

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)

TE TOTARA SCHOOL MUFTI DAY TO SUPPORT CAMP QUALITY TOMORROW - FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 2020 (week 8)

Gold coin donation for wearing mufti.

What is Camp Quality?

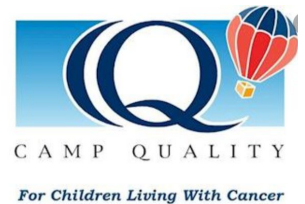
Camp Quality is a volunteer charitable trust dedicated to running camps where fun, friendship and a can-do culture inspire children living with cancer to overcome the challenges cancer brings.

Camp Quality Campers are children, 5 to 16 years of age, who have been diagnosed with cancer.

At Camp Quality there are lots of exciting achievable activities including, stock cars, leap, strawberry picking, jet boats, jelly fighting, luge, team building, kayaking etc.

Camp Quality passionately believes in the power of fun to help children and their families overcome the challenges that living with cancer can bring. Each year Camp Quality programmes cater for around 300 children at various locations around the country.

We hope you will help support Camp Quality by wearing mufti on Friday 4th December and donating a gold coin. *Kayla, Chloe and Sophie - Year 6 students in Room 18*



LEARNING PLANS HOME TOMORROW - FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 2020

A Learning Plan for each student will be sent home with the oldest or only child from each family on **Friday 4th December, 2020**. However, if your child started at school in Term 4 (or late in Term 3) you will not receive a Learning Plan yet.

The Learning Plans will also be available online from 4.00pm on Friday 4th November, 2020.

Included in the information pack being sent home will be instructions on how to log-on to the Parent Portal site.

The work involved in developing these Learning Plans is immense and reflect our goal of developing a personalised plan for each student.

Much thought and consideration has gone into these Learning Plans. We have managed to include a lot more of each child's comments and goals, to ensure they have an increased sense of ownership of their Learning Plan.



We strongly advise that you:

- Go through the Learning Plan with your child
- Look especially at the "Where To Next" and "Goals set by Student, Parent and Teacher" sections and incorporate these into supporting learning at home.

A REMINDER.... Please keep your Login and Password details for the Parent Portal handy, these will be inside the Learning Plan folder.
We encourage families to log-in to the Parent Portal and check we have the correct details for your child/ren e.g. mobile numbers, home address and email address.

CLASSES FOR 2021

From midday on Friday 11th December 2020, the Parent Portal is also where you will find your child's class for 2021. Further details will follow in next week's newsletter.

For those families who will not receive a Learning Plan for their child/ren, an envelope will be given to the oldest child with your Parent Portal Login and Password details tomorrow.

Log onto your @school Parent Portal <http://www.atschool.co.nz/>

Enter your user ID and Password

- Go to My Child
- Click on Contact Details

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION - TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER AT 5.45PM

This is our annual event to celebrate another great year at Te Totara. Here is some information to help make it a special event:

- It is a school event, so children need to be in a **clean and tidy uniform** and will be together as a school and are under the control of school staff.
- Please leave your child with us; we will take care of them.
- Students will need to stay through the whole event.
- There will be very limited parking available at the school car park and none in the turning bay.
- It will be best to find a car park on a nearby street and walk.
- It is like a concert in a park so bring a picnic, a rug to sit on, something to eat and drink and enjoy a variety concert.
- We use the hill behind Ra & Earth as outdoor stages where children perform.
- Toilets are open in the Ra and Earth blocks.
- Pre-schoolers are welcome to use the playground away from the performers so they don't distract from the performance.
- Other children not involved in the school are asked to be respectful and if they want to play, then the court area is a good place. There are likely to be over 2500 people at the event so we strongly advise walking to the event.
- Please **NO umbrellas** as it blocks the view of people behind. Low set chairs only are advisable if needed.
- **NO dogs** are allowed on our school grounds.
- We will have a "Paparazzi" section at the front for parents of those performing to use to get a good photo.
- **If the weather is not good, we will postpone it to Wednesday 9th December 2020, same time.**
- **Notifications will be put on the school Facebook page, school app and the website.**
- **The event is weather dependent, so may be cancelled at the last moment, but we will do our best to let everyone know as early as possible.**
- At the end of the event which should conclude by 7.30pm, we will need to stagger people leaving due to Health & Safety, so please be prepared to wait a little time. Announcements will be made to help.



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 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.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDERS

Following on from our decision in August 2019 to change our school white polo top to the red polo top, we have some reminders for you.

There will be a **2 year** change over period so that by the beginning of the 2022 school year, the white polo shirt will be totally phased out and no longer worn by our students.



- We are delighted with the large number of students who look really great by wearing their uniform in the correct manner.
- **JEWELLERY**, Items of jewellery can be easily lost or damaged at school. They may also cause injury to the wearer or other students. For safety reasons these are not to be worn. The school accepts no responsibility in the case of loss, damage or injury.
- However, students may wear:
 - a) One small earring stud per ear. NO hoops or sleepers.
 - b) A watch.
 - c) A necklace of religious or cultural significance – to be worn underneath clothing.
 - d) A Medical Identification Tag (Medic Alert) if required
- Our current red Sports Polo Shirt with “Te Totara Primary School” lettering on the back will remain for sports teams only. Students are NOT to wear this in place of the white polo - it is a separate uniform item. The new red polo uniform shirt will NOT have large lettering on the back.

COMMUNICATION WITH OUR FAMILIES

As we are approaching the end of the 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 Website [Te Totara Website](#)

Weekly Notices [Weekly Notices](#)

School Facebook Page [Facebook](#)

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



ORDER YOUR STUDENT STATIONERY FOR 2021 NOW!

We've teamed up again with OfficeMax to make getting school ready faster. You'll find your child's school stationery list **online by visiting:**

www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara (click on the link)

Simply select your child's class and/or subject lists and follow the instructions on the website.

This year OfficeMax have introduced Laybuy*, so you can pay in 6x weekly, interest-free instalments - and still get your order right away.

* Terms & Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details



OfficeMax MySchool

Got five minutes?

Your child's back to school class list is ready to shop now at myschool.co.nz or call us Mon to Fri, 8.30am - 5pm.

myschool.co.nz 0800 724 440

Get school ready faster

Buying through OfficeMax MySchool also earns “School Rewards” for our school which we can redeem for much needed educational supplies, equipment for our classrooms or to help those students in need.

Don't wait, order Back to School Stationery NOW! OfficeMax MySchool makes Back to School easy for you with these great benefits:

- **Order the easy way** - online at myschool.co.nz/tetotara OR call the OfficeMax My School Team on Freephone 0800 724 440 from Monday to Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm.
- **Price Match Promise** - find a lower price and OfficeMax will match it. Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details.
- **Free Delivery - for orders over \$46.00 inc GST** Choose delivery to your home or workplace. Receive your order during the holidays, straight to your door at a time that suits you. See myschool.co.nz for delivery windows.
- **Save valuable holiday time** - avoid busy shopping malls and traffic queues by shopping online from the comfort of your home so your child starts the year with the correct stationery supplies.
- **Multiple Payment Options** - pay now by internet banking, credit/debit card or pay in 6 weekly, interest-free installments with Laybuy* * **Terms & Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details**

Many of our families used this online system last year and will be familiar with the ordering process. This website is available from today for ordering at: www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara

Step-by-step instructions on how to order student stationery for 2021 will be placed on our website under the "Newsletters" tab.

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the School Office on 07 853-0039.

Please note: You do not need a Student ID, please leave this field blank. If you have a 5-year-old new entrant starting in Term 1, 2021 your child will be classified as a Year 1.

Please ensure you have placed your online order no later than **Friday 15th January, 2021** to ensure delivery before school starts on **Wednesday 3rd February, 2021.**

Please ensure your child/ren have all their school stationery items before school begins.

FAREWELL TO MICHELLE FROM OUR SCHOOL OFFICE

For the past 7 years we have been so fortunate to have had the services of Michelle working as one of our fantastic School Office team members. At the beginning of the term Michelle advised us of a change in direction for her, she is heading back to her home town of Feilding to be nearer to family.

Michelle's final day with us is on Tuesday 15th December. She will certainly be missed by all the staff, the students and our families. We thank Michelle for all her dedication and hard work and we wish her all the best for her move. Keep in touch Michelle !!



FAIRFIELD CLUSTER ATHLETICS

Yesterday, three of our teachers took a group of 40 students to Southwell to compete in the Fairfield Cluster Athletics. We had a massively successful day with exceptional results across the field and track events (50m sprint, 100m sprint, 800m, 4x100m relay, high jump, long jump, cricket ball throw). Well done to all the students who competed and also to all the teachers and parents who spent time helping our athletes to master correct techniques and build resilience, speed, strength and stamina leading up to competition day. We felt very proud of the students' general behaviour and their demonstration of all our Te Totara STARS. Well done!

Results were:

Year 4 Girls 50m sprint - 4th Stella W

Year 4 Girls High jump - 2nd Lilly-Anne F

Year 4 Girls 800m - 3rd Abby D

Year 4 Boys 50m sprint - 1st Van N, 2nd Lucian M, 3rd Zander M

Year 4 Boys 100m sprint – 1st Van N

Year 5 Girls High jump - 3rd Rida A

Year 5 Boys High jump - 2nd Aidan T, 3rd equal Freddy W

Year 6 Girls High jump - 1st Lily S, 2nd Olivia D

Year 6 Girls Long jump - 1st Lily Seng

Year 6 Boys High jump - 2nd Joel B

Year 6 Boys 50m sprint – 3rd Daniel K

Year 6 Boys 100m sprint - Daniel K

Year 6 Boys 800m - Daniel K

Relays:

Year 4 Girls, 4th

Year 4 Boys, 1st

Year 5 Girls, 2nd

Year 5 Boys, 3rd

Year 6 Girls, 1st

Year 6 Boys, 2nd



SWIM SCHOOL - JANUARY 2021 SCHOOL HOLIDAY BLOCK COURSES

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer swim school lessons in the January 2021 school holidays as our Swim School teacher will be away.

We thank our families for your support and enrolling your children in our learn to swim lessons.

Please keep an eye out in our school newsletter for our Term 1, 2021 swim school lessons we will be offering when we call for enrolments.



FREE MEASLES, MUMPS & RUBELLA VACCINE

These last two years have highlighted the need to ensure our whānau and communities are safe from infectious diseases. Measles is about 8 times more contagious than COVID-19, and last year's outbreak is a reminder of just how quickly it can spread among unimmunised people. While we can't vaccinate against COVID-19 yet, we can protect against other infectious diseases like measles by being immunised.

Teenagers and young adults aged 15-30 are at greater risk of catching and spreading measles, as they are less likely to have been immunised as children. Find out more about measles at [ProtectAgainstMeasles.org.nz](https://www.protectagainstmeasles.org.nz)



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 SCHOOL CAMP** (Years 5&6) we currently have **\$2,365.00** outstanding in camp payments.



Fees and Donations

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

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS - TO BE PAID THROUGH KINDO

As at today's date, the following amounts are still outstanding:

Lost Library Books	\$492.20
Aquatics (Swimming)	\$6837.50
Mathletics/Mathseeds	\$4225.00
Voluntary School Donation	\$36155.00
School Camp	\$2,365.00

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We would really appreciate it if all outstanding fees are paid by Friday 11th December, 2020.

Voluntary School Donation payments can be made at the beginning of the year or throughout the year; the funds will be used for resources for the children.

Any queries regarding your invoice, please email Wendy Bulloch, our Business Manager at wendyb@tetotara.school.nz

OUR LOST PROPERTY BIN IS FULL AGAIN!

Weather permitting; we will endeavour to display all lost property items EVERY Friday until the end of term.

Please check out our lost property bin. The BIG YELLOW bin is located outside the Earth building; there are LOTS of polar fleeces!

Please check to see if any items belong to your family as all unclaimed items (other than school uniform) will be donated to charity.

We ask ALL families to please check your child's uniform on a weekly basis to ensure they are wearing their own uniform, rather than someone else's.



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

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS DUE BACK NOW - *Thankyou*

All library books are due back this week. Can you please have a good look for any library books around the house, no students should have any books at home.

LIBRARY OPEN TO OUR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Just a reminder that the library is open on the last two Fridays of the term, from 8.15am-9am and from 2.45pm-3.20pm, so that parents/guardians can borrow books for their children. We will also be open from 2.45pm-3.20pm on the last day of term, Wednesday 16 December, if you wish to borrow books for the holidays.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY LIBRARY OPEN DATES FOR 2021

We are pleased to confirm that our library will be open in the school holidays on these dates:

Wednesday 6th January 1.00pm-4.00pm

Wednesday 13th January 1.00pm-4.00pm

Wednesday 20th January 1.00pm-4.00pm

Wednesday 27th January 1.00pm-4.00pm

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday, 4th December, 2020 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**

This week our children from our Ra and Earth teams will attend assembly. This week we will be celebrating with our Class awards.

DATES COMING UP

Fri 4 Dec Mufti Day supporting Camp Quality - Gold Coin Donation

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 Ice Block Day

Wed 16 Dec END OF TERM 4, School Finishes at 3.00pm

Wed 3 Feb TERM 1, 2021 Begins

Mon 8 Feb Waitangi day - Public Holiday

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

Hooray, Summer is now officially here and there's no better way to celebrate than with an Ice Block on Friday 11th December.

The PTA requires at least 4 volunteers to help sell ice blocks and make this day a success. If you are able to spare an hour of your time, (from 12:15pm) to help out, please contact the PTA by sending them a Facebook message or emailing pta@tetotara.school.nz

Your PTA committee: *Shelley, Julyan, Rilesh, Kenny, 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.**



KELLY SPORTS Summer **HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

CONTACT **KIM OR MARK**

WAIKATO@KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ
07 8399017

BOOK ONLINE AT
KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ



FREE SUMMER READING PROGRAMME FOR 5-12 YEAR OLDS

THE GREAT NEW ZEALAND TIKI TOUR!

WIN COOL PRIZES!
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

JOIN UP FROM 14 DECEMBER THEN START READING!

WWW.HAMILTONLIBRARIES.CO.NZ

Hamilton City Libraries
TE OHOMAUORI O KIRIKIRIŌRA
Hamilton City Council

KIDS SPEAK OUT!

No Confidence – School speeches – Bullies - a NIGHTMARE?
After School Classes: Kids gain a voice and real-life skills.

LEADERSHIP: School Holidays 1-4 days with Certificate - Age 10+
RING Roz 027 248 2888 www.speak4success.co.nz

SPEAK 4 SUCCESS

January School holiday programme

MONDAY 25TH JAN - FRIDAY 29TH JAN
TUESDAY 2ND FEB - FRIDAY 5TH FEB

Mon 25 Jan - Acrylic Painting & Clay Modelling
Tues 26 Jan - Drawing Skills & Craft Creations
Wed 27 Jan - Chalk Pastels & Collage Art
Thur 28 Jan - Watercolour Creations & Roller printing Art
Fri 29 Jan - Oil Pastel/Dye & Coloured Paper Creations
Tues 2nd Feb - Paint a beach scene & clay Creations
Wed 3rd Feb - 3D Folded Paper Art & Craft
Thur 4th Feb - Draw Cartoon Characters & Continuous line drawings
Fri 5th Feb - Watercolour with Pen & Zentangles Doodleart

9am - 12pm

5 - 13 years

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Music Adapted and Arranged and Additional Music and Lyrics by
Bryan Louisele

Book and Additional Lyrics by
David Simpatico

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