

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)

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE (ERO) REPORT

In November 2017, ERO visited our school. This is the Government agency that reviews all schools to examine the quality of education provided.

We are delighted with the report about the school and the acknowledgement of the work being done for our children. There are a large number of very positive affirmations about the school and three agreed next steps, to continue on what we are doing. We have included these in our draft 2018 Annual Plan which will be finalised shortly. The school is determined to continue to develop and be proactive moving forward.

The school has been placed on a four-five year return visit time frame due to our performance, this is for schools deemed to have high quality performance. 15% of Schools have attained this and 8% have achieved this in consecutive reviews. Our school has achieved a four-five year return time in consecutive reviews.

The criteria that has been used to determine this, from 2012 - 2017...

ERO will next review the school in four-to-five years where it finds that the school's curriculum is consistently effective in promoting student learning - engagement, progress and achievement.

High quality performance will be evident and ERO will have no material concerns about the education and safety of students.

Overall, the school will convincingly demonstrate that:

- Learners experience a coherent and rich curriculum that provides them with relevant choices and pathways and supports their successful transition through schooling and on to further education and training***
- Learners are actively engaged in their learning, and are progressing and achieving well; and the progress of priority groups of learners is being accelerated***
- Maori learners are actively engaged in their learning, progressing and achieving well and succeeding as Maori***
- There is a well-sustained culture of high expectations for students and staff***
- A school-wide culture of rigorous critical reflection and self review contributes effectively to sustaining the school's positive performance and continuous improvement***
- Leadership is highly effective and strategic, and is consistently improving student learning and achievement***
- Teaching consistently demonstrates high quality practices, makes very good use of student achievement information, and is highly effective in promoting outcomes for learners***
- The school has taken all reasonable steps to provide a safe and inclusive environment***
- Governance is highly effective in self review, direction setting, decision-making and ensuring school accountabilities are met***
- The school is highly effective in engaging the community in partnerships for learning and in the life of the school***

ERO STATISTICAL INFORMATION 2012 - 2017

- Schools are placed on different return times due to their performance, either a 4-5 year return for high quality performance, 3 year return for good performance or 1-2 year return
- 15% of schools had a 4-5 year return time
- 73% of schools had a 3 year return time
- 11% of school had a 1-2 year return time
- 1% of schools had other reviews
- Of those schools with a 4-5 year return time, 8% of total schools had consecutive 4-5 year return times
- Te Totara Primary School has had consecutive 4-5 year return times in 2013 and January 2018.

The report is due to go live on the [ERO website](#) next week, but we wanted to share it with our community first. To view the report visit...[Te Totara ERO Review Jan 2018](#)

CAMP FOR OUR YEAR 5-6 STUDENTS

Next week is an exciting one for our Year 5-6 Students as they head off to the Ngaruawahia Christian Camp. Many hours of preparation and planning has occurred and I am sure that the children and adults will have an exciting and fun time. These camps help build important relationships, support achieving challenges and building resilience. We wish our students all the best for their camp journey.

Milky Way Team Departing on Monday 12th February, returning on Wednesday 14th February
Marama Team Departing on Wednesday 14th February, returning on Friday 16th February

We have a tradition of the rest of the school farewelling the students as they leave, so if you are around school at the beginning of the school day on Monday 12 February and Wed 14 February, you'll see this in action.

NEWSLETTER TRANSLATION

Our school website has the option of using Google Translate. We have now added a "Translatable Newsletter" option so it can also be viewed in your chosen language. Please keep in mind that Google Translate is not perfect but it can be helpful.

<http://www.tetotara.school.nz/.../pages/113-translatable-news...>

The screenshot shows the school's website interface. At the top left is the school logo with the text "Te Totara PRIMARY SCHOOL Growing and Learning Together". To the right is a navigation bar with "Welcome to Te Totara Primary School" and a search box. Below the logo are several green buttons: "Newsletters and Notices", "Subscribe to our Newsletters", and "Translatable Newsletter". A "Select Language" dropdown menu is visible at the bottom left. The main content area displays "SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY, 2017" and a "FINDING OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING" section with links to the school calendar, app, website, and Facebook page.

From the Newsletters & Notices page itself, select the left green tab that says "Translatable Newsletter" then use the drop down box of "Select Language" to choose one of the many translatable languages available (see below).

> Select Language	Bulgarian	Esperanto	Haitian Creole	Italian	Latvian	Myanmar (Burmese)	Scots Gaelic	Swahili	Welsh
Afrikaans	Catalan	Estonian	Hausa	Japanese	Lithuanian	Nepali	Serbian	Swedish	Xhosa
Albanian	Cebuano	Filipino	Hawaiian	Javanese	Luxembourgish	Norwegian	Sesotho	Tajik	Yiddish
Amharic	Chichewa	Finnish	Hebrew	Kannada	Macedonian	Pashto	Shona	Tamil	Yoruba
Arabic	Chinese (Simplified)	French	Hindi	Kazakh	Malagasy	Persian	Sindhi	Telugu	Zulu
Armenian	Chinese (Traditional)	Frisian	Hmong	Khmer	Malay	Polish	Sinhala	Thai	
Azerbaijani	Corsican	Galician	Hungarian	Korean	Malayalam	Portuguese	Slovak	Turkish	
Basque	Croatian	Georgian	Icelandic	Kurdish (Kurmanji)	Maltese	Punjabi	Slovenian	Ukrainian	
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Bosnian	Dutch	Gujarati	Irish	Latin	Mongolian	Samoan	Sundanese	Vietnamese	

OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

This is published each Thursday and is available online from 3.00pm. We will send an email link each week for you to access it or visit our school website direct at www.tetotara.school.nz

SCHOOL DONATION

We certainly appreciate the fantastic support we are receiving for the school voluntary donation, it is appreciated and the funding will be used for resources for the children.

If you wish to pay your voluntary School Donation, we are happy to accept payment through KINDO. The Board of Trustees has set payment at:

- \$120.00 for the first family member
- \$ 60.00 for each subsequent child

Please check with the School Office as the voluntary School Donation is adjusted during the year depending on which term your child/ren started school.

A GST receipt can be issued if requested. A % of your donation may be claimed as a tax rebate using a "Rebate Claim Form" – please refer to Inland Revenue for further details.



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 car parks.*
- *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 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.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

WELL DONE to all our students who have registered to do the Weetbix TRYathlon on Sunday! You are all STARS for signing up to give it a go and we are looking forward to watching you compete, supporting you at the event, and hearing about your exciting day!

Good luck! Do your best and have fun :)



FOOD AT SCHOOL - ALLERGIES

We have children at our school who are highly allergic to dairy products and nuts and exposure to these foods could potentially be life threatening to them. We have procedures in place for 1:1 support for these children to ensure their safety. At present we will continue to carry on with our normal food eating programme, but we have to carefully plan school events/learning area celebrations etc. With this in mind, it would be very much appreciated if you **did not** bring into school any Birthday Cakes, baking etc for your child's class. Thank you in advance.

TE TOTARA SCHOOL HOUSES

- Te Totara School has four houses, all named in line with our STARS theme and space expeditions: "Apollo, Challenger, Discovery & Mercury"
- Children are placed in houses when they enrol and arrive at school. New Entrants with family members already at school will be placed in the same house.
- We are able to use the houses for different school events and happenings eg. Athletic Sports.
- Houses provide our children with leadership responsibilities and provide good natured competition.
- There are colours for each house (see below)
- There are Lead Teachers looking after each house

HOUSE COLOURS

Apollo	Yellow
Challenger	Blue
Discovery	Green
Mercury	Red

VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL (INCLUDING PARENTS)

If you are visiting our school for business reasons, or as a parent dropping off things to your child during school hours, please report to the School Office before entering the school grounds. In the event of an Emergency situation, we will know who is onsite at any given time.

LOST AND FOUND PROPERTY

Please ensure that all school uniforms are clearly named and that your family has the correct clothing. We have our Yellow Lost & Found property box down outside our purple block Earth for Parents and Children to view daily.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 9th February, 2018 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**

This week our children from Matawhero, Earth and Milky Way will attend assembly.

This week we will be welcoming our new students from these classes.

2018 DONATION/FEES ARE AVAILABLE TO PAY NOW THROUGH KINDO NOW...



Aquatics / Athletics / School Donation & Lost Library Books plus:

- **2018 Year 5&6 School Camp** (Week of 12th - 16th Feb, 2018)

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.

Below is some information for our families from the team at Kindo:

Kindo now offers payment by American Express, Mastercard, Visa or China UnionPay, by internet banking or by Account2Account (managed internet banking). POLi is coming soon! Card payments cost 50c+2.5% (a slight increase on last year) but other methods remain free of charge. You are welcome to add funds to your account regularly or in advance, or just pay as you go.

American Express is now accepted. Popular with many parents for their great rewards schemes, parents can now choose to top up their accounts by American Express, Mastercard, Visa or China UnionPay (popular with Chinese families), by internet banking or by Account2Account (managed internet banking). AVAILABLE NOW.

POLi is on it's way - we've been working hard to implement POLi payments over the holidays. An alternative to Account2Account, POLi is an internet banking-type service that is used by many large NZ businesses and government departments. COMING VERY SOON.

Credit Card fees increase - for the last 18 months or so our credit card merchant fees have been exceeding our fees recovery from parents. We've been negotiating to reduce these, but unfortunately we've been unsuccessful in getting any change to the rate. As such we increased the credit card fee we charge to parents, so we can recover those costs, from the current 2% to 2.5%. This is still a common amount charged for credit card usage and we are letting parents know on our website where they're choosing payment method. IMPLEMENTED ON 1 JANUARY, 2018.

Prezzy Card issue - we've been made aware late last week of an issue with Prezzy Cards failing for online purchases. Payment Express are working on a solution which will be in place in March. They have also made Prezzy aware of the failures, so we may see action sooner. As all of our payments are processed via Payment Express, unfortunately we will be unable to accept Prezzy Cards until this has been resolved.

Account2Account continues to have sporadic issues with various banks, commonly the ASB Bank. If a parent raises an issue with our helpdesk we take this to Payment Express support to resolve. Sometimes clicking the 'back' button can also make it work. They continue to work towards greater stability. The implementation of POLi should provide a good alternative also.



SCHOOL LUNCH SERVICE

We are excited to continue our school lunch service at school.

Our supplier is "Lunch Orders" who are based in Hamilton.

A message from LunchOrders:

It's time to update your child's details.

Heya LunchOrders whānau! 2018 is going to be a year where the team in the LunchOrders kitchen will continue to innovate and experiment to bring you the healthiest, and most attractive school lunches! **Just a quick reminder to update your child's classroom number for 2018** so their yummy lunch can be sent to the right place! To update go to "My Account" and then select "Family Details".



- Visit us online at www.lunchorders.co.nz
- Sign up for a free account and select your school
- Top up your account using a credit card or direct credit
- Place your order and select delivery date
- Sit back and relax while your order is freshly made and delivered to your school

LunchOrders delivers to Te Totara Primary on **MONDAY - FRIDAY** at 12.15PM.



HEALTH WAIKATO HEARING & VISION TESTING FOR STUDENTS THAT HAVE NOT COMPLETED ROUTINE TESTS

A Vision & Hearing Technician will be visiting our school on **Friday 2nd March, 2018** to complete routine tests for those students who have missed their pre-school/prior school checks. For further information, please contact Health Waikato direct on (07) 838-3565.

FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY DENTAL CLINIC INVITATION

Fairfield Community Dental Clinic invites children and parents to attend a Dental Check-up at our facility this year. Appointments are available throughout the year and we will contact you when your child is due for his/her regular dental check, or you can phone and make an appointment at any time if you have concerns.

Appointments will generally be posted to your home address with a text reminder two days prior. Please don't hesitate to call us on 0800 TALKTEETH or 07 859 9160 to change an appointment date/time, wanting to check/update contact details, or have questions/concerns.

Kind regards, Fairfield Team 33 Kensington Place, Fairfield, Hamilton



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due, **Friday 16th February, 2018 @ 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.

DATES COMING UP

Mon 12 Feb	Milky Way Camp - Departing school Mon 12th Feb/Returning Wed 14th Feb
Wed 14 Feb	Marama Camp - Departing school Wed 14th Feb/Returning Fri 16th Feb
Fri 16 Feb	Scholastic Book Orders Close @ 9.00am
Fri 2 March	Routine New Entrant Vision & Hearing Testing at School
Sat 17 March	PTA Gala & Colour Run
Fri 30 March	Easter Friday - SCHOOL CLOSED

Mon 2 April
Tues 3 April
Fri 13 April

Easter Monday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Easter Tuesday - SCHOOL CLOSED
TERM 1, 2017 FINISHES @ 3.00pm

Kind regards,
Brian Sheedy
Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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We hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday break.

Is this YOUR year to do make a difference in the community? We need new members for the PTA. You'll join a fun friendly and high-achieving group of fellow parents. Please come along to our **PTA meeting** in the school staff lounge, this **Thursday 8th Feb. 7.30pm**. No obligation, no pressure - but we need your input. Don't be shy!

GALA & COLOUR RUN SATURDAY 17th MARCH 2018

That's right, we're going to do another Gala & Colour Run next month – bigger, brighter and busier than the last!

This time round we're having large carnival rides, along with the ever-popular pod activities, dunk tank, craft market and much much more. Pop it on your calendars now, it will be a fantastic day for the school and community.



kindo.
The online one stop school shop

Tickets for the Colour Run are limited and will sell out, so purchase yours today – don't miss out!

Simply purchase through KINDO, OR the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/te-totara-2018-colour-run-17-march-2018-tickets-42859094706>

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

Have a happy week ☺
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.

SPEAK FOR SUCCESS

KIDS SPEAK UP! Confidence – self-esteem - public speaking skills, CLASSES: Learn Speeches – Impromptu – Discussion – Acting and more
RING Roz 027 248 2888 roz@[peak4success.co.nz](mailto:roz@peak4success.co.nz) www.peak4success.co.nz

GUITAR AND UKULELE LESSONS

Would you like to learn to play the GUITAR or UKULELE? here at Te Totara? You can, with the help of **MusiqHub**. Contact **Carl** for more info...
email: tozee@gmail.com or phone 027 388 9558



YOUNG ENGINEERS

[e² Young Engineers](http://www.youngengineers.nz) (Young Engineers) is all about having fun while learning and it's here at three great locations Rototuna, Hillcrest and Cambridge. A programme that is enjoyable for both girls and boys, children will learn about the basic principles of Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and Physics by building motorised Lego models - how cool is that! So what are you waiting for come along to one of our classes and see if Young Engineers is for you. For more information or to enrol please visit our website, www.youngengineers.nz