

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)

“HAVE A GO” ATHLETICS DAY FOR YEARS 0-2 ONLY

TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER, 2020

The Matawhero, Satellite Unit & Neptune 26 & 28 Teams will start at 9.10am, finishing at 11.50am. Orion & Neptune 24, 25, 27, Teams will start at 12.00 lunchtime, finishing at 2.15pm. 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 5th November, 2020

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
- If you are unsure of your child’s School House, please check with their classroom teacher

HOUSE COLOURS

Apollo	Yellow
Challenger	Blue
Discovery	Green
Mercury	Red

PLANNING FOR 2021

We are beginning to plan for 2021 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 6th November, 2020** at: dp@tetotara.school.nz

STUDENTS LEAVING TE TOTARA

If you have not already notified us and are planning to leave our school at the end of 2020 (*other than our Year 6 students*), it would be appreciated if you could please urgently advise us by email to Marise Crow: 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.

2020 YEAR 6 LEAVERS EVENING SUPPER

TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2020 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 went home with your Year 6 child

last week, the RSVP date for these to be returned to the School Office is **Tuesday 24th November, 2020.**



PHOTOLIFE PHOTOS

Class, Sibling & Individual Photos have arrived for those families who placed orders, they will come home with your child today.

If you have any queries, please call Photolife direct on 0800 501040



SHOOT KEYS - PHOTOLIFE GROUPS & CLUSTER SPORTS PHOTOS

The Shoot Keys for the Cultural & Sports Photos have arrived and will be sent home today, it includes details on how to order online. Families who have a shared care arrangement can still use the same Shoot Key to order online. If you have any queries, please call Photolife direct on **0800 501040**

PLEASE NOTE:

The cut-off date for "Free Delivery" orders to the school is midnight on **Sunday 15th November, 2020.** Photos will be delivered to the school before the end of the school year



2020 YEARBOOK

ORDERS THROUGH KINDO ONLY

\$25.00 per book

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 20th November, 2020 @ 3.00pm.**

Over 200 people have already ordered their yearbook, don't miss out, the preview copy is looking stunning! 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.



NETBALL SKIRTS - URGENT NETBALL REMINDER

All netball skirts need to be returned. 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 6th November 2020.**

2021 TERM DATES

Term 1 Wed 3 Feb - Fri 16 April (11 weeks)
(School Holidays 19th - 30 April)

Term 2 Mon 3 May - Fri 9 July (10 weeks)
(School Holidays 12th - 23 July)

Term 3 Mon 26 July - Fri 1 Oct (10 weeks)
(School Holidays 4th - 15th October)

Term 4 Mon 18 Oct - Tues 14 Dec (9 weeks)

Holidays During Term Time

Monday 8th February (Waitangi Day Holiday)
Easter: Good Friday 2nd April
Easter: Monday 5th April
Easter: Tuesday 6th April (school's only)

Teacher Only Day - Friday 4th June
Monday 7 June - Queen's Birthday

Monday 6 Sept (Te Totara Mid-Term break)

Teacher Only Day - Friday 22 October
Monday 25 October - Labour Day

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

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

TOUCH
Pacers

Mere Toduadua

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY HELD

This week's assembly was held on **Thursday, 29th October, 2020 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm due to the PTA Disco being set up on Friday.**

This week our children from our Orion and Milky Way teams attended assembly and our children from Orion 10 shared.

2020 FEES & DONATION PAYABLE VIA KINDO

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

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The online one stop school shop



- **2020 YEARBOOK - \$25.00**
Cut-off date 3.00pm on Friday 20th November, 2020
- **2020 SCHOOL CAMP (Years 5&6)** we currently have **\$2500.00** outstanding in camp payments.



Fees and Donations

URGENT - all outstanding amounts to be paid via KINDO under the "Fees & Donations icon"

DATES COMING UP

Thu 29 Oct	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
Fri 30 Oct	School Disco \$2.00 entry - "Save the Planet" Theme Years 0-2 from 5.30pm - 6.45pm Years 3-6 from 7.00pm - 8.15pm
Tues 3 Nov	Junior "Have a Go Day"
Thu 5 Nov	Junior "Have a Go Day" (Postponement Date)
Fri 6 Nov	PTA Iceblock Day
Tues 10 Nov	Senior Athletics Day
Thu 12 Nov	Senior Athletics Day (Postponement Date)
Fri 20 Nov	Cluster Athletics
Thu 26 Nov	BOT Meeting
Fri 27 Nov	PTA Iceblock Day
Tues 1 Dec	Year 6 Leavers Supper
Wed 2 Dec	RJHS Orientation Day (ONLY for Y6 students who's enrolment has been confirmed)
Wed 2 Dec	Volunteers "Thank You" Morning Tea
Fri 4 Dec	Learning Plans Go Home
Tues 8 Dec	End of Year Celebration from 5.45pm - 7.30pm (approx)
Wed 9 Dec	End of Year Celebration (Postponement Date)
Fri 11 Dec	PTA Iceblock Day (TBC)
Wed 16 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

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www.facebook.com/TTPTA



SCHOOL DISCO

Our first School Disco of the year is being held tomorrow night, Friday 30th October. We are excited to be hosting the disco and look forward to welcoming students to this fun event. Hope to see you there!



Disco Theme: Save Our Planet
Time: Year 0-2: 5:30pm – 6:45pm
Year 3-6: 7:00pm – 8:15pm
Entry Fee: \$2.00 per child

ICE BLOCK DAY

The first Ice Block day of Term 4 will be held on **Friday 6th November**. We will be asking for volunteers shortly.

If you would like to help, please book out an hour of your day from 12.15pm.



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2020

School Disco – Friday 30th October
Ice Block Day – Friday 6th November
Ice Block Day – Friday 27th November

Your PTA committee: *Shelley, Julyan, Rilesh, Kerry, Kerri*

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.**





2020 Primary & Intermediate Schools Golf Competition


FRIDAY

3 DIVISIONS

NOV 13TH

 Div 1 - Regular Length 9 Hole Course

 Div 2 - Shortened 9 Hole Course

 Div 3 - 3 Person Team Ambrose

DEADLINE

FOR ENTRIES

NOV 6th 5pm

NGAHINEPOURI GOLF CLUB
\$10 PER PLAYER (INCLUDES BBQ)



Contact - Michael Rooney

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