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FINAL NEWSLETTER OF 2020

This is the last newsletter of the school year and it is a bumper edition with lots of information. Any further updates will be done via our Facebook page, website or school app.

We are fast approaching the end of a most extraordinary year. Who would have thought as we started our year in February that within 6 weeks we would be into a Level 4 lockdown, with students learning through Seesaw for over 6 weeks? The response to the Covid 19 pandemic was decisive, swift and highly effective for the safety of the people of our country. As a school we had to be flexible and nimble in our responses to adapt our curriculum to ever changing circumstances, but still with the expectation of high quality learning experiences for your children.

We really value all the help and encouragement that you, as our school community provided in so many ways throughout 2020 e.g. emails of support to me during the decision-making of lockdown, learning plan discussions both online and in person, sports team coaches and managers, the Production helpers, our wonderful P.T.A. and B.O.T. members, our library volunteers, play dough creators and shelving/mending of literacy resources and many more. Also a very big 'thank you' to our school neighbours who keep a 'watchful eye' on things when we are not about.

To any of you who are leaving our community, thank you for your contribution and we wish you well in your future. Year 6 students, keep in touch as we love hearing about your new learning journey and the great young people you are growing into.

To our amazing families, inspiring staff and our students who are always our brightest 'shining stars' - thank you for another amazing year of learning at Te Totara Primary School.

I wish you a wonderful Christmas break with your families, take time to enjoy all that summer in New Zealand offers to us, please stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 3rd February, 2021 when our students return to school.

Ngā mihi
Anne Fraser
Principal

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION - MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER AT 5.45PM

Thank you so much for your understanding with the postponement of our celebration from this week to next week. The very unsettled nature of the weather made it difficult to feel confident in hosting such a big event with a long preparation time in the day. Through our communications to you via Facebook and our website, we did mention the issues with the set up early in the morning with sound and the chairs, the potential for the hill to be slippery and the wind ruining the sound and playing havoc with Kapa Haka and Pasifika costumes. These were the factors that led to the postponement.

The new date for the celebration is **Monday 14th December**. There is more settled weather arriving this weekend for next week. The long range forecast for next Monday is 'Fine with light winds - temperature of 23 degrees.' So it looks great.

All arrangements are the same as the original date, we look forward to seeing you at 5:45pm for an enjoyable evening of entertainment by our learners and to honour our Reach for the Stars award winners.

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.
- **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.



STUDENT CLASSES FOR 2021

LIVE ON PARENT PORTAL ON FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER, 2020 @ 3.30PM

To find out what room your child is placed in next year:

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

Enter your user ID and Password (these were sent home with the Learning Plan or by separate letter)

- **Go to My Child**
- **Click on General Records**
- **Click on Other Details**

CLASSES FOR 2021

We have appreciated the input of students, teachers and parents in helping support the decision making process for classes in 2021. Considerable time, skill and energy has gone into putting together the organisation for 2021.

The class for each child will go live at 3.30pm tomorrow, Friday 11th December, **using the same parent log in as for Learning Plans**. Teachers will also go over the classes tomorrow to answer any queries from students before they go home. Details on how to view the classes are in your Learning Plan pack that was sent home last week.

Children will visit their new classes on Tuesday 15th December from 1.30pm - 2.00pm.

Orion Year 1	Room	Neptune Year 2	Room	Earth Year 3/4	Room	Milky Way Year 5/6	Room
Julianne Wink	7	Teresa Lincoln	24	Jessica Grimson	34	Nerida Laybourn	18
* Caron Ace	8	Suzie Goile	25	* Krissy Tantrum	35	Kristy Hanks	19
Sarah Gill	9	Jennifer Dalton	26	Levi O'Hallahan	36	Renee Morgan	20
Julia May	10	Cyra Wells	27	Brendan Gauld	37	* Rochelle Lingard	21
		* Cath Glyde	28	Natalie Gillies	38	Craig McAuley	23
Matawhero Year 0/1	Room			Ra Year 3/4	Room	Marama Year 5/6	Room
* Bridie Carr-Neil	3			Niki Collins	29	Angela Sweeney	12
To start in 2021	1			Sarah Brister	30	Kurdt Webber	13
To start in 2021	2			N/A	31	* Sue Robertson	14
To start in 2021	4			* Kāren Langley	32	Tracey Osborne	15
* = Team Leader				Ashleigh Morgan	33	Dori Villasol-Alonso	22

Some points around our classes:

- We do realise that this is a time of change and that this can cause anxiety, it can also be viewed as an opportunity to experience new classmates and a teacher with a wonderful range of new skills
- We deliberately "mix up" our children so by the time they progress through the school they have been exposed to a wide range of their peer group, building valuable and important relationships within the year group cohort
- We do find that the first transition within the school i.e. Year 1 to Year 2 can cause some concern as the children may be with others that are unknown, similarly moving to a new area of the school. This is understandable and we ask that families support the move with a positive approach
- We do ask that if there are any issues around class placement that families support what is in place and if there are any challenges liaise very early with the new teacher in 2021.
- If there are ongoing concerns then please feel free to contact School Leaders after three weeks of the new school year which allows for the child to settle in and build valuable relationships
- Any requests to change a class from now on is highly likely to be declined as a class change can create a "knock on" effect and not give an opportunity to the child to take on the challenge of a new teacher and make the most of this new opportunity
- To find out more about our approach to how we put our classes together, please see our website.. [How we put our classes together](#)

OTHER STAFF CHANGES FOR NEXT YEAR

Morgan Hunter will be on parental leave in 2021. Her baby is due in February and we wish Morgan and her partner Tom all the very best. We look forward to hearing the happy news!

Komal Kumar has been awarded a Study Leave Scholarship for the 2021 school year. She will be studying at the University of Waikato in the area of literacy, particularly focussing on English as a Second Language Learning. Well done Komal.

Emma Jordan has been with us for a number of years in a part time capacity working alongside our staff with Tikanga Maori. She has decided to take a break from this role for a while. We are very grateful for all her superb professional development work with our staff.

We would like to thank the following teachers and teacher aides for their wonderful work in fixed term positions for the 2020 school year.

Maria Batters, Anna Littler, Ros Ramsbottom, Mary Silverton, Rebecca Gardyne, Pamela Bishop, Rainy Hea, Anna Herbert and Katrina Strong.

You have given much to the life of our school this year, we are very grateful and we hope to see you again soon within our staff, guest teacher or wider school family.

We welcome new teacher **Kurdt Webber** into Te Totara School. We are excited to be working with you and know you will enjoy getting to know the staff and your new students in Marama 13.

Also a big welcome to two new members of our Administration staff team. Joining us in 2021 is **Stephanie Yates** in the School Office team, to replace our lovely Michelle Genet and **Kylie Cocurullo** who will be working closely with Wendy Bulloch in the Financial side of the Administration team.

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.

IS YOUR FAMILY LEAVING TE TOTARA?

CLOSE YOUR KINDO ACCOUNT

If your family is leaving our school and moving to another school that does not use KINDO for school payments, you need to close your account. If you're not sure about the new school, log in, go to "My Details" and click on the list of schools, scrolling to find your new school.

If your new school is NOT on the list, use the "**close account**" button on that screen. You can choose to donate your balance to school or have it paid to your nominated bank account.



URGENT - ALL LIBRARY BOOKS DUE BACK TO SCHOOL NOW

All library books should have been returned to school now please.

We still have 248 books outstanding. Could you please have a good look for any library books around the house, no students should have any books at home. Please return these to the Library urgently.

SWIM SCHOOL - TERM 1, 2021

We are looking to offer a 9-week block course for your child/ren. Pre-school children's lessons will also be available if there is enough interest. Lessons will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week after school. We are looking to start these lessons on **Tuesday 9th February 2021**, with the last lessons being held Thursday 8th April 2021. Fees \$150.00 per child.

Parents are reminded that you must stay on site for your child's swim school lesson as per our swim school terms and conditions. If your child/ren attend our ASC programme, arrangements can be made for your child to attend these lessons with our ASC Team.

A copy of our terms and conditions is available on our school website or from our School Office. Please email Celeste at celestem@tetotara.school.nz if you would be interested in making a booking with your child's name, age and swimming level



LIBRARY OPEN TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Just a reminder that the library is open on Friday 11th December, 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.

HOLIDAY READING

Over the holidays, students can experience the “summer slump”. This is a loss in reading achievement over summer if students stop reading. Providing some fun reading experiences during the holidays can help prevent the summer slump. Here are a few ways to encourage children to read:

- Read aloud to your child. It is the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for their own success in reading. It stimulates their imagination and improves their language and listening skills.
- Encourage your child to read anything - the TV guide, magazines, joke books, recipes, travel guides, video game instructions...
- Find a series for your child to get hooked on. This will make choosing their next book to read easier. A recent survey showed that the primary factor in choosing a book for 7-12 year-olds was a familiar character or series.
- Find books that match your child's interests e.g. arts and crafts, skateboarding, cooking, animals.
- Read graphic novels. These comic books can be really appealing for children.

LIBRARY OPEN DATES

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

If you are staying in Hamilton then we would love to see you. It is a nice way to meet up with friends, stay cool in our lovely air-conditioned library, and take home some good books to read.

In order to borrow books during the holidays, students must be accompanied by a parent and have no outstanding invoices or overdue library books. We will increase our lending limits to a maximum of six books per student, and each parent can also borrow up to six books per child in their name.

All books will be due back by Friday 5th February (the end of the first week back of school). This means that if you are away for some of the holidays you don't have to worry about books becoming overdue.

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.](#)

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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- **2021 Term 1 - Touch Rugby \$23.00 per student**
Monday afternoons at Flagstaff Park - Years 1&2, 3&4 and 5&6 Teams
Cut-off date for registration is 3.00pm Monday 8th February, 2021
- **2021 Term 1 - Cricket Registration \$15.00 per student**
Friday Night Cricket - Years 1-6
Saturday Hardball Cricket - Years 5&6 only
Cut-off date for registration is 3.00pm Monday 8th February, 2021
- **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	\$471.20
Aquatics (Swimming)	\$6495.50
Mathletics/Mathseeds	\$3960.00
Voluntary School Donation	\$34955.00
School Camp	\$2,310.00



We would really appreciate all outstanding fees being paid by Monday 14th 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

DIRECT GROUP, SCHOOL UNIFORMS - 2021 PURCHASING

Our uniform supplier, Direct Group have advised they will be open every Thursday from 7.00am - 7.00pm throughout January and February 2021 for all your uniform requirements. They have very good supplies of all uniform items.

Sorry the store will be closed on Saturdays, however online ordering is available.

Check out their new website, dgstore.co.nz



A massive thank you to all our 2020 Yearbook sponsors....

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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

REMINDER..... OUR SCHOOL FINISHES FOR 2020 ON WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER @ 3.00PM

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.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday, 11th December, 2020 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**

This week our children from our Milky Way and Marama teams will attend assembly. This week we will be celebrating with our Class awards.

DATES COMING UP

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

HEALTHY SWAPS!

A little time spent preparing food at home allows you to make healthy choices, no label reading needed!

LABEL READING

Biscuits, Cheese & grainy crackers, Muesli bars, Homemade fruit muffin, Bag of chips, Plain popcorn, Fruit string, Fruit

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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

We are all set for our last Ice Block Day of the year tomorrow, Friday 11th December. **Don't forget your \$2.00 for a lemonade ice block when you leave the house in the morning.** See you all there!

ICE BLOCK DAY
Friday 11th December

\$2 EACH

After Eating For Learning by Matariki Hall

MERRY CHRISTMAS



The PTA would like to thank each and every one of you for participating in our events during 2020. We hope you and your families have a safe and happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you back in the New Year. Be safe everyone!

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.**

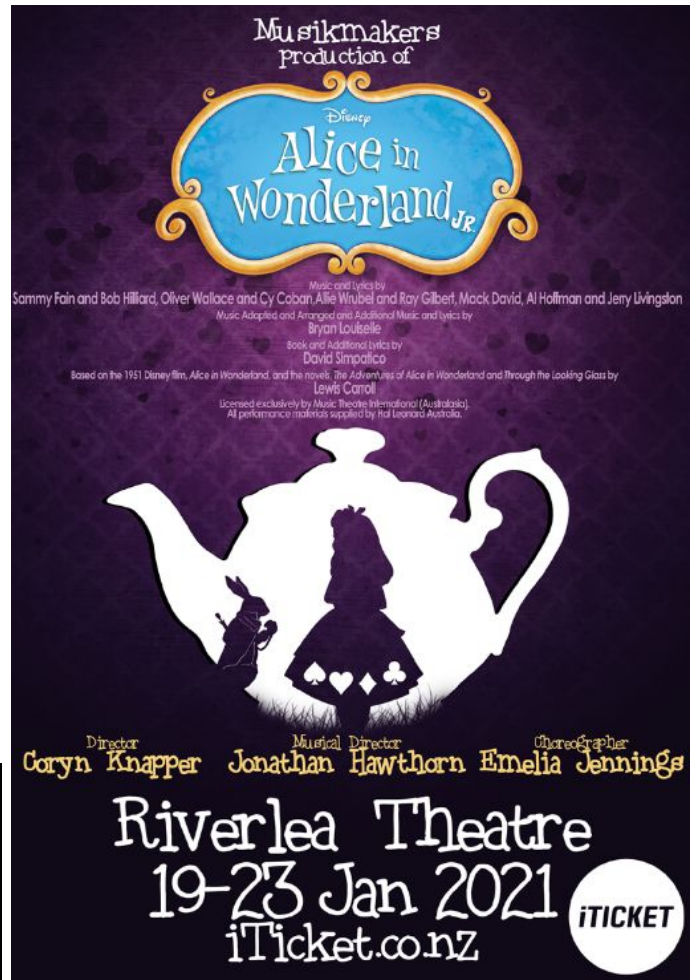


KELLY SPORTS Summer **HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

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WAIKATO@KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ
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Musikmakers production of
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Music and lyrics by
Sammy Fain and Bob Hilliard, Oliver Wallace and Cy Coban, Alie Wubel and Ray Gilbert, Mack David, Al Hoffman and Jerry Livingston
Music Adapted and Arranged and Additional Music and lyrics by
Bryan Louelle
Book and Additional lyrics by
David Simpfendorfer

Based on the 1951 Disney film, Alice in Wonderland, and the novels: The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass by Lewis Carroll

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Director **Coryn Knapper** Musical Director **Jonathan Hawthorn** Choreographer **Emelia Jennings**

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Jitterbugs
DANCE LESSONS

Jolie Hopping Ph 021 117 9833
Email jittterbugsdancelessons@outlook.com
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TERM 1 2021 TIMETABLE

Monday (Rototuna Junior High School Dance Studio)

- 3.45 Jitterbugs Seniors (by selection only)
- 4.15 Jitterbugs Mini's (girls aged 3 - 5½)
- 4.40 Jitterbugs Advanced (by selection only)

Tuesday (Te Ao Marama School Hall)

- 3.45 Jitterbugs Hip Hop (girls aged 9 - 14)
- 4.15 Jitterbugs Junior (girls aged 5 ½ - 7)
- 4.45 Jitterbugs Junior Plus (girls aged 6½ - 8)

Wednesday (Te Ao Marama School Hall)

- 3.35 Jitterbugs Mini's (girls aged 3 - 5½)
- 4.00 Jitterbugs Junior (girls aged 5 ½ - 7)
- 4.30 Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls aged 7 - 12)

Thursday (Te Ao Marama School Hall)

- 3.40 Jitterbugs Junior (girls aged 5 ½ - 7)
- 4.10 Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls aged 7 - 12)
- 4.40 Jitterbugs MiniJam (girls and boys aged 3 - 5½)

CLASSES START MONDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2021
COST: \$105 (INCLUDING GST).
COST INCLUDES A SHOW, CERTIFICATE AND LOLLIPOP AND VIDEOS FOR YOUR CHILD TO PRACTICE TO AT HOME.
LIMITED SPACES LEFT!!!
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Key Points

1. A serious bacterial infection that can become deadly in just a few hours.
2. Teenagers and young adults living closely together are at higher risk.
3. One dose of vaccine protects against four out of five strains of meningococcal disease. It's **FREE** for 13 to 25 year-olds living in boarding school hostels, tertiary education halls of residence, military barracks or prisons.
4. A vaccine is available to protect against meningococcal B - it's **not free, but is highly recommended** for those living closely together.

For more information about getting immunised against meningococcal disease:

- talk to your doctor, nurse or health centre
- phone Healthline's 24-hour service (0800 611 116).

This resource is available from healthed.govt.nz or the Authorised Provider at your DHB. May 2020. HE2596



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<https://www.healthed.govt.nz/resource/immunise-against-meningococcal-disease>