

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

TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER, 2018

DUE TO TEACHERS STRIKE

The Teachers Strike is for the full day, so currently the **School will be closed on Tuesday 13th November 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 continuing negotiations regarding the Collective Employment Contracts for Teachers and Principals. They have both agreed to mediation to try and come to agreement on conditions and pay. The offers made by the Ministry of Education have been 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. At this stage it is unlikely and that the strike will go ahead as planned.

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 Press Release dated 6 June, along with the Ministry of Education press release on negotiations dated 3 July:

[NZEI press release on negotiations](#)

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

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

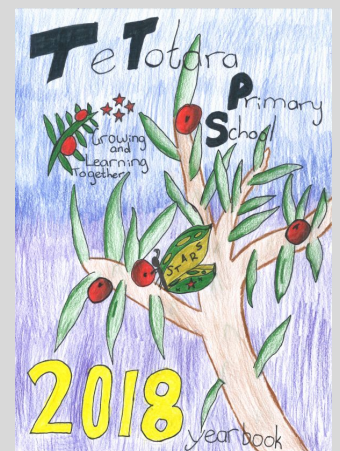
NZEI TE RIU ROA

2018 YEARBOOK

ORDERS OPEN NOW THROUGH KINDO ONLY

Our wonderful school Yearbook is currently being put together, it's a great record of the years' learning and events and includes over 100 full colour pages. Children love reading the pages and do so for many years. Yearbook orders are placed through KINDO and close on **Friday 16th November, 2018 @ 3.00pm**. **Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.**

Please note: If you have Grandparents or friends who wish to order their own copy of the Yearbook, this must be ordered through KINDO and combined with your family order.



YEARS 3-6 ATHLETICS DAY WEDNESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER, 2018

Our Senior Athletic day is coming up in Week 5.

We have an exciting programme planned for the day which is detailed below.

Note to parents: Children are encouraged to wear their school house colours on Athletics Day.

Time	Long Jump Boys	Long Jump Girls	50m Sprint	Tennis Ball Throw Boys	Tennis Ball Throw Girls	100m Sprint 80m sprint (Yr 3)
	Behind Milky Way	Field	By hill	Field	Field	Far side of field
9:00am	All children gather on Turf for welcome in their house colours.					
9:10am – 10:00am	Year 6	Year 6	Year 3	Year 4	Year 4	Year 5
10.00-10:25am & 11:10-11:35am	Year 5	Year 5	Year 6	Year 3	Year 3	Year 4
11:40am-12:30 pm	Year 4	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 6	Year 3
12:30pm	800m race for those who are keen. No heats. Straight finals. Year 4-6.					
LUNCH						
1:35pm – 2:25pm	Year 3	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 5	Year 6
2:30pm – 2:55pm	House Relays if time permits					

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:



2018 YEARBOOK - Sorry, no late orders will be accepted

(Orders Close on Friday 16th November, 2018 @ 3.00pm)

Ra Team Waikato Museum Trip

(Registrations & payment closes Thursday 8th November (tonight) @ 6.00pm)

Questions?

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.

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.

STUDENTS LEAVING TE TOTARA

If you have not already notified us and are planning to leave our school at the end of 2018 (*other than Year 6 students*), it would be appreciated if you could please urgently advise us by emailing Marise Crow at receptionist@tetotara.school.nz

If you have a child coming to Te Totara in the future, we would love to have an Enrolment Form - it would be very much appreciated and certainly help with our future planning.

SWIM SCHOOL LESSONS AT TE TOTARA

We are looking at running Swimming Lessons in the January 2019 School Holidays and an 8-week block course starting in Term 1, 2019.

School Holiday Lessons - January 2019

This will be a 1-week block course for your child/ren. Pre-school children's lessons will also be available if there is enough interest.

Block courses will be held over 2 weeks if we get enough swimmers, 14th - 18th January and 21st - 25th January if there is enough interest.

Your child/ren's lesson would be held at the same time each day for the week for 25 minutes. These lessons are usually held at school between 9.00am-1.00pm.

Term 1, 2019 Lessons

This will be an 8 week block course for your child/ren. Pre-school children's lessons will also be available if there is enough interest.

Lessons will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week after school.

We are looking to start these lessons on Tuesday 12th February 2019, with the last lessons being held Thursday 4th April 2019.

Parents are reminded please to stay on site for your child's swim school lesson as per our swim school terms and conditions.

If your child/ren attend our ASC, arrangements can be made for your child to attend these lessons.

A copy of our terms and conditions is available on our school website or from our School Office.

Please e-mail Celeste if you would be interested in making a booking with your child's name and swimming level celestem@tetotara.school.nz



WEETBIX TRYATHALON - SUNDAY 17TH FEBRUARY, 2019

It's Weetbix TRYathlon time again! It is being held at the University of Waikato grounds and will be on in Hamilton on **Sunday 17th February, 2019**. Register online now to get the earlybird price, and don't forget to scroll down on the registration form and click on our school name so that we can hopefully win "biggest school group" again! To register, go to "try.weetbix.co.nz". There is information there about doing the TRYathlon on your own or as part of a team.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on Friday 9th November, 2018 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.

This week our children from Orion, Kōpū & Marama will be attending assembly and our Orion 7 and Orion 10 children will be sharing.

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

TOUCH RUGBY

Chargers	Zach Muller
Chiefs	Tayla Palmer, Kane Faulkner
Gunns	Kade Neville, Nate Hamilton
Pacers	Mikayla Robins
Rockets	Lily Baxter, Abigail Joubert

CRICKET

Thunders	Luka Devcich
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DATES COMING UP

Tues 13 Nov	SCHOOL CLOSED - Proposed Teachers Strike
Wed 14 Nov	Senior Athletics Yrs 3-6
Thurs 15 Nov	Senior Athletics Yrs 3-6 Postponement Date
Fri 23 Nov	PTA - School "HAPPY HOLIDAYS" Disco (\$2.00 entry fee) Years 0-2 from 5.30pm - 6.30pm in the Matariki Hall Years 3-6 from 6.45pm - 8.00pm in the Matariki Hall
Thurs 29 Nov	RJHS Orientation Day 9.30am - 12.30pm (Enrolled students only)
Tues 4 Dec	Year 6 Leavers Supper
Wed 5 Dec	Volunteers "Thank you" Morning Tea @ 9.00am
Tues 11 Dec	End of Year Celebration
Wed 12 Dec	End of Year Celebration (postponement date)
Fri 14 Dec	END OF TERM 4, SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM

Kind regards,

Anne Fraser

Deputy Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

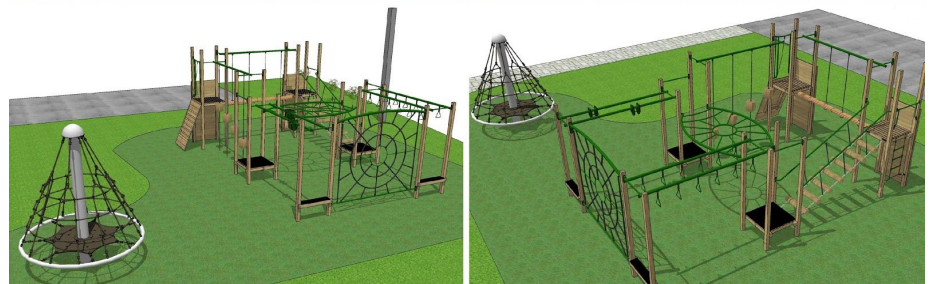
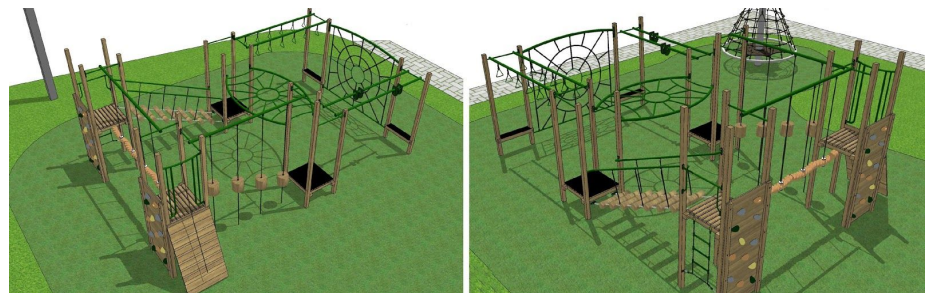
EMAIL: tetotara.pta@gmail.com www.facebook.com/TTPTA

NEW PLAYGROUND IS GO-GO-GO!

We are so excited to share the news that the NEW PLAYGROUND that the PTA has fundraised for is underway! Thanks to the generous support from our school and community, we have raised \$80,000 which will pay for the playground, to be built on the grassy area behind Matariki.

Huge thanks to Mrs Renee Morgan and the Te Totara Student Council for their terrific ideas and hard work on this project, and to Mr Sheedy and the Board of Trustees for making it all happen. Great things happen when we all work together ☺

Completion of the playground will be in January 2019, all ready for the start of another exciting school year.



BEAN BURGERS

MEAT & MEAT ALTERNATIVES

Ingredients:

- 1 can cannellini beans – drained and mashed
- 300g cooked potato, kumara or carrot – mashed
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1-2 tbsp olive oil
- 4 tbsp breadcrumbs

Method:

Combine the cannellini beans with the mashed vegetables, salt and pepper, olive oil and breadcrumbs. Roll into patties and bake/fry until golden – delicious as a filling for burgers or wraps.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2018

Te Totara
PRIMARY SCHOOL
PTA

END OF YEAR DISCO FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER, 2018

Wow, we are speeding towards the end of the school year. To celebrate all that is wonderful about our school, we are holding the final PTA disco of the year on **Friday 23rd November**. Dress up encouraged – come along for another fun night of dancing, lollies and lights!

We will need lots of PARENT HELPERS please, for setting up the hall on Thursday 22 Nov, and on the disco night itself.

It is an easy, fun and sociable job that only takes a couple of hours – please PM us through our Facebook page if you can help, thank you. If there aren't enough people to help then we may not be able to hold the disco.

AND FINALLY....

Here at the PTA we have a few members who are moving on at the end of the year as their children depart Te Totara. PLEASE consider joining us. With our major fundraising objectives over the last couple of years now met, please do not be put off by the idea that it is too much work. It is fun, rewarding and is good for meeting other parents and forming a 'community spirit'. We would love to welcome all new faces at our next meeting, please keep an eye out for details.

Your PTA committee: *Scott, Fiona, Rae, Jackie and Vicki*

