

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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SCHOOL GALA FROM 9.00AM & COLOUR RUN @ 2.00PM

- 2 sleeps to go!

That's right, the Gala is on this Saturday from 9.00am and the Colour Run starts at 2.00pm. Grab your friends and family and come along for a sensational day of entertainment and fun. The event will go ahead rain or shine! Weather forecast is looking OK, some cloud but no rain. ☺

Thanks to the amazing generosity of Mahons Amusements, this time round we're having:

LARGE CARNIVAL RIDES:

- Sizzler
- Tea Cups
- Train
- Bouncer



Also featured will be the ever-popular pod activities, dunk tank, craft market, entertainment stage and much more. Open to the whole community, so bring your family and friends along – the more the merrier.



COLOUR RUN TICKETS (Colour Run starts at 2.00pm)

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-42859094706>

GALA PRICE LIST

Please see price list below. A token card is the easiest way to pay, these are available in advance from the school office (eftpos/cash), or for purchase (eftpos or cash) on the day.

ACTIVITIES

Gala Tokens	5 tokens for \$10, 10 tokens for \$20
Colour Run Registration	6 tokens or \$12
Bouncer Ride	2 tokens or \$4
Train Ride	3 tokens or \$6
Tea Cups	3 tokens or \$6
Sizzler Ride	4 tokens or \$8
Raffles	1 token or \$2
Mini Golf	1 token
Netball Challenge	1 token
Bucket Pong	1 token
Quoits	1 token
Sponge Throw	1 token
Bouncy Castle	2 tokens
Dunk Tank	2 tokens
Face Painter	2 tokens
Balloon Animals	2 tokens

FOOD

Pizza: one-quarter pizza	2 tokens
Pies	2 tokens
American Hot dog	2 tokens
Sausage Sizzle	1 token
Drink	1 token
Bag of chips	1 token
Lolly stall	1 token
Cake stall	1, 2 or 3 tokens
Donuts	2 tokens
Candy Floss	2 tokens
Popcorn	1 token
Ice Blocks	1 token

**** PRE-PURCHASE YOUR GALA TOKENS ****

**EFTPOS/CASH GALA TOKENS ON SALE MONDAY
AFTERNOON FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE
(Sorry, No Credit Card or Paywave Transactions)**

**FROM THURSDAY 15TH MARCH - FRIDAY 16TH MARCH, 2018
8.30AM - 9.15AM IN THE MATARIKI HALL FOYER
After 9.15am - 3.30pm tickets can be purchased from the School Office**

For \$20.00, you receive a ticket with 10 x \$2.00 coupons, or for \$10.00 you receive a ticket for 5 x \$2.00 coupons. These can be redeemed for food, drinks, rides, raffles and pod activities.

On Gala Day please make sure you bring some cash with you as well. There will be centralised eftpos machines available with a limited cash out function (for which a transaction fee will apply)

THANK YOU

If you have registered as a helper, firstly – THANK YOU! We appreciate it very much. Please arrive at your designated area promptly, there will be either Pod teachers or PTA there to assist with any queries.

COLOUR RUN - STARTS AT 2.00PM

The Colour Run will be the highlight of the day! You may wish to wear sunglasses to keep the powder out of your eyes. It is non-toxic and specially designed for this use, but please take safety precautions if you have respiratory issues (ie dust mask) or sensitive skin (long sleeves).

Colour may take some time to wash out of blonde hair – dishwashing liquid is the best cleanser to remove colour.

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FIRST AID

We will have dedicated First Aid people available all day. For any queries on the day, please go to the centrally located information desk.

PARKING

Due to Health & Safety, there will be NO public parking inside the school grounds. Please use street parking nearby, or walk if possible. We are expecting several thousand people through the gates.

NO DOGS, SMOKING OR SKATEBOARDS PERMITTED WITHIN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

We are proud to be a smoke free area. Please.... NO smoking, dogs, skateboards or bikes are permitted anywhere within the school grounds. Thank you in advance.

RAFFLES

Thank you to every family who has donated items for the pod raffles, they are looking fantastic! Please support your favourite pod by purchasing some Raffle tickets, \$2.00 each. All raffles will be drawn at 1pm on the main stage, winners will be notified.



The PTA are incredibly proud to bring this event to you. We are grateful for all the help and donations offered by the community – thank you. We sincerely hope that you and your family enjoy the Gala & Colour Run. Have a wonderful time!

Special thanks to: *Deron Sharma, Andrea Larsen, Gavin Larsen, Adip Desai, Jamie Strange, Raewyn Oliver, Trudy Bulbeck, Jason James, Trent McDonald, Sharnyn Haseltine, Blair Miller, Tania Freeman, Sue Ings, Sarah Halliday, Brian Sheedy and all those who have helped along the way.*

Your exhausted but happy PTA team:

Scott Mehrtens, Liz Gordon, Jackie Smith, Nalina Dheda, Vicki Jordan and Rae Gunn

****URGENT** SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS**
Enrolment Period of 1st July - 14th December, 2018

The Board of Trustees are looking to accommodate, if possible, younger siblings and children of staff in the 2018 school year. To help determine this, we urgently need to have Enrolment Forms into the School Office to help with this process. Our standard Enrolment Form is available online from our school website www.tetotara.school.nz or by visiting the School Office. Please return completed out-of-zone Enrolment Forms and relevant documentation to the School Office by **Friday 23rd March, 2018**.

The Board will look at the number of enrolments, the level of projected student growth and determine how many spaces for out-of-zone students are available for the upcoming enrolment period of **1st July 2018 - 14th December 2018**. This will be completed in late May, allowing for lots of time for families to know what is happening. Further information around the number of out-of-zone spaces to be released will be communicated via the school newsletter over the next few weeks.

DRIVER BEHAVIOUR AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

In a previous newsletter I had mentioned the concerns around driver behaviour around our community. The Police have been active in the area and last Thursday morning in a half hour period issued eight infringement notices around vehicles turning from Borman Road into Moonlight Drive. This is very close to the school and is a concern as our children use this intersection. There were a range of offences including running red lights, using cellphones and not wearing seatbelts. The Police have reported that there were a lot of Drivers (including those going to school) that were unable to be stopped as they did not have enough staff. It is highly likely that the Police will continue to monitor this area.

TEACHER PAID UNION MEETINGS - SCHOOL REMAINS OPEN

Under law, Teachers are able to meet to discuss Union matters twice a year for two hours. The New Zealand Education Institute (NZEI) has called their first meeting for Teachers in the Hamilton area on either Thursday 22nd or Tuesday 27th March.

Our Teachers have been very helpful in rostering themselves on different meeting times so that there are at least two teachers in each team at school during the meeting times, ensuring that there is adequate supervision on these days for the children. On these days you will notice different programmes in place to help cater for the children.

LOCK DOWN TRIAL - MONDAY 19TH MARCH, 2018 @ 11.15am

We have an obligation to trial this system in order for the school to be as prepared as possible for any such emergency. Our staff are trained to look after our children, reassure them and ensure both their physical and emotional safety. We have noticed that the more often we have these trials, the more familiar we all are with the systems. We will talk to our students about the trial beforehand.

HOW WE CONTACT YOU IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AT SCHOOL

We will use social messaging, including Facebook, the School App and website. Also, we will phone if necessary, so it's a good idea to make sure you keep your contact details up-to-date with the School Office. It is important that you follow any directions given, especially around rushing to school if you hear of an emergency. This can cause congestion, confusion and stress. Please note that in a real incident that NZ Police will take control of access to/from the school, while we look after our children.

LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSION BOOKINGS & GOAL-SETTING LETTER



BOOKINGS OPEN NOW! Don't miss out.

Learning Plan Discussions will take place on **Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd March, 2018** for all students (except Room 7 - Mrs Wink and Room 38 - Mrs Gillies).

Room 7 & Room 38 will have their Learning Plan 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**

Last week, each student brought home a "Goal-Setting" letter which will help teachers prepare for the Learning Plan Discussions. **Each student is required to return 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.

Bookings close on Monday 19th March, 2018 @ 3.00pm. Sorry, 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 Rooms 7 & 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 Rooms 7 & 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

ICAS EXAMS - FOR YEARS 4-6 STUDENTS ONLY

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE TOMORROW - FRIDAY 16TH MARCH

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 last week, 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.

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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: **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.



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 16th March, 2018 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**

This week our children from Orion, Kōpū & Marama will attend assembly and our Marama 15 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

Super Stars Luka Devcich, Everley Kalirai Cairns

BREAKFAST IDEAS LABEL READING

There are lots of different nutritional claims on packaging but it's best to check for yourself by reading the label. Remember to always use the 100g column



TIP: Fibre helps us feel full for longer and keeps our digestive system healthy.

	PER SERVE	PER 100g
Aim for less than 10g SUGAR per 100g		
Carbohydrate, Total (g)	20.1	67.0
-Sugars (g)	0.8	2.8
Aim for less than 10g TOTAL FAT per 100g		
Fat, Total (g)	0.4	1.4
-Saturated Fat (g)	0.1	0.3
Aim for more than 5g FIBRE per 100g		
Dietary Fibre (g)	3.0	10.1
Sodium (mg)	81	270

Developed by Sport Waikato 2017

DATES COMING UP

Sat 17 March	PTA Gala 9am start & Colour Run 2pm start
Mon 19 March	Trial Lock Down @ 11.15am
Wed 21 March	Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm - 5.30pm - <u>School Finishes at 2.00pm</u>
Thurs 22 March	Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm - 6.30pm - <u>School Finishes at 2.00pm</u>
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

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.

A WEEK LONG WORKSHOP + PERFORMANCE

8.30am - 5.00pm, Drama, Dance, Vocals, Costuming, Props, Set Design and more!
\$215 P/WEEK 10% DISCOUNT FOR ADDITIONAL SIBLINGS
AGES 6 - 14, April 23rd-27th
TAKING BOOKINGS NOW: (07) 444 5047 admin@exciteacademy.com
www.exciteacademy.co.nz

Squiggle Holiday Programme 16th – 27th April 2018

Squiggle Holiday Programme is an OSCAR approved programme that is great for girls and boys ages 5-13 years old. We are based at Waikato Diocesan School in Fairfield and offer a huge variety of activities.

Kiwiana is the theme this holidays. We'll be creating Kiwi art, baking ANZAC biscuits, recycling old socks, doing science experiments, playing games, learning about native birds and reptiles and visiting Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari. Young Engineers is also a key feature in our programme where kids will love learning about engineering, physics and science while building motorised Lego models. For more information or to enrol, please go to www.squiggle.org.nz.



It's School Holiday Time!!
16th to 27th April 2018

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



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