

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 - MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER, 2019

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

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.

It is great to see your comments and ideas flowing onto the Charter Survey document.

Thank you for your help.

Anne Fraser - on behalf of Te Totara Board of Trustees

PLANNING FOR 2020

We are beginning to plan for 2020 and are looking at next year's classes for our students. The process for organising classes includes:

- Looking at the school structure, the staff and how we can best cater for our students
- Teachers reflecting on their students' strengths and needs
- We consider students' needs and ask them for five names of their friends
- Parents have an opportunity to contribute by emailing Jo Stewart, Deputy Principal, any factors to consider

Due to possible staff changes, it is best to consider the type of teaching style, curriculum needs or learning environment that you may be thinking of for your child, rather than asking for a specific teacher. If you would like to do this, please email Jo Stewart, Deputy Principal, by **Friday 8th November, 2019** at dp@tetotara.school.nz

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.



SCHOOL MUFTI DAY - SUPPORT THE SPCA

On **Friday 8th November, 2019** we will be having an Animal Mufti Day. **Bring a gold coin donation and dress up as your favourite animal!**

The money will be donated to the SPCA to help them buy food, beds, toys and cages. There will be buckets at the gate to drop off your gold coin donation.



"HAVE A GO" ATHLETICS DAY FOR YEARS 0-2 ONLY

TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER, 2019

The Matawhero, Satellite Unit & Neptune 26 Teams will start at 9.10am, finishing at 11.50pm

Orion & Neptune 24, 25, 27, 28 Teams will start at 12.00 lunchtime, finishing at 2.30pm

With our Year 0-2 students, we are developing and sharing their skills through a fun activity based event called the 'Have a Go' Day. They will be rotated around the following activities:

High jump, long jump, sprints, quoits, egg and spoon, hurdles, cricket ball throw and parachute games.

- Children may arrive at school in their house colours; they can remain in their house colour clothes for the whole day
- Check with your classroom teacher if you are unsure which house your child is in
- Sports shoes are optional; children may wish to compete in bare feet
- Te Totara bucket sun hats are compulsory
- Plenty of lunch and water are important
- The 'Have a Go' postponement date is Thursday 7th November

If 'Have a Go' day is postponed, it will be notified on our Facebook page at 7.30am or via our school website at 8.00am.

TE TOTARA SCHOOL HOUSES

- Te Totara School has four houses, all named in line with our STARS theme and space expeditions:
- "Apollo, Challenger, Discovery and Mercury"
- Children are placed in houses when they arrive at school. New Entrants with family members already at school will be placed in the same house.
- We are able to use the houses for different school events and happenings e.g. Athletic Sports.
- Houses provide our children with leadership responsibilities and provide good natured competition.
- There are colours for each house (see below). The classroom teacher will advise your child which house they belong to.
- There are Lead Teachers looking after each house
- Students will be meeting in house groups beforehand

HOUSE COLOURS

Apollo
Challenger
Discovery
Mercury

Yellow
Blue
Green
Red

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*

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.



2019 Yearbook

Cut off date for registration is 3.00pm on Friday 22nd November, 2019 . Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.

2020 School Camp - Year 5&6 Students only

Full Payment & Registration OR
1st installment & Registration
2nd Installment - Due by 13th December, 2019
3rd Installment - Due by 7th February, 2020
4th Installment - Due by 6th March, 2020

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.

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.

2019 YEAR 6 LEAVERS SUPPER EVENING TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2019 FROM 6.30PM - 8.00PM IN THE MATARIKI HALL

This will be a night to remember.....our Year 6's are leaving us.

Please bring a plate of finger food to share for supper and BYO drink. Unfortunately, due to limited space, no siblings please.

We are really looking forward to this special evening.

Invitations will go home today with your Year 6 child.



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.

FREE CHECK OF SMOKE ALARMS - CHARTWELL FIRE STATION

Following on from our Firewise presentation for Orion and Matatwhero this week, the Chartwell Fire Station are offering a free check of smoke alarms in family homes.

Please contact the Chartwell Fire Station directly on Ph: 07 855-2005.

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 ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday 25th October, 2019 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**
This week our children from Neptune and Ra will attend assembly.
This week our children from Neptune 25 will be sharing at assembly.

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

If you are a Coach or Manager,
please email the POD
to celestem@tetotara.school.nz

TOUCH

Cadets Xander Tantrum
Rebels Alexis Cullen, Nate Hamilton

EASY INDIAN VEGETABLE BIRYANI

GLOBAL FLAVOURS

Ingredients:

- 1 c basmati rice
- 2 c mixed frozen veges
- 1 vegetable stock cube
- 600ml boiling water
- 2 Tbsp korma curry paste
- handful raisins
- handful nuts

In a large microwavable bowl put rice, veges and raisins. Add boiling water, crumbled stock cube and curry paste. Cover bowl and cook for 12mins. Keep covered for 5mins, then fluff with a fork and scatter with nuts. Serve.



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DATES COMING UP

Mon 28 Oct	Labour Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Wed 30 Oct	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
Tues 5 Nov	Junior "Have a Go" Athletics Day (Years 0-2)
Thurs 7 Nov	Junior "Have a Go" Athletics Day (postponement day)
Fri 8 Nov	MUFTI DAY - Support the SPCA
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



Ice block day - Friday 1st November 2019, \$2.00 each

There will also be a limited supply of Chips and Popcorn for sale, \$2 each.
Adult helpers required!
Please email PTA to sign up, help for just 1 hour, 12.15pm-1.15pm.

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.**

Grow Waikato is hosted by Jamie Strange MP

The following speakers will be presenting on tourism growth in the Waikato region:

Kelvyn Eglinton, CEO Momentum, will provide an update on the Waikato Regional Theatre.

Lee-Ann Muntz, Aotearoa Experience Limited, the growth of cultural tourism and the 'HAKA' project.

Lance Vervoort, HCC Deputy Chief Executive/General Manager Community on the Hamilton Gardens and future projects.

Jo Russell, Manager for the Otorohanga Kiwi House on new developments.

Jason Dawson, CEO Waikato Tourism, an overview of tourism growth in the region.

Followed by a Q&A session with speakers and Jamie Strange MP

Date: Thursday, 31st October, 2019

Venue: The Atrium, WINTEC Hamilton City Campus (parking available in carpark building access via Ward St on Nisbet St)

Time: 4:30- 4:45 pm: mix-and-mingle/networking, 4:45 - 6 pm: event

Please RSVP by Wednesday, 30th October to melissa.white@parliament.govt.nz

For more information please [subscribe](#) to Jamie's newsletter "Strange Yarns"

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