

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!



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:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/te-totara-2018-colour-run-17-march-2018-tickets-4285909470>

PERFORMERS WANTED

Gala performers wanted - if any children would like to jump up on stage to sing, dance, play a musical instrument or showcase any other talent, we would love to hear from them. Please contact Jackie on gregandjack@gmail.com

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.

Even if you are unable to help on Gala Day itself, we still urgently require help to set up on the Friday night beforehand.

Please come along to our meeting next Wednesday 7th March in the school staffroom, 7.30pm.

FIRST AID

We are in need of a First-aid trained person to be on call on Gala Day please. If you have medical and/or first aid training we would really appreciate you getting in touch asap.

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.

DISHWASH LIQUID FOR SLIPPERY SLIDE

We'd like to ask for donations of dishwash liquid for our Slippy Slide, part of the Colour Run. If you can help out with a bottle or two, please message us.

POD RAFFLES FOR OUR GALA – 2nd 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. All donations in by 8th March, 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*

A poster for a Craft Market. The title 'Craft Market' is written in a large, white, cursive font on a dark wood-grain background. Below the title, there is a call to action: 'Are you a home crafter, artist or designer who would like to sell your wares? Here is your chance!' followed by details: '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!' and '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.' At the bottom, the date and location are listed: 'SATURDAY 17 MARCH' and 'TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL, ROTOTUNA' in a white, hand-drawn font.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

At the recent Board meeting we held our Annual Election for a Chairperson, Rod Carpinter was re-elected unanimously.

Responsibilities and Portfolios:

<i>Chairperson</i>	<i>Rod Carpinter</i>
<i>Deputy Chairperson</i>	<i>Terry Singh</i>
<i>Finance & Property</i>	<i>Mark McMorran</i>
<i>Health & Safety</i>	<i>Kevin King</i>
<i>Policies</i>	<i>Anne Fraser & Terry Singh</i>
<i>Priority Learners</i>	<i>Brian Sheedy</i>

At the last meeting we adopted our Charter, Strategic and Annual Plan for 2018. Shortly we will be sending every family a pamphlet outlining this and other updated information. Meanwhile you can access our Annual Plan for 2018 here...[Annual plan 2018](#)

OUT OF CLASS ACTIVITIES

Our School is a busy place, with lots of activities and opportunities for our children and family. We have created a link on our website which has these activities and when they are on, which year level they are for and the also the school's contact. The link is....[Out of Class activities](#)

LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSION BOOKINGS & GOAL-SETTING LETTER

BOOKINGS OPEN TOMORROW, FRIDAY 2ND MARCH, 2018 @ 9.00AM

Learning Plan Discussions will take place on **Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd March, 2018** for all students (except Room 38 - Mrs Gillies).

Only Room 38 will have their Learning Plans meetings on Tuesday 20th March, 2018 (3.15pm - 6.30pm) and Wednesday 21st March (2.15pm - 5.30pm). A letter will be sent home to the families of Room 38 explaining this change. Please use the same school booking code of **rXXXW**

Today, each student will bring home a "Goal-Setting" letter which will help teachers prepare for the Learning Plan Discussions. **Each student is required to return to the Goal-Setting letter to their classroom teacher by Thursday 15th March, 2018.** If your original sheet doesn't make it home this week or is lost, please visit our school website www.tetotara.school.nz under the newsletters tab OR click on the following link: [Student Goal-Setting Letter](#)

We have arranged **15 minute time slots** for the discussion, there will be a change over bell so that everyone is aware of timings. If you have more than one child, you might like to have a break between each interview. To ensure the smooth running of our Learning Plan Discussions, we would be grateful if all our parents/caregivers kept to the timetable. There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress on:

Wednesday 21st March, 2018

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm, 5.00pm, 5.15pm & 5.30pm

Thursday 22nd March, 2018

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm (teachers break between 5.00pm-5.30pm), 5.30pm, 5.45pm, 6.00pm, 6.15pm & 6.30pm

How do I book a time?

To make an appointment time for your child/ren, please use our online booking system

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz – our school code is **RXXXW**. You can also access this site via our school website www.tetotara.school.nz

An electronic confirmation can be sent to you via email upon completion of your booking, **please don't forget to include your email address and select "email" under Parent Bookings** when you have booked an interview time.

If you are unable to access the internet, please phone the school (07) 853-0039 ext. 858 and leave a message with the time slot that you would prefer and Marise will collate these.

We will endeavour to give you the time as close as we can to your preference. If we are unable to assist we will go by first in first served. Please **do not** make arrangements direct with classroom teachers.

Who should come?

We encourage the student, and family members who have an interest in learning, to come along and discuss this with the teacher.

What will the format be?

The discussion is a general one about how the learner is progressing, areas of strength and also discussing next steps in learning and how this can happen.

Bookings close on Monday 19th March, 2018 @ 3.00pm. We will not be able to accept bookings after this date/time.

PLEASE NOTE:

School will finish at **2.00pm** both Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd March for all students (including Room 38). Students will need to be collected at **2.00pm** - Thanks.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

As the whole school will finish at **2.00pm** on Wednesday 21st March & Thursday 22nd March 2018 (including Room 38); After School Care will begin at 2.00pm, **for those children enrolled**.

Spaces are limited.... so if your child/ren normally attends ASC on either/both those days, please advise ASC two weeks in advance if you **DO NOT** require your booking. Otherwise, your child/ren will be booked in for the earlier start time of 2.00pm automatically on those days.

Any queries, please email Anna Herbert: afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz

WINTER SPORTS MUSTER INTEREST LETTERS

Interest letters for our winter sports of Hockey, Miniball (Basketball) and Netball were handed out at our winter sports muster on Monday. If your child missed out on attending the muster or getting an interest letter and they are keen to play one of these sports for Te Totara, copies of the letters are available from the School Office. Alternatively, you can contact Cyra Wells for Hockey, Lauren Loye or Levi O'Hallahan for Miniball, and Megan Reid for Netball.

All sports registrations are completed online via your KINDO account and the closing date for all sports is **Wednesday 7 March, 2018**. Sorry, no late registrations will be accepted.



ICAS EXAMS - FOR YEARS 4-6 STUDENTS ONLY

We would like to give your Year 4-6 child the opportunity to compete in the 2018 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (**ICAS**) run annually by Educational Assessment Australia with the University of NSW. If your child has ability, interest or aptitude in any of the subjects below, he or she may enjoy this challenge.

The 2018 ICAS dates and cost per paper are listed below:

SUBJECT	SITING DATE	PRICE
Digital Technologies	Tuesday 8 th May, 2018	\$10.00
Science	Tuesday 29 th May, 2018	\$10.00
Spelling	Wednesday 13 th June, 2018	\$12.00
Writing	Thursday 14 th June, 2018	\$21.00
English	Tuesday 31 st July, 2018	\$10.00
Mathematics	Monday 13 th August, 2018	\$10.00

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Jennie Brook Watt, Assistant Principal, via email: ap@tetotara.school.nz

If your child did not collect a letter during the ICAS Muster yesterday, you can pick one up at the School Office.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF FEES

To register and pay for your child for ICAS Exams, please use the online system

KINDO and click on the "ICAS" icon. We encourage you to register as soon as

possible as **cut-off date for registration/payment is Friday 16th March, 2018**. In order to ensure all exam papers arrive in time, we require student registration and payment to be made by the cut-off date. Sorry, we will not accept late registrations.



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.

Register now for:

Netball, Miniball (Basketball), Hockey, Fairfield Cluster Swimming (selected students only), ICAS Exams (Years 4-6 only).

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.



WEETBIX TRYATHLON PHOTO

On Sunday 11th February, over 70 of our Te Totara students participated in the Weetbix TRYathlon at Waikato University. The TRYathlon is held every year with a focus on having a go rather than being a race. It is for children aged 7 to 15 with all children swimming, biking and running over a course which has slightly different distances for each of the three elements. Competitors can also work in pairs as a team, with one person doing two of the elements. It was fantastic to see so many of our students taking part, doing their best, and having fun - especially those doing it for the first time as well as those who have competed before. Well done everyone!



SWIM SCHOOL - APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY LESSONS

We will be offering Swim School lessons in the next school holiday period from 16th - 20th April, 2018.

This will be a 1 week block course of lessons, 5 days of the week.

Pre-schoolers may also enrol and there will be classes if we have enough interest for pre-schoolers.

Swim School lessons for this block course will be held in the mornings usually from 9am-12.30pm. Lessons will be **\$75.00 per child** for this block course of lessons.

Please email Celeste if you are interested to make a booking for your child, celestem@tetotara.school.nz. Please include your child's name and swimming level ability.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 2nd March, 2018 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**

This week our children from Matawhero, Earth, Milky Way will attend assembly and our Milky Way 19 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

CRICKET

Strikers Isaac Steel
Super Stars Aadi Kang, Logan Ollington

TOUCH

Chargers Daniel Hodgson, Joel Beros, Griffin Hubbard, Max Singh
Gunns
Pacers Ryan Ollington, Sophie Hodgson, Tayla Palmer, Ben Robins
Rockets Lawrence Wu, Adrian Schutte, Asher Horne

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, 2018 FINISHES @ 3.00pm

Kind regards,
Brian Sheedy
Principal

BREAKFAST IDEAS

EGGY BREAD

- 1 egg
- ¼ cup low fat milk
- ½ tsp. of vanilla extract
- 1 tsp. low fat spread
- 2 pieces of wholegrain bread

Beat egg, milk and vanilla in a bowl. Dunk bread into mixture until completely covered. In a pan over a low heat, melt spread. Cook bread on both sides until golden. Enjoy with slices of fruit and a dollop of yoghurt!

Developed by Sport Waikato 2017

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.

NumberWorks'nWords

Help your child reach their potential with NumberWorks'nWords. Developed in New Zealand we now have 30 years of experience providing specialist Maths and English tuition for students from New Entrants to Year 11. By tailoring lessons for each student, setting and monitoring goals, using specialist tutors, and making it fun, they quickly grow in confidence and achieve amazing results.

Phone 07 8538323 to book a free lesson at the centre in Rototuna or visit:

www.numberworkswords.co.nz for more information.

Waikato Child and Youth Health Ear Clinic

Children's Ear Clinic, 51 Gallagher Drive, Hamilton

Advice on grommet checks, wax/foreign body removal, discharging ears, glue ear.

For an appointment phone (07) 838 3565

St Peters Open Day – March 16th

You are warmly invited to St Peter's School Cambridge, full school Open Day on Friday 16th March 2018 from 9.45am – 12.30

This is a great opportunity to find out what St Peter's can do for your child. You will enjoy a student led tour of the school and have the opportunity to hear from existing parents and students first hand.

Please register for this event at openday@stpeters.school.nz or to find out further information please contact Claire Pollock, Director of Admissions on 07 823 3684