

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)

We are now into our fourth week of the school year and it has been a busy but settled start to the school year. Our oldest students have had a wonderful camp experience and we are noticing how well routines are being established to support learning across the school.

This newsletter details a recent change due to National Standards being abolished as well as possible future system changes. I do hope you take the time to read through these as we move forward.

NATIONAL STANDARDS GONE

At the very end of last year National Standards were abolished, these had been in place since 2010. Understandably, this has led to questions about this and what schools would or could do. We wanted to give our community some surety about what our school is doing as a result of these changes.

What do Schools have to do?

The requirements for schools are published in the National Administration Guidelines (NAGS) which state schools are obliged to comply with, these were updated on 14th December, 2017. You can find these here.. [NAGS](#). These set out clearly the requirements for schools.

A quick summary of key points of the NAGS for families:

- Schools have to provide the New Zealand Curriculum, which you can find here... [NZ Curriculum](#)
- Give priority to student progress and achievement in Literacy and Numeracy especially in Years 1-8
- Report twice a year to parents against the curriculum, including Literacy and Numeracy

What will we do?

- Continue the programmes, processes and systems already in place, which have always been based on the curriculum. We know these support progress and achievement. Essentially it is business as usual.
- We will report to parents against the curriculum as we have always done, this will include reporting in Literacy and Numeracy and where children are in relation to the curriculum expectations and where to next.
- Next week we will be sending out information on goal setting with children, teachers and family for the Learning plan discussions on 21 & 22 March, to support our vision of "Growing and Learning Together"

CHANGES IN EDUCATION

Yesterday, there was a major announcement about Education and possible changes to the system. I have included the link to the Ministry of Education website which has the details, this includes the Cabinet Paper detailing the plan of action... [Possible Education Changes...](#)

Meanwhile, if you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

WINTER SPORTS MUSTER - IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED TO PLAY A WINTER SPORT?

There will be a Winter Sports Muster held at **morning tea on Monday 26th February, 2018 (next week)** in the Matariki Hall. Students can get interest letters for Netball, Hockey and Miniball (basketball). There will be a bing bong notice on the day to remind students to come. All three sports are available for both boys and girls.

**WEETBIX TRYATHLON PHOTO, NOW TUESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY, 2018
@ 10.35AM IN THE MATARIKI HALL**

Earlier this week we took a team photo. Unfortunately, our bell system crashed for a day and not everyone got the message and was able to be included, our apologies for this. We do want as many participants in the Weetbix Tryathlon photo as we can, so we have rescheduled another photo on **TUESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY @ 10.35AM IN MATARIKI HALL**. Now that our systems are up and running again we will announce a reminder using our "bing bong" announcement system on Monday to wear t-shirts and medals for Tuesday. We will also announce this on Tuesday morning. Hopefully we will then be able to get everyone in the photo.



PAYMENT OF THE SCHOOL DONATION, FEES, SCHOOL & SPORTS REGISTRATIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO PAY NOW THROUGH KINDO

This online system allows you to pay for our school's fees (Mathletics, Aquatics, School Donation) and is also the ONLY way to register your child for sports e.g. Cricket, Touch Rugby, Hockey, Netball etc.

kindo.
The online one stop school shop

Register for Kindo using our App or through our School Website (click on the link)

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.

FIRST CREDIT UNION

- BANK BOOKS RETURNED TO OUR SCHOOL ON MONDAYS INSTEAD

We have been advised by First Credit Union that unfortunately our students bank books will no longer be returned to school on Thursdays by their representative.

First Credit Union will be returning the bank books to our school on Monday's via a courier system, we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. We will endeavour to pass these onto the teachers for distribution to their students a.s.a.p. once they have arrived at our school.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 23rd February, 2018 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm**. This week our children from Orion, Kōpū & 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

CRICKET

Super Stars Blake Taylor, Ethan Bishop

TOUCH

Gunns Jaden Nicol

DATES COMING UP

Fri 2 March	Routine New Entrant Vision & Hearing Testing at School
Sat 17 March	PTA Gala & Colour Run
Wed 21 March	Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm - 5.30pm - School Finishes at 2.00pm
Thurs 22 March	Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm - 6.30pm - School Finishes at 2.00pm
Thurs 22 March	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
Fri 30 March	Easter Friday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 2 April	Easter Monday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 3 April	Easter Tuesday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 13 April	TERM 1, 2017 FINISHES @ 3.00pm

Kind regards,
Brian Sheedy
Principal



TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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GALA & COLOUR RUN, SATURDAY 17th MARCH, 2018

Our Gala & Colour Run will be bigger, brighter and busier than the last!

Thanks to the amazing generosity of one of our school families, this time round we're having **LARGE CARNIVAL RIDES** (think along the lines of the Winter Show, Balloons over Waikato, etc) along with the ever-popular pod activities, dunk tank, craft market and much more.

Pop it on your calendars now, it will be a fantastic day for the school and community. Look out in the next few newsletters for details on eftpos, payments, timings and more. So much to organise, but we are pumped and ready for a wonderful day!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are desperate for volunteers to help out with the gala. If you can spare just a couple of hours we would love to hear from you. Your contribution will be very much appreciated.

TICKETS FOR THE COLOUR RUN

Tickets for the Colour Run are limited and will sell out, so purchase yours today, don't miss out! Simply purchase through the following link:



Can you help us get the word out please?

If you have a Facebook account, would you please mind going on our PTA page (www.facebook.com/TTPTA) and then 'share' the post for the Gala & Colour Run to all your family and friends? One of the local community pages has restricted our advertising of the event to only once per month, so we are really relying on the help of our school families and staff to help get the word out! Will only take a moment of your time, and would be a huge help to the event. Thanks so much.

POD RAFFLES FOR GALA – 1st Call

We are now asking for donations of items for our famous Pod Raffles, to be raffled off on Gala Day. If every child could please donate a **non-perishable (and not expired!)** food or household item to the Raffle Box in their pod, that would be great. Thank you very much.

CRAFT MARKET

As part of our gala day, we are holding another Craft Market in Matariki. If you are a crafter who would like to have a stall, please message us as soon as possible. Table spots are selling quickly.

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

Have a wonderful 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.



Craft Market

Are you a home crafter, artist or designer who would like to sell your wares? Here is your chance!

The Te Totara Craft Market will be held in conjunction with the School Gala day: with a couple of thousand people expected to attend, you can really show your potential customers what you've got!

Tables \$40 each. It may become a regular community event, so secure your table today. For further details visit Facebook: 'Te Totara Primary School PTA'.

SATURDAY 17 MARCH
TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL, ROTOTUNA



Barnardos Kidstart

TE TOTARA EARLY LEARNING CENTRE
Taking enrolments now for 0-5 year olds.

We'd love to meet you and your child.

7.30am – 6.00pm Monday to Friday

- ▶ The best possible start for your child.
- ▶ Great location situated next door to Te Totara Primary School.
- ▶ Convenient opening hours to suit working families.
- ▶ A learning environment that celebrates all cultures.

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