

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), Mbote, Jambo (Congoese), Konnichiwa (Japanese), Hola (Spanish), Annyeonghaseyo (South Korea) Israel Shalom (Hebrew)

WELLBEING AT SCHOOL

As part of supporting our staff and students at school, we have formed a Wellbeing Committee. This is comprised of teachers at different levels of the school, as well as staff representing the different areas of school staff i.e. Administration Staff, Teacher Aides.

As part of our Annual Plan, we have enrolled in the New Zealand Council of Education Research [Wellbeing@School](#) Programme. This provides schools with self-review tools to build a safe and caring climate that deters bullying. I would recommend taking time to look through the link and seeing how it can help us in the future. This programme is acknowledged by the Education Review Office as a useful tool to support students and staff and is now provided to Schools by [ACC](#) to ensure schools have this free access.

Initially, we will be surveying Year 5-6 students and staff. All surveys are anonymous. We are also working on a modified survey for our Year 1-4 students so that we include their perspective as well. Once completed, it will give us a picture of our school and going forward will help form an action plan. We'll keep everyone updated on what is happening, but if you do have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

This year to support wellbeing we have introduced the [Pause, Breathe, Smile](#) Programme for our 3-6 students, with early positive feedback.

ILLNESS AT SCHOOL, ABSENTEE MESSAGES AND LATENESS TO SCHOOL

There are a lot of bugs going around school which have hit our children and staff badly.

If your child is absent from school, please let us know by 9.00am the morning of their absence. If you know your child will be away for several days, please also advise us of this. This saves valuable administration time which has been spent trying to contact families of absent children. Most of our families are really good at letting us know and with the amount of illness around it is vital that we have this information early in the day.

On Wednesday this week we had to contact a number of families who hadn't contacted the school about student illness. We also had approx. 46 children arrive late after the school bell had rung at 8.55am on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

This placed extra pressure on our already hectic school office chasing absences.

We would really appreciate your continued support.

For absentee messages, please leave your Child's Name, Room No. and Reason for their Absence by 9.00am each day:

Use our School App OR

Phone the School Office on (07) 853-0039 (Press 1) OR

Text the School Office on (027) 2074466



FINDING OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING

We have many ways of keeping up-to-date regarding events that are happening at school:

Online school calendar: [Online School Calendar](#)

School App: [Download the School App](#)

School Website: [Te Totara Web Site](#)

Weekly notices: [Weekly Notices](#)

FacebookPage: <https://www.facebook.com/TeTotaraPrimarySchool230374533681330/>

We have a great team at school who keep these sources updated in real time.

THANKS! NZEI PAID UNION MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON MONDAY 25TH JUNE, 2018

A big thank you to our families for helping out by either collecting their children or making other arrangements. It was very much appreciated! Everyone was safe and the system of a stamp on the hand ensured we knew children were able to go home. Teachers were able to meet and discuss their contract claim during the afternoon at the Claudelands Event Centre, which is a legal entitlement.

SEESAW USE

We have found Seesaw to be a great tool to support the important home and school partnership. This was introduced two years ago and it is now established in the school. The Board now ensures that the cost is taken care of for each student and that there is a permanent record to keep for students and families.

To support both families and teachers we have prepared some guidelines to help everyone know what the expectation is around this and these are included below. If you do have any queries please don't hesitate to contact the teacher of your child. To find out more you can see our online Seesaw guide... [Seesaw Guide](#)

| Year Level | Seesaw Use Guidelines - Information for Families |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Items added are mostly by the teacher, with the aim to increase student independence during the year, when possible• Items shared may include art, oral language, reading, maths, writing, PE, topic, Te Reo, performances, school events, and communication such as reminders etc. → At least 2 items per student per term |
| 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Items added are supported by the teacher, encouraging student ownership when possible• Items shared may include art, oral language, reading, maths, writing, PE, topic, Te Reo, performances, school events, and communication such as reminders etc. → At least 2 items per student per term |
| 3-4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Items added are supported by the teacher, encouraging student ownership and working towards mostly being added by students• Items shared may include art, oral language, reading, maths, writing, PE, topic, Te Reo, performances, school events, and communication such as reminders etc. → At least 3 items per student per term |
| 5-6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Items added mostly by students• Items shared may include art, oral language, reading, maths, writing, PE, topic, Te Reo, performances, school events, and communication such as reminders or home learning etc. → At least 3-4 items per student per term |
| Note on Seesaw Communication: | Please note that while Seesaw can be used as a parent-teacher communication tool for private messaging, it is not an expectation for teachers to check this regularly. Feel free to check with your child/rens teacher as to whether they make use of this feature. The best way to make contact with your child/rens teacher is to email or see them in person. |

ENROLMENTS AT TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

If you have a child or sibling coming to Te Totara in the future, we would love to have an Enrolment Form - it would be much appreciated and certainly help with our future planning! Please download an [Enrolment Form](#) from our school website or collect an Enrolment Pack from the School Office between the hours of 8.15am - 3.30pm. Please return it to the School Office a.s.a.p. along with the required documentation.

LOST PROPERTY ON DISPLAY

Weather permitting; we will endeavour to display all lost property items **Thursday 28th June & Friday 29th June, 2018.**

Please check out our lost property bin. The BIG YELLOW bin is located outside the Earth building; there are LOTS of polar fleeces! Please check to see if any items belong to your family as all unclaimed items (*other than school uniform*) will be donated to charity.

We ask ALL families to please check your child's uniform on a weekly basis to ensure they are wearing their own uniform, rather than someone else's.



This online system allows you to pay for our school's fees (Mathletics, Aquatics, School Donation, Lost Library Book Fees etc) and is also the ONLY way to register your child for sports. Register now for:

kindo.
The online one stop school shop



Earth Team Space Place Trip (Registrations Close Monday 2nd July)

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations go to Da-Young Kim who sat her Trinity College of London Grade 3 Piano Exam last week. Da Young passed with Distinction, gaining 92%. Well done Da-Young!

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 29th June, 2018 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.** This week our children from Matawhero, Earth and Milky Way will attend assembly and our Milky Way 17 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

NETBALL

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| Ferns | Hayley Taylor |
| Invaders | Dillon Wenham |
| Magics | Rebecca Plank |
| Shooters | Lili Miller |
| Stars | Lanayah Marshall |

HOCKEY

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| All Stars | Max Singh |
| Cheetahs | Jerry Lin |
| Strikers | Peyton Ellis |
| Stormers | Sophie Weatherell |
| Tigers | Mia Symes |

BASKETBALL

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| Bouncers | Daniel Hodgson |
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DATES COMING UP

Thurs 28 June

BOT Meeting at 6.30pm

Fri 6 July

END OF TERM 2, SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM

Mon 23 July

TERM 3, SCHOOL BEGINS AT 8.55AM

Thurs 26 July

BOT Meeting at 6.30pm

Tues 31 July

ICAS, English *(for those students who have registered)*

Wed 8 Aug

Photolife Class, Individual & Sibling Photos

Thurs 9 Aug

Photolife Class, Individual & Sibling Photos

Tues 14 Aug

School Cross Country

Thurs 16 Aug

School Cross Country - *Postponement Date*

Mon 13 Aug

ICAS, Mathematics *(for those students who have registered)*

Wed 22 Aug

2.15pm - 5.30pm - Learning Plan Discussions **(School Finishes at 2.00pm)**

Thurs 23 Aug

2.15pm - 6.00pm - Learning Plan Discussions **School Finishes at 2.00pm)**

Tues 28 Aug

Fairfield Cluster Cross Country

Thurs 30 Aug

Fairfield Cluster Cross Country *(Postponement Day)*

Thurs 30 Aug

BOT Meeting at 6.30pm

Mon 3 Sept

Mid-Term Break - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Tues 18 Sept

Fairfield Cluster Winter Sports *(NO Postponement date)*

Wed 26 Sept

Senior School Production

Thurs 27 Sept

Senior School Production

Thurs 27 Sept

BOT Meeting at 6.30pm

Fri 28 Sept

END OF TERM 3, SCHOOL

FINISHES AT 3.00PM


*Kind regards,
Brian Sheedy*

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS



EMAIL: tetotara.pta@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/TTPTA

Your new PTA committee:




RAISE DOUGH Wednesday 4 July

You deserve a night off from cooking! Grab some delicious Domino's pizza for the family and help 'raise dough' for the school!

Domino's Rototuna will generously donate to the school \$1 from every pizza sold between 4-8pm on Wednesday 4th July.

Thanks Domino's Rototuna, you rock!



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.

THE PEAK HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Small change goes a long way these school holidays at The Peak Recreation Centre. Grab a \$20 unlimited pass* to get entry between 9am and 5pm weekdays. Shoot hoops or come to one of our planned activities for family sport, badminton and basketball. www.thepeak.co.nz

*Per person under the age of 18 or pay just \$3 per visit.



 Find us on
Facebook
at Te Totara, Southwell, Bankwood

It's School Holiday Time!!
9th to 20th of July 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



Programme and bookings www.kellysports.co.nz

Email: waiakato@kellysports.co.nz
Phone Kim or Hine 07 839 9017
Text 022 0532425

Pukete Neighbourhood House
Exciting holiday programmes!

We run exciting holiday programmes for 5 - 14 year olds in school holiday breaks
7.00am - 6.00pm

Priced from just \$50 per day, all activities and food included!

Heaps of fun filled activities, including; Butterfly Creek, Movies, Rainbow Springs and much much more

WINZ OSCAR Subsidy available

Visit our website for more info www.puketehouse.org.nz
Te Rapa Sportsdrome, 43 Church Road, Hamilton | Ph: 07 849 1115



Just fooling around

Things getting a bit boring at your place? Here are 25 fabulous ways to get silly, lighten up and make your child chortle.

by Elizabeth Oosterman

- 1 Wear pyjamas back to front.
- 2 Have a mixed up dinner: eat dessert first with a fork, served in a cup, drink from bowls – you get the idea.
- 3 Hold a surprise party. You don't need a reason!
- 4 Hide treats or messages around the house for the kids to find as they go about their day.
- 5 Have a breakfast dinner: serve favourite breakfast foods for dinner. Come dressed in pyjamas. This one is great for friends.
- 6 Hop, skip, jump, leap, spin, waddle, prance, wriggle, shimmy, shuffle and reverse... why just walk?
- 7 Make home-made takeaways, wrap in newspaper and enjoy anywhere.
- 8 Turn off all the lights in the house and go on a teddy bear hunt with a torch.
- 9 Have a conversation that is only sung.
- 10 Wrap up, get in the car and go out to watch the sunrise or sunset. Nature's own show!
- 11 Toast marshmallows over the fire.
- 12 Eat dinner by candlelight.

- 16 Make frozen plates – fill lightly oiled plastic plates with water and freeze. When solid, peel off plate and use for serving fruit salad.
- 17 Make bubbles in the bath with a straw or a whisk.
- 18 Change the sleeping end of your bed – just for a night.
- 19 Serve only triangular food for a meal. Or circular, or square.
- 20 Crank up the music and boogie around the kitchen.
- 21 Write names on plates with tomato sauce before you serve sausages or chips.
- 22 Everyone wears all red, or yellow, or purple... then go out, if you dare!
- 23 Turn down the volume on the TV and make up your own dialogue.
- 24 Make gumboot pot plants – get out your old gumboots, put holes in the bottom with a nail. Paint and decorate, then fill with potting mix and a plant. Arrange on the back step.
- 25 Look at the newspaper upside down (or a book) and see how long it takes everyone to notice.



Elizabeth Oosterman lives in Te Awamutu. She has two sons aged four and nine months.

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NEW RIDERS



Minogue Park, Moore Street, Forest Lake, Hamilton

Give it a Go!

FREE to REGISTER FOR OUR SEPTEMBER SUNDAY FUN CLUB DAYS

SUNDAY's 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd September 10am - 12pm

REGISTER HERE: <http://www.hamiltonbmx.co.nz/joining-bmx/new-riders-register-for-sunday-fun-club-days/>

HAMILTON BMX CLUB






Learn about BMX
Gain bike skills
Become confident on your bike & our track
For all AGES - on balance & pedal bikes
Enjoy BMX a family sport
Become part of our Wednesday Club Nights
Open Day 26th August 2018 11am - 1pm

Do your children love to sing?

Come and sing with the Tron Songsters Children's Choir!

We are a community choir of boys and girls aged 8-13 years old. Rehearsals at St Aidans Anglican Church, Claudelands. Friday afternoons 4.00-5.15pm during term time. Afternoon tea is included.

\$95 for an 8 week term (plus a concert performance) beginning August 2018.


Auditions* will be held at St Aidan's Church in the last week of July. For an audition time or more information: Email hannahgrace.bryant@gmail.com or call 0212069604.

*All children do a relaxed and friendly audition so that children and parents have an opportunity to meet the teachers.




The National Institute for Health Innovation (NIHI) is inviting parents/primary caregivers who are caring for a child aged 10-15 to take part in the MyTeen study. This study will examine whether a free text-messaging programme providing positive parenting tips and information on youth mental health is helpful.

All NIHI needs is an hour of your time over the course of three months to complete 3 online questionnaires. If you are interested in hearing more about the study please contact myteen@auckland.ac.nz or call 0800 367 6444. For more information, you can go to their [Facebook page](#) or [website](#). This study has been approved by the University of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee



Jitterbugs dance
LESSONS



JitterFit
fresh fun fitness

Jolie Hopping Ph 021 117 9633 ♥ Email jitterbugs@vodafone.co.nz

Jitterbugs Term 3 2018 Session Times/Days:

Monday (Rototuna Junior High School Dance Studio)

- 3.45 Jitterbugs Seniors (have to be selected to be in this session)
- 4.15 MiniJam (unisex class for kids aged 3 – 5 ½)
- 4.40 Jitterbugs Junior (ages 5 ½ – 7)
- 5.10 Jitterbugs Advanced (have to be selected to be in this session)

Tuesday (Rototuna Junior High School Dance Studio)

- 3.45 Jitterjam (unisex class ages 5 ½ - 12)
- 4.15 Jitterbugs Junior (ages 5 ½ – 7)
- 4.45 Jitterbugs Junior Plus (ages 6 ½ - 8)
- 5.15 Jitterbugs Hip Hop (kids aged 10 – 13) *Session taught by Sammie*

Wednesday (Rototuna Junior High – Large Theatre)

- 3.45 Jitterbugs Mini's (ages 3 – 5 ½)
- 4.10 Jitterbugs Intermediate (ages 7 - 12)
- 4.40 Jitterbugs Seniors (have to be selected to be in this session)

Thursday (Rototuna Junior High School Dance Studio)

- 3.45 Jitterbugs Junior (ages 5 ½ – 7)
- 4.15 Jitterbugs Intermediate (ages 7 - 12)
- 4.45 Jitterbugs Mini's (ages 3 – 5 ½)

Other Info:

- Now taking names for the waitlist for Term 3 2018. Limited spaces
- Classes start Monday 30th July, Tuesday 31st July, Wednesday 1st August and Thursday 2nd August.
- Cost for the term is \$99, or \$192 for a family of two or \$287 for a family of 3. This cost includes the use of a shirt/outfit for the end of term show and access to videos for your kids to dance to at home ☺.

JitterFit Holiday Sessions

Days/Times:

- **Monday 9th July 7.00pm** - JitterFit (Cardio/Conditioning Session)
- **Wednesday 11th July 7.15pm** – Stretch/Breathing/Relaxation/Yoga Style Session
- **Monday 16th July 7.00pm** - JitterFit (Cardio/Conditioning Session)
- **Wednesday 18th July 7.15pm** - Stretch/Breathing/Yoga Style Session

Other Info:

- JitterFit term time sessions are normally full with a waitlist, however over the holidays I put on extra sessions open to anyone. Limited spaces – let me know if you are keen to sign up
- Cost: \$9 per session or sign up to all 4 sessions for only \$32 if paid for by Wednesday 4th July. Payments after 4th July \$10 per session.
- Open to all fitness levels – run by a qualified fitness leader with over 15 years experience.
- All sessions held at Rototuna Junior High. Email or message me for more info or check out the JitterFit Facebook page.