

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)

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### Appointment of New Principal of Te Totara Primary School

Dear Parents & Caregivers

As you are aware, Brian Sheedy, notified us in December of his intention to change his career direction. Brian has served Te Totara Primary School and the wider community as Principal over the past 11 years and he leaves the school in a wonderful position.

The Board of Trustees has spent the last few months following a rigorous procedure to select the new Principal and we now have great pleasure in announcing that Anne Fraser is that successful person, and has accepted the role.

Anne knows the school well and has been Deputy Principal of Te Totara Primary School for the past 11 years. Together with Brian, she has worked within a co-leadership role over this period and last year Anne and Brian played a pivotal role in the Te Totara team achieving an outstanding result of consecutive 4-5 year ERO Reviews. This is a significant achievement.

Anne brings with her exceptional professionalism and dedication, she has a particular passion on delivering a high standard of curriculum across the school and is well supported by a great team of teaching staff and support staff.

The Board of Trustees is extremely excited about the passion and energy that Anne brings to Te Totara and we look forward to the next period of continual high level of student achievement within our school.

*Regards, Te Totara Primary School Board of Trustees*

#### Message from our new Principal

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you how delighted and humbled I feel that your Board of Trustees has appointed me to be the new Principal. I am absolutely committed to this school delivering the best education we can by working in partnership with our staff, families, whanau and our students. I very much enjoy listening to and sharing ideas and actions with all parts of our community. Please feel free to catch up with me for a chat when you see me, it has been fantastic to have so many of you greet me with warm congratulations over the past few days. Growing great people has always inspired the work that I do, thank you so much for the privilege of being part of your lives and working with your amazing children. *Regards, Anne Fraser*



#### **\*\* URGENT \*\* TE TOTARA FAMILIES / WHANAU SURVEY 2019**

Your survey link is here: [Te Totara Families / Whanau Survey 2019](#)

The survey link is only open for a short time so we are asking you to grab 10 minutes of your time to complete the survey **before the end of today, Thursday 7th March, 2019.**

If you don't have access to an iPad or computer please see your child's teacher or the office staff. We can provide you with one to use onsite to complete the survey.

It is very valuable to the school to get feedback in this area so we are able to respond to the data and build actions for next steps, that reflect the wishes of our all school community.

Your participation is very much appreciated.

**LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSION BOOKINGS  
& GOAL-SETTING LETTER  
BOOKINGS OPEN FRIDAY 8TH MARCH, 2019  
@ 9.00AM (TOMORROW)**



Learning Plan Discussions will take place on **Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th March, 2019** for all students (**except Room 7 - Mrs Wink & Room 35 - Mrs Glyde**).

**Room 7** will have their Learning Plan Discussions on **Tuesday 26th March, 2019 (3.15pm - 4.30pm)** and **Wednesday 27th March, 2019 (2.15pm - 5.30pm)**. A letter will be sent home to the families of Room 7 explaining this change. Please use the same school booking code of **a33hm**

**Room 35** will have their Learning Plan Discussions on **Tuesday 26th March, 2019 (3.15pm - 4.30pm)**, **Wednesday 27th March, 2019 (2.15pm - 5.30pm)** & **Thursday 28th March (2.15pm - 3.30pm)**. A letter will be sent home to the families of Room 35 explaining this change. Please use the same school booking code of **a33hm**

Today, each student will bring home today a **“Goal-Setting”** letter which will help teachers prepare for the Learning Plan Discussions. **Each student is required to return to the Goal-Setting letter to their classroom teacher by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.** If your original sheet doesn't make it home this week or is lost, please visit our school website [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz) under the newsletters tab OR click on the following link: [Student Goal-Setting Letter](#)

We have arranged **15 minute time slots** for the discussion, there will be a changeover 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:

**Tuesday 26th March, 2019 - Rooms 7 & 35 ONLY**

3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm & 4.30pm

**Wednesday 27th March, 2019**

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 28th March, 2019**

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](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) – our school code is **a33hm**. You can also access this site via our school website [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://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” under Parent Bookings** when you have booked an interview time.

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 Friday 22nd March, 2019 @ 3.00pm. We will not be able to accept bookings after this date/time.**

### PLEASE NOTE:

School will finish at 2.00pm both Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th March for all students (including Rooms 7 & 35). Students will need to be collected at 2.00pm - Thanks.

### AFTER SCHOOL CARE

As the whole school will finish at 2.00pm on Wednesday 27th March & Thursday 28th March 2019 (including Rooms 7 & 35); After School Care will begin at 2.00pm, for those children enrolled.

Spaces are limited.... so if your child/ren normally attends ASC on either/both those days, please advise ASC two weeks in advance if you DO NOT require your booking. Otherwise, your child/ren will be booked in for the earlier start time of 2.00pm automatically on those days.

Any queries, please email Anna Herbert: [afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz)

### **\*\* URGENT \*\* - SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2019 Enrolment Period of 1st June 2019 - 19th December, 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 our standard Enrolment Form for each child, which is available online from our school website [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://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 for out-of-zone students are available for the upcoming enrolment period of **1st June 2019 - 19th December, 2019**. 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.

**Please return the completed OUTZ Enrolment Form, including the relevant documentation, to the School Office by Friday 15th March, 2019.**

## Netsafe release regarding the Momo Challenge

<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/momo-challenge-advisory-february-2019>



Netsafe has received reports relating to young people who have been exposed to a harmful online “game” known as the Momo Challenge. Although we have not received any reports of young people in New Zealand taking part in the “challenge”, we are aware that some young people have seen content relating to Momo and have been very upset by the content and imagery. There has also been talk about whether this “challenge” is real or a hoax. Regardless of whether the actual challenge itself exists, individuals who come across Momo related content may experience emotional distress at seeing it – particularly younger children.

Netsafe encourages anyone that comes across content relating to the Momo Challenge or other similar ‘challenge’ content to immediately report it to the social media site or website that it’s on. In New Zealand, it is against the law to incite another person to take their own life. If somebody is targeting a young person to play this “game”, or attempting to incite suicide, you should contact the Police and Netsafe for help, and a mental health service for support. Netsafe can also provide advice for any parents who are concerned about this challenge. If young people are expressing feelings about self-harm or suicide then this should be followed up with appropriate mental health support.

Netsafe’s advice for parents about exposure to upsetting content:

- Have a conversation with young people about what to do if they do come across upsetting content online
- Let your child know that they can come to you when they find something upsetting and they won’t get in trouble
- Stay calm if they do come to you – don’t assign blame, reassure them that it’s not their fault and don’t punish them for seeking help
- Normalise their feelings – let them know that it is normal to feel scared, confused or upset
- Don’t over-react by taking away the technology – this may make them less likely to talk to you if something else happens
- For young children in particular, consider using parental controls to block out specific keywords like “Momo”
- If you or your child comes across this type of content report it to the platform that it’s on
- If your child is expressing any concerning feelings, follow up with mental health support
- If you know that a young person has been engaging in this challenge, report it to the Police and Netsafe, and contact a mental health service for support.

For more advice about children viewing upsetting content online, visit our [Upsetting Content page](#).

This excerpt taken from Snopes.com:

Perhaps the best general [advice](#) is for parents to address such issues pre-emptively, not necessarily dwelling on any specific rumours but advising their children to be responsible and let them know if they encounter anything in the digital realm that appears frightening or threatening:

“Pre-emptively addressing something with your kid is always better,” said Dr. Meghan Walls, a paediatric psychologist.

She says it might be a good idea to gently ask your younger kids if they know about this. “Something like, You know, there’s some scary things that pop up on phones and tablets and if you ever see something like that, come get me.”

And for your older kids? Maybe get them to promise they’ll talk to you about the Momo Challenge if it’s sent to them. It’s not realistic to simply take their phone away, but let them know this is cyberbullying, it’s potentially dangerous, and that you’re trusting them to let you know what’s going on.

“Especially as kids get older and they are teenagers, they want some of that autonomy, and they deserve it as long as they can show you they’re responsible enough,” Walls said.

Need help or advice? Contact Netsafe:

- Text 'Netsafe' to 4282
- Email [help@netsafe.org.nz](mailto:help@netsafe.org.nz)
- Call us toll free on 0508 NETSAFE (0508 638 723)
- Online report form at [netsafe.org.nz/report](https://www.netsafe.org.nz/report)

Their helpline is open from 8.00am – 8.00pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am – 5.00pm on weekends.

**IF YOU NEED TO TALK TO SOMEONE ELSE:**

- **0800 543 354 (0800 LIFELINE) or free text 4357 (HELP) (available 24/7)**
- <https://www.lifeline.org.nz/services/suicide-crisis-helpline>
- **YOUTHLINE: 0800 376 633**
- **NEED TO TALK? Free call or text 1737 (available 24/7)**
- **KIDSLINE: 0800 543 754 (available 24/7)**
- **WHATSUP: 0800 942 8787 (1pm to 11pm)**
- **DEPRESSION HELPLINE: 0800 111 757 or TEXT 4202**

## **2019 FEES AVAILABLE TO PAY VIA KINDO NOW**

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



### **Hockey (Terms 2 & 3)**

**Registrations close tomorrow, Friday 8th March, 2019 @ 3.00pm**

### **Miniball (Term 2 only)**

**Registrations close on Friday 27th March, 2019 @ 3.00pm**

### **Netball (Terms 2 & 3)**

**Registrations close on Friday 27th March, 2019 @ 3.00pm**



### **Questions?**

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.

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.***

## **WINTER SPORTS MUSTER INTEREST LETTERS**

Interest letters for our winter sports of Hockey, Miniball (Basketball) and Netball were handed out at our Winter Sports Muster last week. If your child missed out on attending the muster or getting an Interest Letter and they are keen to play one of these sports for Te Totara, copies of the letters are available from the School Office. Alternatively, you can contact Craig Rodger for Hockey, Craig McAuley (Room 13) for Miniball and Levi O'Hallahan (Room 34) for Netball.

**All sports registrations** are completed online via your KINDO account. See below for cut-off dates.

***Sorry, no late registrations will be accepted***



## 2019 BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

This year there is a Board of Trustees election coming up and we wanted to give everyone plenty of opportunity to think about standing for the Board. The below links provide a brief guide as to what it entails:

<http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/>

[Community Member Guide to the Role of the Board of Trustees](#)

[Kōrari Programme](#)

**Key Dates for the Te Totara Primary School 2019 Board of Trustees Elections are:**

*Close Main Roll – noon Wednesday 8th May*

*Call for Nominations – Friday 10th May*

*Close Supplementary Roll – noon Wednesday 22nd May*

*Nominations Close – noon Friday 24th May*

*Voting Papers Sent by – Wednesday 29th May*

***Election Day (voting closes) – noon Friday 7th June***

*Vote Count – Thursday 13th June*

*Board takes Office – Friday 14th June*

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 8th March, 2019 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.** This week our children from **Neptune and Ra** will attend assembly.

## TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

If you are a Coach or Manager,  
please email the POD

to [celestem@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:celestem@tetotara.school.nz)

**TOUCH**

Gunns

Lily Baxter

## DATES COMING UP

**Fri 22 March**

**PTA Ice-Block Day**

**Wed 27 March**

**Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm - 5.30pm**

**- School Finishes at 2.00pm**

**Thurs 28 March**

**Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm - 6.00pm**

**- School Finishes at 2.00pm**

**Fri 5 April**

**PTA "Round the World" School Disco (\$2.00 Entry Fee at the door)**

*Years 0-2 from 5.45pm - 6.45pm*

*Years 3-6 from 7.00pm - 8.30pm*

**Mon 8 April**

**Routine New Entrant Vision & Hearing Checks at school**

**Fri 12 April**

**PTA Ice-Block Day**

**Fri 12 April**

**3.00pm End of Term 1, 2019**

Kind Regards,

**Anne Fraser**

**Principal**

## Kōrari programme form

The Kōrari programme is set up for parents and people in the community who would like to learn more about the role of school trustees.

Kōrari is an introduction workshop and a set of resources that NZSTA has developed to provide governance training. We run a series of free Kōrari workshops around the country.

Register with NZSTA to find out more about Kōrari workshops in your region.

**DRINKS**

**FIZZY**

**1 can = 8-11 tsp sugar**

Fizzy drinks are high in sugar which can damage our teeth and health. They provide **NO** goodness for our bodies.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2019

The poster features a red can of Fizzy drink, a white tooth, and a red speech bubble containing the text '1 can = 8-11 tsp sugar'. The word 'DRINKS' is written vertically on the left side. The Fizzy logo is at the top, and a small cartoon character is next to it. The background is blue and purple.

# TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: [tetotara.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tetotara.pta@gmail.com)  
[www.facebook.com/TTPTA](http://www.facebook.com/TTPTA)



## CONGRATULATIONS TO ANNE FRASER

We wish to warmly congratulate Mrs Anne Fraser on her new permanent role as Principal of Te Totara Primary School. The school is very fortunate to have her vast expertise, warmth and gracious style leading us forward.

The PTA, on behalf of all school families, proudly presented Anne with a bouquet of flowers to acknowledge and congratulate her. We look forward to working with Anne and the Te Totara team to achieve many more future successes for our wonderful school community.



## HELPERS NEEDED PLEASE

**We are seeking volunteer parents for the lunchtime Ice-Block Day on Friday 22nd March.**

Just 45 minutes of your time (12.15pm-1.00pm) will result in hundreds of happy little faces. It is so worth it! Please send us a message via our Facebook page (details below) or by texting Vicki on (021) 884 820. Thank you.

## SCHOOL DISCO ON FRIDAY 5 APRIL, 2019

Our first School Disco of the year is coming up soon! The theme is **'Around the World'** so come along in a costume from anywhere in the world: national costumes, traditional cultural outfits, sports team, flags.... there is a huge amount to choose from!

This year we are running things a bit differently – The Senior pods will take it in turns to be the 'hosts' of the disco! Marama pod is first up ☺

**If you are a Marama parent, please ensure you return your sign-up form as soon as possible to your classroom teacher. We need to help to run the School Disco! Thank you.**

## PTA EVENTS COMING UP

**Wed 20 Mar**

**PTA MEETING** @ 7.30pm in the staff lounge, all welcome. Please come along and be the first to know all the exciting plans we are undertaking this year.

**\$2 LUNCHTIME \$2**  
**LEMONADE ICE BLOCKS**  
**FRIDAY 22 MARCH**  
**OUTSIDE MATARIKI AFTER**  
**'EATING FOR LEARNING'**

Proudly hosted by  
**MARAMA STUDENTS!**

Te Totara PTA  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**AROUND THE WORLD' DISCO**

**FRIDAY 5 APRIL**

COME DRESSED IN A COSTUME FROM ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD

Years 0-2: 5:45pm-6:45pm • Years 3-6: 7:00pm-8:30pm  
MATARIKI HALL • ENTRY \$2 • REFRESHMENTS & NOVELTIES FOR SALE

**Fri 22 Mar**            **ICE-BLOCK DAY** - \$2.00 each at lunchtime.

**Fri 5 April**            **DISCO – ‘Around the World’**. Come dressed in a costume from anywhere in the world!

**Fri 12 April**           **ICE-BLOCK DAY** - \$2.00 each at lunchtime

Please ‘like’ our Facebook page to ensure you keep in the news loop:  
[www.facebook.com/TTPTA](http://www.facebook.com/TTPTA)

Your PTA committee: *Scott, Fiona, Rae, Raewyn 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.

### HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL

*Rototuna taku manawa taki E poipoia te aapoopoo  
E whakairo te taaukiuki Hei kainga ngaakau*

Rototuna the place I love That nurtures the future  
Through the embrace of yesteryear My haven. My  
home

An exciting new development in Rototuna is one step closer to taking shape.

The Council is inviting people to have their say on the new Rototuna village being developed in the fast-growing north-eastern suburbs of Hamilton.

“Following the Council decision last year to set aside funds for the development of community facilities in Rototuna, the project has been moving forward at a rapid pace. There has been a huge amount of work undertaken in quite a short space of time – and now the community is able to have their say,” said Natasha Ryan, project manager for Rototuna.

The Council set aside \$19.6M in 2018 for the development of community facilities in Rototuna.

The community facilities agreed were:

- a community centre and library, with bookable rooms and meeting places
- a village square
- carparks

Both proposals feature space for a potential pool/fitness centre which would need to be developed in partnership with a commercial operator.

While recognising there have been high community expectations an aquatic centre would be built in Rototuna, the Council is being clear at the outset of this engagement process, a potential pool is only viable if a commercial operator can be attracted to invest.

Initial engagement with people of the north-eastern suburbs early-on, expressed their desire for “a welcoming community village with flexible, inviting, connected and usable spaces”.

“We are presenting two proposals to start a conversation, each with different strengths and weaknesses. It’s very important that the people of Rototuna have their say, so we have a better understanding of their needs, and how we can best design the village to strengthen the community within the parameters we have,” Ms Ryan said.

“The Council has no preferred proposal – we genuinely want the people of Rototuna to talk to us about what they like about the proposals.”

The area for the village development is on North City Rd, to the north of Borman Rd.

#### Media advisory

Rototuna Village – Your Rototuna  
– Have your say

4 March 2019

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE





## The proposals

Two proposals have been developed to offer the growing community the opportunity to develop a unique and special place



Here is the link to the Rototuna village page on the Hamilton City Council website:

[www.hamilton.govt.nz/our-city/city-development/rototuna/Pages/Rototuna-Village.aspx](http://www.hamilton.govt.nz/our-city/city-development/rototuna/Pages/Rototuna-Village.aspx)

Please see our school newsletter tab for the Hamilton City Council brochure “Rototuna - Your Neighbourhood” Update.

Community conversations – where you can come along, ask questions and have your say...

**The Peak** Tuesday 19 March 3.00pm-7.00pm

**Summerset Retirement Village** Tuesday 26 March 9.00am-12.00pm (noon)

**Rototuna High School** Saturday 30 March 1.00pm-5.00pm

There will be a brochure dropped to 10,000 households in the north-east on 12-14th March summarising the two proposals and providing a feedback form.

Also – people can go online to make their views known:

[hamilton.govt.nz/rototunavillage](http://hamilton.govt.nz/rototunavillage) or email: [rototuna@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:rototuna@hcc.govt.nz)

### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Samantha Whittle, Communication and Engagement Advisor, HCC  
(07) 838-6507

### Edventure Outdoors- School Holiday Camp

Based in Pauanui with pick up points throughout Waikato. We will be surfing, snorkelling, Hot Water beach & Cathedral cove, fishing, tramping and much more. Our camps aim to teach kids about bush and water safety through immersing them in high interest activities with qualified and experienced staff. April 15th - 18th book at [www.edventure.co.nz](http://www.edventure.co.nz)

### Squiggle Holiday Programme – 15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Squiggle Holiday Programme is an OSCAR approved programme that is great for girls and boys ages 5-13 years old. We are based at Waikato Diocesan School in Chartwell and offer a huge variety of activities.

Our theme for these holidays is “ Magic ” where we will be learning about the magic of solar energy, playing witch and warlock games and creating potions. We will also be practising healthy eating, cooking ANZAC biscuits, making healthy dips and snacks, and upcycling to make creative arts. Of course Young Engineers will be a key feature in our programme. We will be off to see a live magic and Illusion show on Wednesday 17th April.

Enrolments are now open on [www.squiggle.org.nz](http://www.squiggle.org.nz). If you have any queries, please contact either Katrina on 0279093903 [katrina@squiggle.org.nz](mailto:katrina@squiggle.org.nz).