

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)

### BOOK WEEK - MONDAY 14TH MAY TO WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY, 2018

We have a number of fun activities planned for the week, including visits from two fabulous authors, Angie Belcher and Dawn McMillan, and illustrator Ross Kinnaird. We are pleased to announce that we have arranged an event for parents. On Friday 18th May, from 9.00am-9.45am, Dawn McMillan and Ross Kinnaird will give a talk called "Read, Write, Draw - fun things to do with your kids". There will be Q&A time at the end.



### READ-A-THON - STARTS MONDAY 21ST MAY, 2018

We have had an encouraging early response with this PTA event running alongside Book Week, with lots of children getting sponsors to support reading, with the funds used to help with a new playground that we are hopeful of building. Start date for the Read-a-thon is Monday 21st May, best wishes to our children for their Read-a-thon.

### FRIDAY 18TH MAY - PYJAMA DAY / PINK SHIRT DAY

We are looking forward to Friday 18th May and wearing Pyjamas as part of Book Week. Then afterwards, the School Disco which our wonderful PTA have organised. When the date for Pyjama Day was set, we were unaware of Pink Shirt Day to support anti bullying, and it is something we do think is a good initiative. If children would like to choose what they would like to wear then this is fine, either pyjamas or a pink shirt or even a combination!

To find out more about this worthwhile event and for very valuable support, including ideas for parents and schools see... [Pink Shirt Day](#). **This is not a fundraising day, so no need for a gold coin.**

### SCHOOL COMMUNITY POLICE VISIT

We were visited by three Police Officers earlier this week at lunchtime and the children had a happy time with them. The School does value the support of the Police, in particular their help delivering the Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme, which we are involved with... [Keeping Ourselves Safe](#)



### SCHOOL VISION AND CHARTER PAMPHLET

Today we are sending home with the only or oldest student, a pamphlet outlining our School Vision, Charter and Annual Plan Targets for 2018. You will see that we have set targets for achievement that are aspirational and we are determined with the fantastic support from our children and families to attain these. You will notice that we have set targets in relation to the New Zealand Curriculum, replacing the National Standards, which have been abolished. You will find that in the Learning Plans we will give a more comprehensive guide on what this looks like. Meanwhile, if you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me. You can find out the finer details of our Annual Plan at... [2018 Charter, Strategic and Annual Plan](#)

## ONLINE TIPS FOR PARENTS

In this age of increased use of technology, it is timely to look at some possible support for parents and children. Netsafe is an organisation supported by the Ministry of Education and the NZ Police which is very helpful in providing ideas and help. I have included the link to 10 tips for parents. It provides useful guidelines to help....[10 tips for parents](#)

An area that is useful to clarify is the sign-up age for social media accounts. For Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter and Youtube it is 13 years of age. Netsafe provide some good advice below for parents in this area...

*How old should kids be before they get social media accounts? The minimum sign up age for Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter and YouTube is 13 years of age. Of course, if they're under the age minimum it's always better that they're honest with you about using an app or site, rather than doing it behind your back. This way, you can help them to stay safe online.*

### Tips for setting up social media accounts

**Make sure you've taught them the online safety basics**

1. **Help your child to set up the account**
2. **Depending on their age, use your email address to sign up**
3. **Enter their actual birth year so they're less likely to see inappropriate content**
4. **Become their friend, or follow them**
5. **Teach them about the safety tools available**

*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.*



**Registrations are open now for:**

***Tough Guy & Gal Challenge (Selected Students only) - Closes Friday 11th May, 2018***

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

**[www.tetotara.school.nz](http://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 AUTUMN 2018 NEWSLETTER

Check out First Credit Unions Autumn Newsletter online on our school website, quick links, newsletters and notices. There is a chance to win \$50.00! Colour in and win!

*First Credit Union provides a school banking service to all pupils at Te Totara Primary School. Getting started is easy - just pick up an application pack from the School Office, fill in the application form and return it to the green "First Credit Green Drop-box" in the School Office. If your children are already doing school banking, remember that the school banking is collected on **Wednesdays at 9.00am each week!***



## **PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE**

**FRIDAY 11th MAY 2018, FROM 8.30AM - 9.15AM**

**We will be having a second hand uniform sale in the Matariki School Hall foyer on the above date.**

Items for sale will be red Polar Fleece, white Polo Shirts, Summer Hats, Winter Beanies, Shorts, Shoes, Skorts and Trousers.

Get in quick, items won't last! Sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 & 14

**ALL ITEMS PRICED TO CLEAR AT \$5.00 EACH! Please bring cash with you.**

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS**

Scholastic Book orders are due by **Friday 11th May, 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.**

## **\*\* HELP NEEDED \*\* FOR OUR JUNIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION**

**Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th June, 2018**

We are looking for some help with sewing costumes for our Junior School Production "**Eddie the Penguin Saves the World**".

We need to sew together a class set of elastic-waisted pants. If you are able to help with this could you please contact Suzanne Newrick at [suzannen@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:suzannen@tetotara.school.nz). Thank you in advance.

## **SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 11th May, 2018 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**

This week our children from Orion, Kōpū & Marama will attend assembly and our Marama 16 children will be sharing.

## **FOUND, BIKE HELMET**

This bike helmet has been handed into the school office, please come and collect it if it is yours. Thanks

## **DATES COMING UP**

<b>Fri 11 May</b>	<b>Scholastic Book orders close 9.15am</b>
<b>Mon 14 May</b>	<b>Book week starts</b>
<b>Fri 18 May</b>	<b>Book week ends</b>
<b>Fri 18 May</b>	<b>Pyjama Day / Pink Shirt Day at school (NO need for a gold coin)</b>
<b>Fri 18 May</b>	<b>9.00am - 9.45am, Read, Write, Draw... fun things to do with your kids</b>
	<b>Parent event by author Dawn McMillan &amp; illustrator Ross Kinnaird</b>
<b>Fri 18 May</b>	<b>PTA Disco - "Pyjama Party Theme"</b>
<b>Mon 21 May</b>	<b>Read-a-thon starts</b>
<b>Mon 28 May</b>	<b>Routine Vision &amp; Hearing Checks at school</b>
<b>Tues 29 May</b>	<b>ICAS Science</b>
<b>Thurs 7 June</b>	<b>Junior Tough Guy &amp; Gal Challenge</b>
<b>Wed 13 June</b>	<b>ICAS Spelling</b>
<b>Wed 13 June</b>	<b>Junior School Production (1.30pm &amp; 6.00pm performances)</b>
<b>Thurs 14 June</b>	<b>ICAS Writing</b>
<b>Thurs 14 June</b>	<b>Junior School Production (1.30pm &amp; 6.00pm performances)</b>
<b>Fri 6 July</b>	<b>END OF TERM 2, 2018</b>

## YEARS 4-6 ICAS EXAM UPCOMING DATES:

(For those students who have registered):

English

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2018

Mathematics

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2018

*Kind regards,*  
**Brian Sheedy**

# TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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## ICE BLOCK FRIDAY THIS WEEK FRIDAY 11TH MAY, 2018

Lemonade ice blocks will be on sale this Friday 11th May at lunchtime for \$2.00 each. We have had quite a number of children in the past turn up with 10c, 20c, 50c... **please help us avoid any sad little faces by supplying them with a \$2.00 coin (or the correct amount of change!).**

## READ-A-THON

**By now all students should have received their Read-a-thon Forms. 'What is this all about?' you may ask.**

The PTA and Library staff devised the Read-a-thon to coincide with the upcoming Book Week (week 3), and felt that it was a great way to encourage the kids in their reading whilst tying it into the fun reading activities that will be happening. It is very similar to a Spell-a-thon which has been a staple of primary schools for many years.

The PTA and school staff try very hard to make activities as inclusive of as many students as possible. The sponsorship element is purely another way in which we are raising funds for the new school playground - we cannot do it by ourselves and it takes many hands to make it happen! The playground will benefit all current and future students, and we are proud of the legacy we are building. Please feel free to have a chat to your children to describe why we are doing this activity and why they should take part. Reading should be fun - and we certainly hope that they participate! Thank you.

## **PYJAMA DISCO TO CELEBRATE BOOK WEEK**

**FRIDAY 18TH MAY, 2018**

We're looking for lots of awesome helpers to help run our first School Disco for the year. Without your help and support, we won't be able to hold the School Disco - so please sign up by messaging the PTA or contacting Rae Gunn via our Facebook page.

**All helpers are invited to drinks and nibbles after the School Disco so who can say no to that?!**

### **Put these events on your calendar now!**

- **Ice Block Day - Friday 11 May**
- **Pyjama Muffi Day / Pink Shirt Day - Friday 18th May**
- **Pyjama Disco - Friday 18th May**
- **PTA AGM - Wednesday 20th June.** Election of new PTA executive committee: Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Communications Officer, Events Co-ordinator. All welcome to attend and nominate. Refreshments provided.

Thanks everyone, have a great week. *Scott, Liz, Nalina, Jackie, Vicki and 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.

### **YOUNG ENGINEERS**

[e<sup>2</sup> Young Engineers](http://www.youngengineers.nz) (Young Engineers) is all about having fun while learning and it's here in Hamilton and Cambridge at 3 great locations, Hukanui Reformed Church Rototuna, Hillcrest Baptist Church Hillcrest and Fencourt Hall in 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! For more information – please go to [www.youngengineers.nz](http://www.youngengineers.nz).

### **NIT-ENZ ENDS NITS...NATURALLY!**

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