

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 (Congolese), Konnichiwa (Japanese), Hola (Spanish), Annyeonghaseyo (South Korea) Israel Shalom (Hebrew)

SCHOOL CLOSED - WEDNESDAY 15TH AUGUST, 2018 DUE TO TEACHERS STRIKE

The Teachers Strike is for the full day, so currently the **School will be closed on Wednesday 15th August 2018**. This means that there will be no classes and also Before & After School Care will not be running.

The Ministry of Education and the Primary Teachers union, NZEI, are in their second round of negotiations regarding the Collective Employment Contracts for Teachers and Principals. They have both now agreed to mediation to try and come to agreement on conditions and pay. The first offer made by the Ministry of Education was rejected. I am hopeful that there will be a resolution and if there is and the strike is cancelled, we will let everyone know as soon as possible.

There is much debate, opinion and thought on the strike and to try and help with understanding I have included links to both the NZEI (Teachers Union) and Ministry of Education press release on negotiations..

[NZEI press release on negotiations](#)

[Ministry of Education press release on negotiations](#)

The link to their websites are here... [NZEI](#) and [MOE](#) Websites.

As a Principal of 30 years this is the second strike I have seen, the last was in 1994 regarding pay parity with Secondary Teachers, so it is not a common occurrence in New Zealand. New Zealand Teachers are planning a day of action and there will no doubt be coverage locally and nationally.

TE TOTARA HOUSE COLOURS

There are four houses, all named in line with our STARS theme and space expeditions:

HOUSE:	COLOUR:
Apollo	Yellow
Challenger	Blue
Discovery	Green
Mercury	Red

“Apollo, Challenger, Discovery & Mercury”

- Children are placed in houses when they start at Te Totara Primary School. New Entrants with family members already at school will be placed in the same house.
- We will be able to use the houses for different school events and happenings e.g. Athletic Sports, Cross Country.
- Houses will provide our children with leadership responsibilities and provide good-natured competition.
- There are colours for each house.
- There will be a Lead Teacher looking after each house.
- Students will be meeting in house groups before the event e.g. School Cross Country.
- Children are encouraged to wear an item of a colour associated with their school house.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY - TUESDAY 14TH AUGUST, 2018

Children to run in their house colours if possible.

Year 5&6 children may arrive in their running gear and change into their uniform during the day.

TIMETABLE

8.55am	Roll taken, meet on courts and assemble in house teams for cheers
9.15am	Children return to teachers, first runners get organised
9.20am	Year 6 Girls
9.25am	Year 6 Boys
9.50am	Year 5 Girls
9.55am	Year 5 Boys

MORNING TEA

11.10am	Year 4 Girls
11.15am	Year 4 Boys
11.35am	Year 3 Girls
11.40am	Year 3 Boys
12.00pm	Year 2 Girls
12.05pm	Year 2 Boys

LUNCH

1.30pm	Year 1 Girls Orion
1.35pm	Year 1 Boys Orion
1.45pm	Year 1 Girls Matawhero
1.50pm	Year 1 Boys Matawhero
2.00pm	Certificates written. Children back to classrooms, bags packed etc.
2.15pm	Year 1-2 certificates in Matariki
2.35pm	Year 3-6 certificates in Matariki



Frequently Asked Questions - Cross Country

Q - Where is the best place to watch my child run?

A - The best place to watch all races from is the raised hill area between Earth/Ra and the school field, where you will be able to see most of the course. This is also where the finish line is located. You are welcome to wander over the course and view racing, but parents are asked to remain behind any roped off area so they don't unintentionally impede any participants.

Q - How is my child being prepared for the event?

A - All classroom teachers are taking their students out regularly for training to get ready for the event. This training has been specifically thought out to raise fitness and endurance levels, thereby providing the students with a feeling of achievement, perseverance, well-being and increased physical fitness. The training includes practice runs around the actual cross country course, as well as other fitness activities.

Q - How were the courses designed?

A - The courses for each year level were designed around appropriate distances for each age group. We have tried to include as many aspects of cross country running as possible such as grass, firm (concrete/stony) paths, wet areas, dips, obstacles to jump, etc.

Q - What should my child wear?

A - Students have been encouraged to wear running shoes for training as there are some areas with small stones. Shoes should also be worn for the race. We encourage students to wear clothing in their house colours to school for the day. This clothing should be appropriate to run freely in, and it will probably get dirty!

Q - Why do you write place numbers on students' hands at the finish?

A - While we predominantly promote and encourage students to participate and have fun, our cross country event is a race. As with all curriculum areas, we accept that we have a mixture of students - some who find this

type of event personally challenging, and some who wait all year for it because it is something they excel in and enjoy. Place numbers are written on students' hands for two reasons. Firstly, to assist with certificate writing and awarding of house points. Secondly, so that students know where they came. This is important for them personally so that they can relate their placing to how they went the previous year, or to look ahead to the following year. It is not considered by staff as a way of seeing "which student did better than another", and in fact this is actively discouraged by our teachers. The focus is on each individual's performance and their progress against themselves.

Q - Will there be hay bales again this year?

A - There will be hay bales to climb/jump over on the competition day, so hurdles are being placed on the track for practices so students can experience jumping over an object. The hay bales will be on the course prior to the event for one or two practices.

Q - What do you feel you get from participating in Cross Country?

A - A few thoughts from Milky Way 17 students . . .

- Increased self confidence, knowing you can do it (Hunter)
- Building endurance, being able to keep going when things get tough/when your body is tired (Jake)
- Building fitness, overall well being (Emma)
- Perseverance, learning to keep going when you get tired (Emma)
- Learning to never give up (Teimania)
- The opportunity to achieve a goal and have that feeling of accomplishment (Paige)
- Even if I don't look forward to it, I notice improvements in my running and fitness every year (Lisa)
- Even when you get sore legs, that means you are making them stronger (Jake)

Sometimes, sports may not be fun for your child. While it's one thing to tell a child, "that's life!", it's more productive to challenge them to find joy through the commitment. There's a sense of accomplishment that comes with perseverance and resilience. It's important that children understand and learn how to stay committed to a situation.

We feel it is important that you talk to your child when they meet a skill, activity or sport that is difficult to master. Resist the urge to "save" them and don't allow them to quit at the first sign of trouble. Instead, use the experience as a way to teach resilience and an opportunity for success. Help them to brainstorm strategies and make an action plan, but allow them to take ownership of the solution.

As parents we all want to see our children succeed, but they need to know that frustrating and painful moments are not the end of something but rather, they are a natural part of the journey toward achievement and success.

Regards,

Te Totara Primary School Sports Committee

LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS - BOOKINGS OPEN NOW! CLOSES MONDAY 20TH AUGUST 2018 @ 3.00PM



Learning Plan Discussions will take place on **Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd August, 2018** for all students **except Matawhero 2**.

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 22nd August, 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 23rd August, 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

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 **f6a6e** 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" from the confirmation screen.

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 20th August, 2018 @ 3.00pm. We will not be able to accept bookings after this date/time. School will finish at 2.00pm both days.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

As the whole school will finish at **2.00pm** on Wednesday 22nd August & Thursday 23rd August 2018; After School Care will begin at 2.00pm, **for those children enrolled.**

PHOTOLIFE CLASS & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

Soon after Photo Day your son or daughter will bring home an online slip with their unique Shoot Key detailed on it. When you log-in your personalised Shoot Key number will display all the photographs of your child including an individual photo (and sibling photo if you have ordered one).

It is then an easy process for you to shop online and purchase the photographs you want. If you place your order within three weeks of receiving your Shoot Key you will receive free delivery of your order to the school.

If you order after the 3 week free delivery period, a postage & handling fee per order will apply and orders will be sent to your home.

For families who do not wish to use the Photolife online system, order envelopes will be available from the School Office soon after Photo Day.



SENIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) "Circus Splendida"

Wednesday 26th September 2018 at 1.30pm & 7.00pm
both performances are by the Milky Way & Earth Teams

Thursday 27th September 2018 at 1.30pm & 7.00pm
both performances are by the Marama & Ra Teams

Further information will follow in our school newsletter over the next few weeks. Pop the above dates in your diary!



JOB VACANCY - TE TOTARA AFTER SCHOOL CARE

After School Care is looking for an ASC worker who will be available Monday through to Thursday. We need someone who enjoys working with children, and will actively supervise them in a variety of settings during our busy afternoons. If you think this is you, please email your CV and 2 references to afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz

FOOTWEAR IN LOST PROPERTY

Our Caretakers have accumulated a large number of unclaimed footwear in their shed. If your child is missing footwear, please ask them to speak to Barnie or Ian. Items will be available for next week only. Any remaining footwear by the end of this week will be donated to the Red Cross.

Just a reminder, all children should be arriving and departing school wearing their correct school uniform footwear.



BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will arrive on **Friday 17th August and run until Thursday 23rd August, 2018.** A brochure will go home with each child today. All students will get a chance to look at the books with their classes on Friday 17th August - Wednesday 23rd August. There will be an EFT-POS machine available for purchases, and credit cards are accepted. 35% of the total sales go back to the school library.

Opening hours:

Friday 17th August	2.45pm - 4.00pm
Monday 20 August	3.00pm - 4.00pm
Tuesday 21st August	3.00pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday 22nd August	2.00pm - 5.30pm
Thursday 23rd August	2.00pm - 6.00pm

LIBRARY CLOSED

The library will be closed from Friday 17th August until Thursday 23rd August due to the Book Fair. We have extended the loan period for books borrowed so students' library books will not become overdue.

ROUND THE BRIDGES - TE TOTARA TEAM

Every year thousands of runners and walkers descend upon Hamilton City Centre for one of NZ's oldest and most beloved annually contested events, Lugton's Round the Bridges!

A notice about joining our Te Totara Round the Bridges team went home earlier this week. If your child is interested in participating in the school team you can pick up a notice from Mrs Gardyne in Marama 14.

Important Information:

Race Day:	Sunday 18th November, 2018
Time:	7.30am - 9.30am
Location:	Hamilton City Council Reception
Price:	\$6.00 - \$15.00 (depending on when you register)



ART NEWS

There have been lots of exciting things happening around our school in Visual Arts/Art Attack groups. During Term 2, some Year 3&4 children worked with Mrs Gordon and Mrs T during lunchtimes to create some ink paintings, based on Flox designs (a New Zealand artist).

These are lovely and bright and are on display in the Matariki foyer.

Year 5&6 students worked with Ms Mowbray and Miss Turnbull and have designed and painted their own birds from old cardboard boxes. These are on display in the Administration area and are really creative. Another group have painted and decorated 3D box frames and added a quote to each. These will be on display around the school in each pod.

This term our juniors are busy during lunchtimes with their art. Year 2's are working with Miss Grimson and Mrs Wollen creating Pasifika pictures, and Year 0-1 are working with Miss Shannon and Mrs Goile doing some print making with shapes.

Outside there are also some Totem Poles being put up that were designed by Year 6 students in 2017 and painted by artist Liz Wills. You may also have noticed the Flock of Birds from Ra students in 2017 that have now migrated to the new fence. Thanks to Mrs Langley, Ian and Barnie for this new spot.

Thank you to the art leaders for helping and for the effort the Visual Art Team of teachers have put in to this. "Creativity takes courage."

Awesome work everyone!

Angela Sweeney (Visual Art Co-ordinator)

SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

The Board of Trustees are looking to accommodate, if possible, younger siblings and children of staff in the 2019 school year. To help determine this, we urgently need to have out-of-zone Enrolment Forms into the School Office to help with this process.

Please complete a standard Enrolment Form for each child, which is available online from our school website www.tetotara.school.nz or by visiting the School Office.

The Board will look at the number of enrolments, the level of projected student growth and determine how many spaces (if any) for out-of-zone students are available for the 2019 school year. Further information will follow via the school newsletter.

MOVING HOUSE?

Just a little reminder.... if you have moved or will be moving, please remember to advise the School Office of your new contact details so that we can update your child's records accordingly.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by **Friday 10th August, 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 10th August, 2018 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**

This week our children from Neptune and Ra will be attending assembly and our Ra 29 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

Comets	Jaime Hollmann
Ferns	Hayley Taylor
Invaders	Abbey Leatherland
Meteors	Sahashra Jetti, Mikayla Robins
Shooters	Regan McMurray
Stars	Lanayah Marshall

HOCKEY

All Stars	Samantha Wilton
Cheetahs	Travis Cassells
Strikers	Jayson Yang
Shooters	Brooke Laws
Tigers	Tejveer Randhawa

BASKETBALL

Bouncers	Miley Harrison
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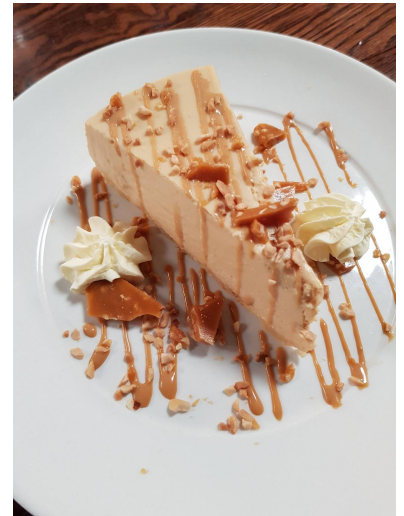
DATES COMING UP

Mon 13 Aug	ICAS, Mathematics (for those students who have registered)
Tues 14 Aug	School Cross Country
Thurs 16 Aug	School Cross Country - Postponement Date
Fri 17 Aug - 23 Aug	Book Fair at School
Wed 22 Aug	2.15pm - 5.30pm - Learning Plan Discussions (School Finishes @ 2.00pm)
Thurs 23 Aug	2.15pm - 6.00pm - Learning Plan Discussions (School Finishes @ 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
Fri 31 Aug	Cancer Society Daffodil Day
Mon 3 Sept	Mid-Term Break - SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 14 Sept	PTA, SCHOOL DISCO - "T" PARTY
Tues 18 Sept	Fairfield Cluster Winter Sports (NO Postponement date)
Thurs 20 Sept	BOT Meeting at 6.30pm
Wed 26 Sept	Senior School Production (1.30pm & 7.00pm performances)
Thurs 27 Sept	Senior School Production (1.30pm & 7.00pm performances)
Fri 28 Sept	END OF TERM 3, SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM

Kind regards,
Brian Sheedy

SMITH AND MCKENZIE CHEESECAKE FESTIVAL

The annual Cheesecake Festival is on at Smith & McKenzie until Sunday 26th August, 2018. Te Totara's flavour is **Salted Peanut and Caramel** – how yum is that? Simply purchase a piece and vote for us – it's that easy!



DISCO – “TE TOTARA ‘T’ PARTY”

We are holding a disco on **14 SEPTEMBER**. The Theme is ‘**T Party**’, so start thinking of costume ideas – **anything that starts with the letter ‘T’**. Will you be a tree, the Terminator, a T-Rex or a teapot? Maybe a turtle, a train or a Transformer? Tennis player, teacher or tiger? Get your thinking caps on, there will be spot prizes for the best costumes...

PERSONNEL UPDATE

We are pleased to welcome Jackie Smith back as our PTA Secretary – great to have you back, Jacks!

Your PTA committee:

Scott, Fiona, Rae, Jackie and Vicki

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.

Nature Based Programme, a huge hit!

Thirty children had a fantastic time at the nature-based holiday programme over the holidays. The kids created their own mudslide, climbed trees, cooked sausages over an open fire, built huts, whittled sticks, played soccer, roly-poly down hills and explored some cool puddles in the nearby Hamilton Gardens. Some children had a taste of the programme over two or three days, while other hardy souls stayed for the whole week.

The kids loved making their own decisions and were very responsible about risk assessment. Feeling safe is imperative to learning, developing and exploring. Letting children make their own decisions around risk-taking helps them to be curious and wonder in their own time. Kids also learn to communicate, negotiate, and work as a team when left to their own devices. When supervision is limited to safety concerns rather than the direction of learning, that's when kids really develop. If you agree that kids spend too much time indoors these days, and are often being ‘instructed’ and catered for by adults through structured activities, this nature-based holiday programme may be for you. It offers an antidote to structured ‘learning’, and supports kids’ physical, mental and social health. To register your interest for the October Holiday Programme, email info@consciouskids.co.nz