

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)

2018 ORGANISATION

We are currently finalising our organisation for 2018 and expect to update everyone in the newsletter of Thursday 7th December of staffing arrangements. We also are aiming for the class for each child in 2018 to go live on our Parent Portal on Friday 8th December from 3.30pm. Log-in details for the Parent Portal access will come home with your child's Learning Plan on Friday 1st December.

To help support our children with the transition, there will be a visit to the class teacher on Thursday 14th December from 1.30pm-2.00pm where the children will be able to meet their new teacher.

To help explain how we organise our school we have a section on our website to help...[How we put our classes together.](#)

CLUSTER ATHLETICS

On Tuesday 21st November, 46 of our Year 4-6 students and four Teachers from our school attended the Fairfield School Cluster Athletics Sports at Southwell School with 10 other schools, on what turned out to be a very hot and sunny day. We had a fantastic day celebrating many sporting successes and enjoying well-behaved children who tried their best the whole day.

Almost all our students made the finals or "top 6" for their events, which was a fantastic effort. Special mention to the following students who placed in the top three for their events:

Maxwell Shuttleworth (35) - 1st in 50m; 1st in 100m

Ridha Maky (38) - 3rd in high jump

Miche Cloete (33) - 3rd in ball throw

Mia de Jager (12) - 2nd in 50m; 2nd in 100m;
1st in high jump; 3rd in long jump; 1st in ball
throw

Libby McMillan (20) - 3rd in 800m

Nikau Kottaiya (14) - 2nd in 50m

David Mihigo (14) - 2nd in 100m

Aaron Cuff (13) - 1st in 50m; 1st in 100m; 3rd in
high jump; 1st in long jump

Rylee Mardon (13) - 1st in 800m

Chantal Dinan (12) - 3rd in ball throw

4 x 100m relays - ALL teams placed!!!!

Y4 Girls - 3rd

Y4 Boys - 1st

Y5 Girls - 3rd

Y5 Boys - 1st

Y6 Girls - 3rd

Y6 Boys - 3rd



EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE (ERO) VISIT

Over the last two weeks we have been visited by ERO, who met with Students, Teachers, School Leaders and the Board of Trustees. They shared some emerging findings with the Board yesterday. There was positive feedback about what is happening for our children, no concerns around any matters of compliance and ideas to build on what is currently in place. They will produce a draft report for the Board to consider and then a final public report, which will be available in early 2018.

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.

PHOTOLIFE SHOOT KEYS – GROUPS & CLUSTER SPORTS PHOTOS ORDERS CLOSE SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER FOR “FREE DELIVERY” TO THE SCHOOL

Shoot Keys have been sent home with each child a couple of weeks ago with details on how to order *GROUP & CLUSTER SPORTS PHOTOS* online.

If you do not have a computer, please collect an order envelope from the School Office.

Families who have a shared care arrangement can still use the same Shoot Key to order online. If you have any queries, please phone Photolife direct on **0800 501040**.

“Free Delivery” to the school will apply to orders prior to midnight on Sunday 26th November, 2017.

STAFF VACANCY AVAILABLE WITH OUR AFTER SCHOOL CARE TEAM

Te Totara Primary School After School Care is looking for someone available every day of the week (not mandatory), to work 6 permanent hours with possible additional hours. This person must be passionate about children, be able to take instruction well and also lead when needed. They must be confident, articulate and a good communicator. We are looking for someone who is organised, responsible and able to use their initiative. Extra hours for planning could be available too. Send your CV with 2 relevant references to afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz

LIBRARY STOCKTAKE

Our yearly Library stocktake will be held between the 4th - 7th December, 2017. We would really appreciate parent help from 5th December onwards during the stocktake. If you are able to help, please email Esther at: estherr@tetotara.school.nz Thank you in advance.

LAST CHANCE TO WIN A DRAGON!

This week is your final chance to enter the competition to win a giant stuffed dragon. To be in to win, parents or family members need to borrow a book from the Library in November. 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.

We have been so pleased to see the Library buzzing with families on Fridays. We have had over fifty new borrowers sign up and we hope that you will continue to make this part of your Friday, even once the competition has finished.

VOLUNTEERS “THANK YOU” MORNING TEA - WEDNESDAY 6th 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.

AVAILABLE TO PAY NOW THROUGH KINDO...

- **Aquatics / Athletics / School Donation / Lost Library Books**
- **Fairfield Cluster Cultural Festival Registration**
(Selected Pupils only, CLOSES Friday 24th November)
- **2018 Year 5&6 School Camp (coming soon)**



Register for Kindo using our App or via our School Website
www.tetotara.school.nz then select the "Fees & Donations" tab.

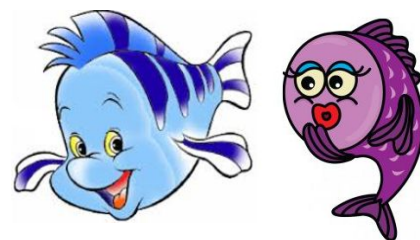
Questions? If you need help, please pop in and see us at the School Office OR give us a call on (07)

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 Swimming 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 9.00am-1.00pm.

Term 1, 2018 After School Swimming 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 Tuesdays and Thursdays each week after school.

We are looking to start these lessons on Tuesday 13th February 2018, with the last lessons being held on 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 at: celestem@tetotara.school.nz

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due tomorrow, **Friday 24th November, 2017 @ 9.15am**, 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.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 24th 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 Matawhero 3 and Matawhero 4 children will be sharing.

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

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

TOUCH RUGBY

Rockets Sophie Hodgson & Sam McMorran

DATES COMING UP

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	Students visit new classes for 2018 from 1:30pm - 2.00pm
Fri 15 Dec	END OF TERM 4, SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM

Kind regards,
Brian Sheedy
Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS
EMAIL: tetotara.pta@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/TTPTA



PLEASE RETURN YOUR SOLD AND UNSOLD RAFFLE TICKETS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

If you have sold your tickets, please return them to the School Office as soon as possible so we can get them accounted for and prepared for the draw.

If you are unable to sell your tickets, please also return them promptly to the School Office so others can sell your allotted tickets as we have many children wanting to sell more.

Remember there is a brand new iPad Mini 4 128GB Wifi for the student who sells the most number of tickets overall. There is some very hot competition for the top prize, so please keep selling - every ticket counts!

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, but to be in the draw for ticket sellers' prizes, your tickets must be returned by **Friday 1st December, 2017.**

SUPER SUMMER SALADS

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Dress your salad with this creamy homemade dressing:

- 2 Tbsp. Greek yoghurt
- 2 Tbsp. oil
- 1 tsp. vinegar
- garlic - crushed
- black pepper

Mix Greek yoghurt, olive oil and vinegar, stirring to combine. Add garlic and pepper to taste.

Tip:
A healthy lower fat option instead of mayonnaise!



Developed by Sport Waikato 2017



\$2 LUNCHTIME \$2

LEMONADE ICE BLOCKS

FRIDAY 24 NOV

OUTSIDE MATARIKI AFTER 'EATING FOR LEARNING'

Thanks to our sponsors for their generous support:

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

Te Totara PTA SAMPLE ONLY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**

2nd PRIZE iPad Mini 4 128GB WiFi Valued at \$660	3rd PRIZE Dinner feast for 6 people at Madam Woo Hamilton Valued at \$330	4th PRIZE Family Day Pass at Rainbows End Auckland Valued at \$250	5th PRIZE Gift Hamper from New World Rotorua Valued at \$200
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Drawn under public 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. First prize selected raffle date will be subject to prize review. 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, Healey Drive, Rotorua, New Zealand.

\$5 per ticket
Thank you for your support!

“COLOUR CARNIVAL’ GALA AND COLOUR RUN” SATURDAY 17th MARCH, 2018

That’s right, we’re going to do another Gala & Colour run next year, bigger, brighter and busier than the last! Pop it on your calendars now, you definitely won’t want to double book that date!

SCHOOL DISCO

Who had a great time at the School Disco last week? We did! Great to see so many happy children getting their jingle on. Massive thanks to Katrina, Anna and the After School Care kids for the fabulous decorations, and to all those that helped on the night, it was much appreciated.

We do have some extra treats (Xmas hats, Xmas headbands, popcorn etc) that we will be selling for \$2.00 at the End of Year Celebration, please bring along some gold coins and get into the festive vibe.

PTA DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Friday 24th November - Ice Block Friday! \$2.00 per iceblock**
- **Friday 8th December - Ice Block Friday! \$2.00 per iceblock**
- **Tuesday 12th December - Domino's Dough Raiser - buy your pizzas for the End of Year Celebration and Domino's will donate to the PTA - more details to come**
- **Tuesday 12th December - PTA Raffle Drawn at the End of Year celebration**

Please ‘like’ our Facebook page to ensure you keep in the news loop: www.facebook.com/TTPTA

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.

DOJO: TE TOTARA SCHOOL HALL

Martial Arts training for children aged 4 and above and adults of all ages. First lesson free.

The following classes are cancelled Tuesday 5th and 12th December, 2017.

Our final class for 2017 at Te Totara school is the Thursday 14th December.

2018 classes start on Tuesday the 30th January and Thursday the 1st February from 6.00 to 7.00pm.

These classes are suitable for beginners of all ages as well as existing students.

Existing students – grading is on the 11th of March so make sure you are back to training as soon as possible to enable you to grade.

Phone or text Marie Thom 027 497 0499 or check our website www.tkma.co.nz for more details.



2018 KIWI TENNIS - TO BE HELD AT TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 1, 2018 - Tuesdays from 3.15pm - 7.00pm

For more details visit www.kiwifennis.co.nz

The Summer Holidays are almost here!!
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

Programme and bookings www.kellysports.co.nz

Email: waikato@kellysports.co.nz

Phone Kim, Mark or Hine 07 839 9017, Text 022 053242



YMCA HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Our friendly, staff can't wait to have your child on board with our MSD approved holiday programs these holidays.

These holidays we will be busy with something different to do every day! We have activities ranging from science experiments, cooking, dance and gymnastics lessons. We will be going on exciting excursions over the holidays, to Water World Pools, Raglan Estuary, the Hamilton Gardens & Minigolf!

For more information check us out at www.ymcahamilton.org.nz or call our friendly admin team on 07 8382529



The Ultimate Kiwi SLUMBER PARTY

Take your child's sleepover party to the next level of fun & Instagram-worthy style **WITHOUT** all the hassle. Our premium slumber party and teepee hire service does everything for you.

Simply choose your theme to pair with our teepees & we will take care of the rest—delivery, set-up, styling, and pack-up. We can even keep the guests entertained with a range of activities.

Dates Limited! **BOOK NOW >>>**



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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

Enjoy CHRISTMAS CAROLS and a Family Fun CHRISTMAS SHOW called:

A TREASURE ISLAND Christmas

FRI 15TH DEC 7PM
SAT 16TH DEC 2PM & 7PM
SUN 17TH DEC 10AM & 7PM

Gold coin donation per family
kids — come dressed as a pirate & WIN SOME TREASURE!