

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)

GALA & COLOUR RUN

Last Saturday was a wonderful day, with so many people and a very well run Gala/Colour Run organised by our PTA. On behalf of our school community a big thank you to the PTA for the wonderful day. Also, thanks to those who offered time and support, without this the event couldn't have run as well as it did.

BUILDING PROGRAMME

This year there are some big projects going ahead at school. This is as a result of the school being 10-years-old and qualifying for funding from the Ministry of Education. Also as a result of the work done by the PTA, supported by the community to help fund projects. An update on progress:

Court Cover

This is our largest project and currently this is out to tender, which is closing early next month. We are hopeful that it will be within the allocated budget, but we will wait and see. The PTA have supported the project to the tune of \$80,000, a wonderful contribution that will help all our children enjoy this facility, which we are very hopeful will be completed by the end of the year.

Toilets in Matariki Hall

These toilets are being upgraded to provide private cubicles, which will support their use by adults and children alike. We are awaiting approval from the Ministry of Education and are hopeful that these may be done during the next school holidays.

Sound Baffling in Rooms 16 & 17

To ensure we are providing the best possible learning environments we are installing sound baffling material in these rooms. We are hopeful that these will be installed in the forthcoming school holidays.

Refurbishing Orion, Matawhero, Milky Way, Marama, Kitchen & Staff Lounge

These buildings were the first at the school and are due for an upgrade. This is quite a logistical exercise and we are aiming to have this completed at the end of the year during the holidays, minimising the disruption to the day to the day running of the School.

Exterior Paint

We will be painting a large part of the exterior of the school to keep it fresh and reflect the care we have for our school.

Drainage

We have challenges around flooding, especially the car park area, so we are looking at installing additional capacity to the system. Hopefully, this is complete by the time winter and the very wet weather hits.

Playground between the Matariki Hall & Orion

Last weeks Gala was certainly a big help in turning this project into a reality. We have liaised with our children through our Student Council to determine what they would want at school. Last year they presented their ideas to the PTA and also consulted with the Board of Trustees, they really wanted more playgrounds. We hope to turn their vision into a reality and are looking to see if we can secure all the funding and complete the project by the end of the school year.

****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 **tomorrow, 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.

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 March 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.

FAIRFIELD CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS HELD ON TUESDAY 20TH MARCH, 2018

On Tuesday 20th March, 19 students from Te Totara attended the Fairfield Cluster Swimming Sports held at Fairfield High School:

Wyatt Wink, Paige Hopping, Zoe Harrison, Catherine Young, Izzy Martin, Tayla Palmer, Zoe Duggan, Libby McMillian, Olivia Cullen, Rosa Embling, Harry Schaab, Emma Kiely, Ryan Ollington, Jake Guyan, Maya Damian, Hayley Giles, Grace Hewitt and Blake Taylor

Of all the inter-school sporting events Te Totara Primary students attend, we find the Swimming Sports to be the most competitive. The majority of the children competing tend to be Swimming Club or Squad Swimmers so the competition is always fierce. Our children participated in their events with great attitudes and placed well in heats with many achieving personal best times. However, progression through to the finals are based on recorded times and some students missed out by less than 100th of a second. The current Waikato age group Schools Champion and NZ Junior Zonal Competitor, Rebecca Plank, was our only swimmer to progress to a finals.

<i>Year 6 Girls Freestyle</i>	<i>Rebecca Plank</i>	<i>4th Place</i>
<i>Year 6 Girls Breaststroke</i>	<i>Rebecca Plank</i>	<i>4th Place</i>
<i>Year 6 Girls Backstroke</i>	<i>Rebecca Plank</i>	<i>4th Place</i>

Mrs Robertson and Mr Rodger are very proud of the achievements of all the children who participated in these Swimming Sports and would like to thank all the parents who came to support our children.

LATE COLLECTION OF CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL - SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM

We have noticed an increased trend in children being picked up late after school. We understand that some children may be waiting for an older sibling from RJHS to collect them.

However, **school finishes at 3.00pm** and we would expect that our children have either been collected or have **left the school premises by 3.15pm**. After this time our staff are involved in meetings and are unable to supervise any remaining children. If children remain at school after 3.15pm, it is the parents/caregivers responsibility for the safety and supervision your child/ren.

Special Rate: If your child is waiting for their sibling from RJHS to collect them, **After School Care (ASC)** facilities are available at our school at a rate of \$6.00 an hour per child (*minimum charge of hour*) instead of the casual fee which is \$8.00 per hour. This will provide a safe environment for your child and peace of mind for you as a parent/caregiver as they wait for their sibling. Please follow the process below to register your Te Totara child/ren for ASC.

Once you have registered, please email afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz and let them know that you are one of the families who requires ASC for a short period of time while your child is waiting to be collected by an older sibling attending RJHS, this is so your booking fee can be adjusted accordingly.

Here's what you need to do to enrol at ASC:

1. Go to our school website www.tetotara.school.nz and click red quicklink **"Before and After School Care"** then click on the **"Enrol Now 2018"** button.
2. Once you reach the Registration page, click the purple **"register now"** button.
3. Follow the registration process and enrol your child/ren
4. After this has been done, click the dashboard in the Menu Bar at the top of the screen, now you can make a booking :)
5. Click on the **"make a booking"** button and complete the booking into the desired programme
6. Once completed, your booking is now pending and will be confirmed via a confirmation email.

These videos may be of help to you:

- Login: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JyboRtGC-U&feature=youtu.be>
- Dashboard Overview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H9owTs8KMaQ&feature=youtu.be>

For all other families who are regularly collecting their child late (after 3.15pm), we urge you to use our After School Care facilities or arrange alternative care for your child. Our school does not encourage families to leave their children at school unsupervised after 3.15pm.

If you have any queries around After School Care, please do not hesitate to call Anna Herbert on (027) 8530031 or email: afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz.

SWIM SCHOOL - APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY LESSONS LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

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.

Lessons will be **\$75.00 per child** for this block course of lessons.

We have limited spaces available in the following classes:

Level 5 class, 9.25am

Level 2 class, 10.55am

Beginner, level 1 class, 12.25pm

Level 4 class, 12.55pm

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.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by **Friday 6th April, 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.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 23rd March, 2018 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**

This week our Matawhero, Earth and Milky Way children will attend assembly and our Milky Way 20 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 Harry Schaab

TOUCH

Gunns Eli Tuck, Jayson Yang, Allen Niu, Graysen Baxter, Sam Alison, Slade McMurray, Ruan Bosman
Pacers Jayden Lindsey, Jade Mecchia
Rockets Devon Palmer, Jacob Taaffe

DATES COMING UP

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

YEARS 4-6 ICAS EXAM DATES (For those students who have registered):

Digital Technologies Tuesday 8th May, 2018
Science Tuesday 29th May, 2018
Spelling Wednesday 13th June, 2018
Writing Thursday 14th June, 2018
English Tuesday 31st July, 2018
Mathematics Monday 13th August, 2018

Kind regards,

Brian Sheedy

BREAKFAST IDEAS

FRITTATA MUFFINS

- 5 large eggs
- ½ cup cheese – grated
- ½ cup ham - chopped
- ½ onion - finely chopped
- pinch of salt and pepper

Mix eggs in a bowl with salt and pepper. Add ham, onion and cheese to the bowl and mix through gently.

Divide mixture in to muffin tray and bake at 200°C for 15-18 minutes.

Serves approx. 12



Developed by Sport Waikato 2017

GALA & COLOUR RUN – what a success!

A HUGE 'thank you' to everyone who came along and supported our massive Gala and Colour Run last weekend. It was a wonderful day full of fun and we really appreciate the generosity of everyone who purchased tokens, rides, food, raffles and more.

We couldn't have done it without all the wonderful helpers we had on the day, thank you.

Thank you to all the wonderful stage performers who entertained us throughout the day, you were all fantastic!

We are extremely grateful for all the help, sponsorship and raffle donations offered by the school and wider community. Please support these local businesses who helped us out.

We are on track for a bumper financial result from the day, which will be announced shortly. All profit raised from Saturday will be going directly to the fund for the new playground behind Matariki hall. It is a wonderful project that will benefit current and future students.

Entertainment Books

That's right, it's that time of the year again. Entertainment books are an excellent investment, allowing you to save big dollars on eating out, activities and retail services around the entire region for a whole 12 month period.

You often only need to use 3-4 vouchers before you've saved the cost of the book, then everything else is money back in your pocket! Don't miss out, sales are open now via the following link:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/15502m5>

We're going to quietly recharge our batteries for a couple of weeks, but please look out in future newsletters for details on our next PTA meeting. All welcome to attend, we would love to have you join us.

Your exhausted but proud PTA Exec committee:

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



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.

PIANO AND THEORY LESSONS

Paul Ellery, Dip Mus (Hons), Dip Tchg

Initial to all levels of diplomas, accompanying for exams or competitions, NCEA L1, L2, L3 and scholarship for older students.

Phone 021 087 67978 or email p.ellery@extra.co.nz

RECYCLE CHILD CAR SEATS

Did you know you can now recycle your expired or damaged child car seat? Around 90% of seat materials are recyclable which is great news for the environment, and keeping expired car seats out of circulation is good for child safety. SeatSmart accepts any brand of capsule, booster or reversible car seat (no polystyrene boosters) for a small fee of \$10 (RRP). For collection site details visit www.SeatSmart.co.nz. You can also like us on Facebook (SeatSmartNZ).

HAMILTON BMX CLUB

Reminder we have our Wednesday club nights running from 5.15pm to register, racing @ 6.00pm. New riders first 3 club nights are FREE to register, must be fully covered eg.long pants. long sleeve top & covered shoes. We have bikes & helmets for hire \$2.00 each, for everyone riders on balance or pedal bikes. Contact Lynda Arden for further information Ph: (027) 340-7120



ADAM THOMAS FOOTBALL

SCHOOL
Te Totara Primary

DATE
Wednesday afternoons

TIME
3.15pm - 4:30pm

Olympic Football Coaching Term 2

https://enrolmy.com/adam-thomas-football/activity/26-Te_Totara_Primary_School