

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 CROSS COUNTRY - TUESDAY 13TH AUGUST, 2019

(Postponement Date Thursday 15th August, 2019)

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.

## APPROXIMATE 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 - We have a new course this year due to all the construction going on around our school. For this reason the course has been kept within school bounds. The best place to watch all races from is along the back of our school field, under the trees 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 our Neptune 27 students:*

*August: You learn to get your fitness levels up.*

*Xavier: It's about jogging, not sprinting - if you jog you don't get tired*

*Ella: It's tiring because you need to run a long way*

*A few thoughts from our Marama 12 students:*

*Logan: It helps me to get fitter and be competitive*

*Chloe: It makes me puffed - gets my heart rate up*

*Jordan: A hard and competitive course that is lots of fun*

*Vrinda: Something different to what we normally do in a day at school*

*William: I feel puffed and fit*

*Frank: A great sense of accomplishment*

*Jack: I feel enthusiastic competing against other people from my year level*

*Maya: Get faster and improve my fitness*

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*

## 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.

## LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS - BOOKINGS

### Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd August, 2019

## BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN



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 21st August, 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 22nd August, 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 **enryr**. 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 Monday 19th August, 2019 @ 3.00pm. We will not be able to accept bookings after this date/time.**

#### **AFTER SCHOOL CARE - LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS**

As the whole school will finish at **2.00pm** on **Wednesday 21st August & Thursday 22nd August 2019**; 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 2020 Enrolment Period of 20th December 2019 - 30th June, 2020**

The Board of Trustees are looking to accommodate, if possible, younger siblings and children of staff in the 2020 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 **20th December 2019 - 30th June, 2020**. This will be completed in late September, 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 Thursday 15th August, 2019**

#### **DROP-OFF & PICK-UP ZONE FROM 8.15am–9.00am & 2.40pm–3.15pm**

Please note that the drop-off zone is for you to drive in, drop-off (or pick-up) your children and depart. We ask that you do not park and leave your car as this causes a backlog of vehicles, this area is designed to keep traffic flowing. You are welcome to use the carpark beside the Matariki Hall if you wish to visit your child's classroom.

### **Kids for Kids Choir performance**

A big thank you to Suzanne Newrick and our 29 'Kids for Kids' choir members for a wonderfully entertaining show on Friday evening. We were part of a massed choir of over 800 kids, enthusiastically singing many of New Zealand's classic favourite songs.



### **CAR PARKING, BEING A RESPONSIBLE DRIVER AND THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN**

Thanks so much to almost everyone who takes care around the school, on behalf of our children, many thanks. Some tips to make sure we have a safe school:

- *Parking in Disabled car parks is not permitted at any time unless you have a current "Disabled Parking" permit on display in your vehicle. We have a number of families who legitimately require these carparks.*
- *We are noticing a few parents parking their cars on the cobblestones/footpath when picking up and dropping off children to and from school rather than on the driveway, particularly in front of the Administration Block.*
- *Please be aware of residents living in our area and do not park over their driveways as they will be unable to move out of their driveway safely. We do expect our families to abide by traffic rules and common courtesies in their behaviour at all times.*

Ways you can help....

- *When the weather is fine, please encourage your child/ren to scooter, bike or walk to school.*
- *Arrive at 3.12pm - less traffic, parking is easier, less stress all round.*
- *Smile and accept that a few minutes wait is better than a lifetime of misery because one of our children has been injured or something worse has happened.*

### **FREE EAR CLINIC FOR CHILDREN**

Waikato District Health Board offer a Free Ear Clinic for our children. All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. The service included glue ear assessment and management, wax/ foreign body removal, grommet check and treatment of discharging ears.

For enquiries please phone (07) 838-3565, clinic hours are by appointment only.

## SMITH & MACKENZIE 2019 CHEESECAKE COMPETITION

Smith and Mackenzie Steakhouse, Chartwell, have kindly given Te Totara Primary School a cheesecake flavour at this year's Cheesecake Festival. Our school will receive \$1.00 from each piece of their flavour cheesecake purchased. Please pop down to Smith & Mackenzie during the month of August to support our school.

Te Totara Primary School's flavour;

### Mint, Cookies & Cream

Please see the Community Notices section for a voucher for a complimentary kid's main meal during the month of August. Please cut this out and take it with you to redeem.



**CHEESECAKE FESTIVAL**  
EST 2010  
\$10 PER SLICE  
\$34 FOR A SELECTION OF 4 FLAVOURS  
\$12 FOR COFFEE & A SLICE

**SCHOOLS**

ENDEAVOUR SCHOOL: JELLY TIP  
HUKANUI PRIMARY SCHOOL: VEGAN BLUEBERRY, VANILLA COCONUT YOGHURT  
MARIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL: BAKED TOFFEE APPLE CRUMBLE  
ROTOTUNA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL: STRAWBERRY, COCONUT, KAFFIR LIME  
ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL: DARK CHOCOLATE, DORIS PLUM, MACADAMIA  
TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL: MINT, COOKIES AND CREAM  
WOODSTOCK SCHOOL: BLACK FOREST, AFFOGATO

## BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS CAN YOU HELP OUR SATELLITE CLASSES - ROOMS 5 & 6

Please encourage your children to collect bread tags - keeping them out of landfills and funding wheelchairs for those in need.

The Satellite (Rooms 5&6) are collecting them and will deliver them to a collection point.

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs has been established in South Africa for the past 13 years, with the NZ arm launching in February this year. The organisation is 100% run by volunteers, and further information can be found via the links below.

In 5 short months, there are now over 80 collection points throughout New Zealand where the public can drop off their bread tags. You can either choose to collect, and drop them off to your nearest collection point, or you may become a collection point for your community.

Map of NZ current collection points:

[https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?hl=en&hl=en&mid=1jWluwGR\\_2p-PvmGlvep5Z7fT917KXxWd&ll=-42.719372320855825%2C171.95368659873031&z=6](https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?hl=en&hl=en&mid=1jWluwGR_2p-PvmGlvep5Z7fT917KXxWd&ll=-42.719372320855825%2C171.95368659873031&z=6)

Website (including a brief utube clip): <https://breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za>

Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/nzbreadtags/?modal=admin\\_todo\\_tour](https://www.facebook.com/nzbreadtags/?modal=admin_todo_tour)



## 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.



**Gymnastics Festival - Thursday 29th August, 2019 (selected students only)**  
**Cut off date for registration is 3.00pm on Friday 9th August, 2019 (tomorrow)**

### 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.**

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by **TOMORROW, Friday 2nd August, 2019 @ 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.**

## 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)

### NETBALL

Invaders	Jayana Tarawhiti
Magic	Callan McMurray
Meteors	Savannah Bourne
Shooters	Zoe Duggan

### HOCKEY

Hawks	Erica Ansel, Charlotte Osborne, Sophie Baker
Leopards	Aarav Dutt
Tigers	Ekam Aujla

### BASKETBALL

Bucks	Jacob Taaffe
Lakers	Nathan Woolerton



## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 9th August, 2019 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**

This week our children from Neptune and Ra will attend assembly.

This week our children from Ra 31 will be sharing at assembly.

## DATES COMING UP

Tues 13 Aug	Cross Country
Thurs 15 Aug	Cross Country Postponement Date
Wed 21 Aug	Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm - 5.30pm - <b>School Finishes at 2.00pm</b>
Thurs 22 Aug	Learning Plan Discussions 2.15pm - 6.00pm - <b>School Finishes at 2.00pm</b>
Mon 2 Sept	Mid-Term Break - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Mon 16 Sept	Photolife Cultural & Sports Photos
Tues 17 Sept	Cluster Winter Sports at Southwell School
Fri 20 Sept	PTA School Disco, details TBA
Tues 24 Sept	PTA Art Exhibition/Auction
Tues 24 Sept	School wide art exhibition in Pods
Fri 27 Sept	<b>END OF TERM 3, School Finishes at 3.00pm</b>

Ngā mihi,

**Anne Fraser**  
Principal

# TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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



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

Next meeting: TBA

Your PTA committee: *Fiona, Moshe, Rae, Kerry, Shelley*

## 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.**

### ENROLLING AT FAIRFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

We are excited to welcome all prospective students and their whānau and invite you to make an appointment to visit our school to see the school in action.

We would also like to invite you to come and join us at our Information Evening and official open days. Students from our main contributing schools will also be visiting in term three to experience our school.

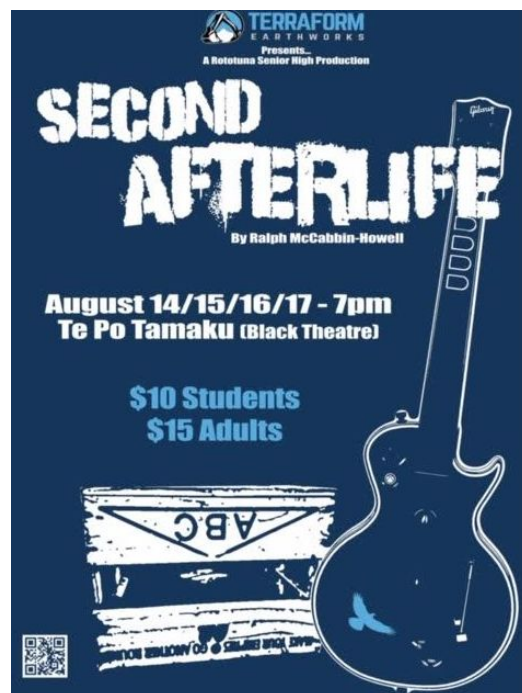
**Information Evening** 20 August 2019 at 7.00pm  
in the school auditorium.

**Open Days** 28 August and 4 September,  
9.00am to 2.30pm.

Enrolment packs (including a more detailed prospectus) are available from the school office from 29 July 2019. We will also be delivering copies of our prospectus and enrolment information to all of our main contributing schools.

[www.fairfieldintermediate.school.nz](http://www.fairfieldintermediate.school.nz)

Follow us on FACEBOOK or via SKOOL LOOP



## CHEESECAKE FESTIVAL - SUPPORT THE TOURETTE'S ASSOCIATION

Smith and Mackenzie Steakhouse, Chartwell, have kindly given the Tourette's Association a cheesecake flavour at this year's Cheesecake Festival. The Tourette's Association will receive \$1 from each piece of their flavour cheesecake purchased. Please pop down to Smith & Mackenzie in August to support the Tourette's Association.

My son was diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome at 7 years old and attends Te Totara Primary. We have attended the Tourette's Association Camp Twitch twice. Every year families/whanau from throughout New Zealand get together at Camp Twitch to meet others just like them. The camps are alternated between the North and South Island to make it easier for families to attend. Camp Twitch is an amazing experience for anyone living with Tourettes. It has allowed my son to feel accepted and given him the opportunity of meeting some amazing role models, and given him a huge boost in self-confidence. As a parent I am so grateful when adults with TS attend camp as it gives me a chance to speak to people experiencing the reality of life with TS and their insight is more valuable than the information that the health professionals provide. It has also allowed me to meet other parents who are going along this crazy ride that is Tourettes.

Donations help towards keeping the Association operational - covering expenses like paying for the ISP to keep the website live; paying for information brochures to be designed and printed to give to teachers; and administration for the likes of camp.

Enjoy a night out at Smith and Mackenzie and please order the Tourette's cheesecake. Thank you, Lorene Cottam

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Every year fundraising gets harder and harder with more people in need; more charities are being created to offer services, meanwhile there is no government funding available to the Tourette's Association. If you can spare \$5.00 we would very much appreciate your support. <https://www.tourettes.org.nz/support-us/make-a-donation/>





Below for a voucher for a complimentary kid's main meal during the month of August. Please cut this out and take it with you to redeem.



**KIDS SPEAK UP!**  
 Kids won't speak out? Got raw energy? — **SPEAK 4** — speeches?  
**AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES:** Kids gain real **SUCCESS**  
**RING** Roz 027 248 2888 www.speak4



**Guitar, ukulele, voice and piano lessons all available at Te Totara!**



### Would your child like to learn to play a musical instrument?

Enrol your child in the music lessons they have always wanted to do.

MusiqHub has guitar, ukulele, voice, and keyboard lessons available at Te Totara School.

#### Did you know students who learn a musical instrument get better marks in other subjects? And that music helps with brain development?

Research has shown *“learning a musical instrument is associated with better cognitive skills and school grades as well as higher conscientiousness, openness, and ambition.”*

Sign your child up to learn a musical instrument and they'll learn skills for life, and not just musical ones. They'll acquire increased coordination, memory and confidence, improved concentration and self-expression, and many other valuable traits.

### CARL WATKINS - MUSIQHUB MANAGER

Carl is a musician with over 20 years experience in the music industry, as a writer, performer and recording artist. He has a Master of Music and has been tutoring for MusiqHub for 5 years, having taken over his own franchise last year. Carl is a trained vocalist, who taught himself to play guitar, ukulele and piano. He writes for orchestra and rock ensembles and is an avid actor. Helping Carl at Te Totara is Mary Smith, who has played all over the world, including in London and New York. She's looking forward to tutoring piano, guitar and ukulele in Term 2.

Lessons are 1/2 an hour long. Keyboards are provided at lesson time but students are required to have their own keyboard or piano for home practice. Guitar and ukulele students are required to have their own instruments.

Costs (GST inclusive). Small Group Tuition \$18.00 per lesson on a term-by-term basis. Individual lessons \$31.00 per lesson on a term-by-term basis (limited availability).

#### Who we are . . .

- MusiqHub is a national network of independent music tutors who are passionate about supporting children's development and learning through music tuition.
- We believe learning music develops life skills in children – confidence, discipline, coordination, self-esteem, teamwork, creativity and self-expression.
- We have awesome teachers who will share their passion for music with your child.

To register or for more information, contact us via:

Phone: 027 388 9558

Email: [carl.watkins@musiqhub.co.nz](mailto:carl.watkins@musiqhub.co.nz)

Or via our website [www.musiqhub.co.nz](http://www.musiqhub.co.nz)

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