email from Kindo when you have successfully completed each transaction. Otherwise, it is likely that your order is still sitting in your shopping cart.... the final part of the registration process is to “Place an Order” (even if there are no fees involved e.g. Cluster Athletics).**

**Register for Kindo using our App or via our School Website [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz) then select the “Fees & Donations” tab.**

Questions? If you need help, please pop in and see us at the School Office OR give us a call on (07)

853-0039 OR call the **Kindo Helpdesk on 0508 454636 (toll free)**

**If access is denied, it is most likely that our school does not have your current email address recorded on your child's file. Please do not hesitate to contact the School Office on (07) 853-0039 to amend.**



## SWIM SCHOOL LESSONS AT TE TOTARA

We are looking at running Swimming Lessons in the January 2018 School Holidays and an 8-week block course starting in Term 1.



### School Holiday Lessons

This will be a 1-week block course for your child/ren. Pre-school children's lessons will also be available if there is enough interest.

Block courses will be held over 2 weeks if we get enough swimmers :

8th-12th January and 15th-19th January if there is enough interest. Your child/ren's lesson would be held at the same time each day for the week for 25 minutes. These lessons are usually held at school between 9am-1pm.

### Term 1 Lessons

This will be an 8-week block course for your child/ren. Pre-school children's lessons will also be available if there is enough interest.

Lessons will be on Tuesday's and Thursday's each week after school.

We are looking to start these lessons on Tuesday 13th February 2018, with the last lessons being held Thursday 5th April 2018..

Parents are reminded please to stay on site for your child's swim school lesson as per our swim school terms and conditions.

If your child/ren attend our ASC, arrangements can be made for your child to attend these lessons.

A copy of our terms and conditions is available on our school website or from our School Office.

Please e-mail Celeste if you would be interested in making a booking with your child's name and swimming level [celestem@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:celestem@tetotara.school.nz)

### VOLUNTEERS "THANK YOU" MORNING TEA - WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER @ 9.00AM

A warm invitation is extended to helpers of our school for a special morning tea in the Staff Lounge @ 9.00am to say "Thanks". If you were involved in helping out in any way at school (*i.e., coaching, bookbinding, sports help, classroom help, transport etc*) or in any other way, we would love to see you.

### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 10th November 2017, in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**

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

This week our Ra 32 children will be sharing and the Hip Hop Group.

### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK

**Due to the Matariki Hall being set up on Friday 17th November for the school Disco, our assembly next week will be held on Thursday 16th November 2017, in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**

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

This week our Orion 10 children will be sharing.

## TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

### TOUCH RUGBY

Gunns James Galvin

Pacers Ryan Ollington

Rockets Sophie Mehrtens, Grace Hodgson

# DATES COMING UP

Wed 15 Nov

**Routine New Entrant Vision & Hearing Checks**

Fri 17 Nov

**PTA - School "Happy Holidays" Disco** (\$2.00 entry fee)

Years 0-2 from 5.30pm - 6.30pm in the Matariki Hall

Years 3-6 from 6.45pm - 8.00pm in the Matariki Hall

Tues 21 Nov

**Fairfield Cluster Athletics Years 4-6** (selected pupils only)

Thurs 23 Nov

**Fairfield Cluster Athletics** (postponement date)

Thurs 30 Nov

**BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm**

Tues 5 Dec

**Year 6 Leavers Supper**

Wed 6 Dec

**Volunteers "Thank you" Morning Tea @ 9.00am**

Mon 11 Dec

**Art Work on Display in Classroom Pods**

- all day for viewing until 4.00pm

Tues 12 Dec

**Art Work on Display in Classroom Pods**

- all day viewing and also in the evening for End of Year Celebration

Tues 12 Dec

**End of Year Celebration**

Wed 13 Dec

**Block 1&2 - whole school tour to view art work**

Wed 13 Dec

**End of Year Celebration** (postponement date)

Thu 14 Dec

**Visit new classes for 2018 @ 1:30pm**

Fri 15 Dec

**END OF TERM 4, SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM**

Kind regards,

**Brian Sheedy**

*Principal*

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## MOVIE NIGHT

We had a fantastic response to our Movie Night last week, with loads of fun and laughs by all who attended. Thanks to all who came along – especially the two brave men in amongst the sea of women – including our very own Mr Sheedy! It really was a great event. Please support our generous sponsors who donated spot prizes and giveaways on the night:

- *Enchanted Beauty*
- *DeLaval Limited*
- *Unichem Pharmacy Rototuna*
- *Paper Plus Rototuna*
- *The Cheesecake Shop Rototuna*
- *Avantidrome*
- *Sweet As Popcorn*

## \*\* RAFFLE \*\* RAFFLE \*\* RAFFLE \*\*

Fantastic first few weeks of raffle sales with over \$7000 sold so far - an amazing effort!

Remember there is a brand new iPad Mini 4 128GB Wifi for the student who sells the most number of tickets overall. There will also be a prize for the top ticket seller in each pod. That means Junior, Middle and Senior students will all have the same opportunity to win a prize.

Thanks to our sponsors for the amazing prizes for the raffle, we really appreciate your support!

- *Air New Zealand*
- *Copthorne Lakefront Hotel, Queenstown*
- *Skyline Restaurant, Queenstown*
- *Shotover Jet, Queenstown*
- *Madam Woo, Hamilton*
- *Rainbows End, Auckland*
- *New World, Rototuna*

If you are unable to sell your tickets please return them promptly to the office so others can sell your allotted tickets as we have many children wanting to sell more, or if you do want more please contact the office. Again many thanks for your support selling the tickets - keep up the great work.

## DISCO TIME – NEW DATE!

Due to several other community concerts being held on 1<sup>st</sup> December, we have decided to move the date of the School Disco to:

## FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Diwali, Chinese New Year, Matariki, Eid, Hanukkah or any other significant celebration, come along dressed in your favourite clothes and get ready for some fun.

\$2 entry per child. Novelties and refreshments available for sale. Pop it on your calendars now!

Please 'like' our Facebook page to ensure you keep in the news loop: [www.facebook.com/TTPTA](http://www.facebook.com/TTPTA)



Te Totara PTA  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

SAMPLE ONLY

### 2017 FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

**1st PRIZE • QUEENSTOWN WEEKEND ESCAPE FOR TWO**  
Return flights for two to Queenstown with Air New Zealand (ex Auckland), 2 nights accommodation at Copthorne Lakefront Hotel including daily breakfasts, Dinner at Stratosphere Skyline Restaurant including Stargazing at the Skyline Gondola, plus an iconic Shotover Jet Boat Ride. **VALUED AT \$2200**

<b>2nd PRIZE</b> iPad Mini 4 128GB Wifi <b>Valued at \$660</b>	<b>3rd PRIZE</b> Dinner feast for 6 people at Madam Woo Hamilton <b>Valued at \$330</b>	<b>4th PRIZE</b> Family Day Pass at Rainbows End Auckland <b>Valued at \$250</b>	<b>5th PRIZE</b> Gift Hamper from New World Rototuna <b>Valued at \$200</b>
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Drawn under police supervision in front of the audience at the Te Totara 'End of Year Celebration', Tuesday 12 December 2017. Winners will also be notified by phone and/or email, and results published on the Te Totara PTA Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/TTPTA](http://www.facebook.com/TTPTA). First prize: Selected travel dates will be offered to prize winner. Terms, conditions and exclusion dates apply. Prizes are not redeemable for cash and no correspondence will be entered into. Organiser: Te Totara PTA Executive Committee, c/o Te Totara Primary School, Hector Drive, Rototuna, Hamilton.

**\$5 per ticket**

*Thank you for your support!*



Te Totara PTA  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS DISCO

FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER

Years 0-2: 5.30-6.30pm • Years 3-6: 6.45pm-8.00pm  
Entry \$2. Refreshments & novelties available for sale

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Wednesday 15th November - 6.30pm at the school staff lounge. PTA Meeting including Gala and Colour Run planning, all welcome to attend - please bring along your ideas - we need your help!
- Friday 17th November - Happy Holidays School Disco - come in your favourite clothes for a fun evening out with your friends.
- Tuesday 12th December - Raffle Drawn at the end of year celebration
- Save the date - School Gala and Colour Run - Saturday 17th March 2018

Have a great week peeps! ☺

Your PTA team: Scott, Liz, Jackie, Nalina, Vicki & Rae

## 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.

### HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Have you ever thought about becoming a homestay? Is your spare bedroom gathering dust and collecting clutter? It could be making you money, and housing a new international friend. Become a host family and enjoy the benefits of cultural exchange and earn an income from home. Find out more by visiting our website [www.hostfamilies.co.nz](http://www.hostfamilies.co.nz)



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**RHS  
MARKET  
DAY**

November 25 | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Rototuna High Schools

**FOOD STALLS | CRAFT STALLS  
LEGO DISPLAY | BOUNCY CASTLE**

**ROTOTUNA**  
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL 