

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)

CHARTER SURVEY 2019

Our Board of Trustees works with its local community to make sure that Te Totara Primary School operates in a way that is appropriate for the students, families and community that it serves. This is what schools mean when they talk about "the needs and aspirations of the local community"

The Board and School Leadership creates the school Charter and Strategic Plan. These describe the Board's long term plans for the school and sets goals that will help make them happen. They are generally for between 3-5 years.

The Board then monitors progress towards the long-term plan and goals to make sure the things that are happening in the school are going in the right direction. Our current Charter is for the 3 year period of 2017 - 2019, click on the following link to view this document: [Charter 2017 - 2019](#)

As we are coming to the end of this Charter period we need to consult with our students, staff and families around the next Charter which will be 2020 - 2023. Under our Treaty of Waitangi commitment we also consult with our Maori community.

Te Totara Primary encourages all our families to take part in a short survey to share ideas that will contribute to our Charter (the 'big picture' ideas), the Strategic Plan (the implementation plan) and the Annual year by year detail. We share these for each year with updates on our Website under the tab '2019 Charter', click on the following link to view this document: [2019 Charter](#)

The staff will also be consulting with all our students so that their 'voice' is heard in this process as well.

It is vital that we are able to develop the Charter from your ideas as well as those that are set by the Ministry of Education guidelines. **Please take time to contribute to all or even part of the survey by**

clicking on the following link: [Charter Survey 2019](#)

The deadline for this part of the consultation process is **Friday 1st November, 2019**. The link to the Charter Survey will also be available through Facebook, our school website and Seesaw. If you would like a hard copy of the Charter Survey to complete, please contact the School Office.

Thank you for your help.

Anne Fraser - on behalf of Te Totara Board of Trustees

NZCER NATIONAL SURVEY

Kia ora.

Towards the end of Term 3, we invited your school to contribute to the NZCER national survey of primary and intermediate schools 2019. We thank everyone who has already returned surveys.

The closing date for our survey has now been **extended to Friday 25th October** to allow principals, teachers, trustees, and parents more time to return completed surveys.

Please let those who received surveys in your school know that the closing date has been extended so that their views can be included in a national picture.

Thank you for your help.

Ngā mihi

Dr Linda Bonne

Senior Researcher, New Zealand Council for Educational Research



CHANGES IN ROADING AROUND THE SCHOOL

Over the holidays the extension between Hector Drive and Kimbrae Drive has now been opened for use. This means that the vehicles using our "Drop-off Zone" are now able to turn left onto Hector Drive if they wish to continue up to Kimbrae Drive.

In order to do that safely we need **any vehicle intending to turn LEFT out of our drop-off zone to please use the closest lane to the school**, thus not cutting in front of other traffic who are turning right onto Hector Drive.

Both lanes are still able to be used as right turn lanes back onto Hector Drive, as they have always done. The Senior Leadership of the school directs afternoon traffic in this area which generally flows very well, even on the wet days.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

COMMUNICATION WITH OUR FAMILIES

There are nine school weeks until the end of the 2019 school year.....

To keep up-to-date we suggest you use one of our communication methods:

Online school calendar [Online School Calendar](#)

School App [Download the School App](#)

- Go to the App store on your Apple or Android device and search "School Apps NZ" to download the App to your phone or tablet and then add "Te Totara".

School Web site [Te Totara Website](#)

Weekly notices [Weekly Notices](#)

Facebook Page

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



SCHOOL CLOSED - MONDAY 28th OCTOBER, 2019

A reminder school will be **CLOSED** for this
Labour Day Public Holiday
School opens again on Tuesday 29th October, 2019

LATE COLLECTION OF CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL - SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM

We have noticed an increased trend in children being picked up late after school. We understand that some children may be waiting for an older sibling from RJHS to collect them, or perhaps their sibling may be involved in after school sports at Te Totara.

However, **school finishes at 3.00pm** and we would expect that our children have either been collected or have **left the school premises by 3.15pm**. After this time our staff are involved in meetings and are unable to supervise any remaining children.

If children remain at school after 3.15pm, it is the parents/caregivers responsibility for the safety and supervision your child/ren.

Remember, After School Care facilities are available at the school. If you have any queries around After School Care, visit our school website www.tetotara.school.nz OR call Anna Herbert on (027) 8530031 OR email: afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YEARBOOK COVER WINNER

Congratulations to all our students who took the time to enter the 2019 Te Totara Yearbook Cover Competition. The standard of artistic work was extremely high and we are always so impressed with the talent and creativity of our community.

We would like to especially congratulate our winner

Ashlee Jenkins from Room 21!

We also have four talented runner-up winners: *Max Shuttleworth, Shayne Fourie, Adhisri Venkat, and Abbey Leatherland.*

Thank you to all the STAR artists who entered this year.

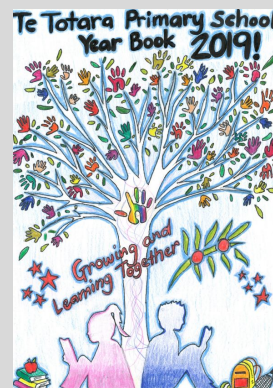


2019 YEARBOOK

ORDERS ARE NOW OPEN 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 22nd November, 2019 @ 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.



2019 TERM DATES

Term 4 Mon 14 Oct - Thu 19 Dec (10 Weeks)

Holiday - Mon 28 Oct Labour Day

Note: School finishes at 3.00pm on Thursday 19th December for the 2019 school year.

2020 TERM DATES

Term 1 Mon 3 Feb - Thu 9 April (10 weeks)

Holiday - Thu 6 Feb Waitangi Day

Term 2 Tue 28 April - Fri 3 July (10 weeks)

Holiday - Mon 27 Apr (ANZAC Day) &

- Mon 1 June Queen's Birthday

Term 3 Mon 20 July - Fri 25 Sept (10 weeks)

Holiday - Mon 31 Aug School Mid-Term break

Term 4 Mon 12 Oct – Wed 16 Dec (10 weeks)

Holiday - Mon 26 October Labour Day

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by **Friday 25th October, 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.

SCHOOL SPARE CLOTHES

Just a little reminder ... if you have borrowed any of the school's spare uniform, can you please return them to the School Office a.s.a.p. Currently, we have a small supply of black skorts or shorts to lend to students. If you are happy to donate any of the above items (*clean and tidy*), you are welcome to drop them into the School Office. School clothing has a red "X" on the tag.

STUDENTS LEAVING TE TOTARA

If you have not already notified us and are planning to leave our school at the end of 2019 (*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.

NETBALL SKIRTS - URGENT NETBALL REMINDER

All netball skirts should have been returned by the end of Term 3 but many are still outstanding. If you haven't returned your netball skirt yet, please do so urgently to avoid being charged the \$30.00 replacement fee.

Please return to Mrs O'Hallahan in Earth 34 before **Friday 1st November, 2019**.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON - SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY, 2020

Weetbix TRYathlon time again! It is being held at the University of Waikato grounds and will be on in Hamilton on Sunday 16th February, 2020. Register online now to get the early bird price, and don't forget to scroll down on the registration form and click on our school name so that we can hopefully win the 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 UNIFORM

We are delighted with the large number of students who look really great by wearing their uniform in the correct manner. However, several students who are not complying with our Uniform Expectations and we ask for your assistance with this. **All** students are expected to be wearing their full correct uniform. Students are to arrive at school and leave school in their Te Totara Primary School uniform, including footwear.

Please note: In Term 4, 2019 our Te Totara Red Bucket hat is compulsory for our children to wear.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 18th October, 2019 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**

This week our children from Matawhero, Earth and Marama will attend assembly.

This week our children from Marama 15 will be sharing at assembly.

DATES COMING UP

Wed 23 Oct	PTA Meeting@ 7.30pm
Mon 28 Oct	Labour Day - School Closed
Wed 30 Oct	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
Tues 5 Nov	Junior "Have a Go" Athletics Day
Thurs 7 Nov	Junior "Have a Go" Athletics Day (postponement day)
Tues 19 Nov	Senior Athletics Day
Thurs 21 Nov	Senior Athletics Day (postponement day)
Wed 27 Nov	Year 6 Orientation to RJHS (9.30am - 12.30pm)
Thurs 28 Nov	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
Tues 3 Dec	Year 6 Leavers Supper
Wed 4 Dec	Volunteers "Thankyou" Morning Tea @ 9.00am - 9.45am (Staff Lounge)
Wed 4 Dec	Cluster Athletics at Southwell
Tues 10 Dec	End of Year Celebration
Wed 11 Dec	End of Year Celebration (postponement day)
Thurs 19 Dec	END OF TERM 4, School Finishes at 3.00pm

Ngā mihi,

Anne Fraser
Principal



TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: pta@tetotara.school.nz www.facebook.com/TTPTA

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



NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER, 2019 @ 7.30PM

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.**

WSA ART

Spaces still available is the following term 4 classes (starting 14th October – 8 weeks)

Experimental Printmaking with Caroline Peacocke, Monday 9.30am – 11.30am

Creative Sewing with Amanda Williams, Wednesday 9.30am – 11.30am

Beginner Drawing Skills for planning Landscapes & City Scenes with Paulette Bruns, Thursday 9.30am – 11.30am.

Observational Drawing for 7+ and older, Saturday 19 Oct – 23 November 9.30am – 11am

wsa@wsa.org.nz artschool@wsa.org.nz

Saturday Music Classes

Enrolments are open for Term Four 2019 at the Waikato Community School of Music (formerly Hamilton Community Centre of Music). The first session is on Saturday 19th October. The school caters for all ages (3 to retired) and ability levels. We offer both group-format and one-to-one tuition. A music appreciation/readiness programme (Music Makers) is available from age 3. Young Voices children's choir caters for those ages 9+. Classes are held on the University of Waikato campus in Hillcrest. Contact us via our website Waikato Community School of Music or on 07 838 4611

Reach Education

I have written a series of maths workbooks, aligned to the NZ curriculum, that encourage parents to help their children in maths, in conjunction with their learning at school. Currently, my range is the primary curriculum (Stage 0 to 6, Number).

My website is: www.reacheducation.co.nz

Samples from inside some of my books can be viewed at: www.reacheducation.co.nz/samples

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