

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), Geia sou (Greek), Mbote, Jambo (Congolese), Konnichiwa (Japanese), Hola (Spanish), Annyeonghaseyo (South Korea) Israel Shalom (Hebrew)

Principal's Message

Thank you so very much for your positive and quick response to the change of Covid Alert Level last Monday through to Wednesday. I was so impressed with the way our learners responded to the need to give their families a smile and a cheerful 'goodbye' at the school gates each morning. What fantastic self managing students we have. Even our newest families responded in a trusting manner, we appreciate your belief in our school to keep us all safe. It is great to welcome you all back onto the site again today.

Kia ora

Anne Fraser

**** NOTE CHANGE OF DATE ****

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING - NOW WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY, 2021 (WEEK 4)

We are very keen to continue to have close links between home and school, so we have arranged for a Meet the Teacher session for families, a great way to stay really connected with the school.

5.30pm - 6.00pm Matawhero, Orion & Neptune families meet with their Teacher

6.00pm - 6.30pm Ra & Earth families meet with their Teacher

6.30pm - 7.00pm Marama & Milky Way families meet with their Teacher

The different timings above allows those of you, with children in different year levels of the school, to get to each of the presentations relating to your children.

Please Note: Students are not required to attend "Meet the Teacher Evening" however, they are most welcome to play on the playground while they wait for you.

We have an optional 'Bring Your Own Device' procedure at school for Year 3-6 students only. We have very clear protocols around this which need to be adhered to. The Team Leaders and Teachers will outline these to families in this area of the school as part of their Meet the Teacher presentations. We will have the BYO iPad Agreement Forms available at this time. Check our website as well around this.

[Bring Your Own iPad FAQs \(click the link\)](#)

SCHOOL BANKING - FIRST CREDIT UNION

Banking can be deposited in the Credit Union Drop Box in Reception and will be collected every Wednesday morning by First Credit Union. Passbooks will be returned and will go home with students the following day (Thursday). Application Packs can be collected from the School Office.

Note: Due to Alert Level 2 restrictions this week, School Banking will start next week.

WEET-BIX TRYATHALON - SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY, 2021

***** NOW CANCELLED *****



The below message was taken from the Weet-bix Tryathlon website:

Due to the re-emergence of COVID-19 in the community and the updated Ministry of Health guidelines regarding Mass Gatherings we have cancelled the Hamilton Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon. Unfortunately, the event cannot be rescheduled. We know that you and your child will be extremely disappointed but we hope that you can take part in the "TRY DIY". If you were a registered participant of the Hamilton Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon, an email outlining your options has been sent to you.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS - DEADLINE EXTENDED TO FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

Scholastic Book orders are due by tomorrow, **Friday 19th February, 2021 @ 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 DONATION

We certainly appreciate the fantastic support we are receiving for the school voluntary donation, it is appreciated and the funding will be used for resources for the children.



If you wish to pay your voluntary School Donation, we are happy to accept payment through **KINDO**. The Board of Trustees has set payment at:

\$120.00 for the eldest or only child at school (2x \$60.00 entries)

\$ 60.00 for each subsequent child at school

Please check with the School Office as the voluntary School Donation is adjusted during the year depending on which term your child/ren started school.

A GST receipt can be issued if requested. A % of your donation may be claimed as a tax rebate using a "Rebate Claim Form" – please refer to Inland Revenue for further details.

2021 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.



- **Years 4-6 Swimming Trials**
Cut-off date for registration is 3.00pm Thursday 18th February, 2021
- **2020 SCHOOL CAMP (Years 5&6) we currently have \$2,365.00 outstanding in camp payments.**

SCHOOL HATS - OUT OF STOCK

A message from Direct Group for our families:

I need to let you know that we have sold out of the medium and large size hats. We have sold a much larger number than usual this year and the NZ supplier is also out of stock. The shipment is due in mid March so I apologise but we will not be able to supply until then. I will let you know as soon as we have stock back on the shelves.



HAPPY CHINESE YEAR TO OUR TE TOTARA FAMILIES!

"xin nian kuai le" "New Year happiness"

(In Mandarin it is pronounced shin nee-an kwai le)

Chinese New Year began around the world on the 12th of February and is a very special time for many of our families here at Te Totara. It's time for a new year and new beginnings and is known as the Spring Festival or the Lunar New Year. February 12th marks the beginning of the *xin chou* year, "Xin" represents the heavenly stem for the element metal, while "chou" is the earthly branch symbol for ox, making it the Year of the Metal Ox.

We hope you all have a wonderful new year full of celebrations with your family and friends near and afar.

FINDING OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING

We have many ways of keeping up-to-date regarding events that are happening at school:

Online school calendar: [Online School Calendar](#)

School App: [Download the School App](#)

School Website: [Te Totara Website](#) - *this has the option to translate the newsletter into other languages*

Weekly notices: [Weekly Notices](#)

Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/TeTotaraPrimarySchool230374533681330/>

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



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday, 19th February, 2021 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm**. This week our children from our Neptune and Marama teams will attend assembly.

DATES COMING UP

Fri 19 Feb	PTA, Iceblock Day
Wed 24 Feb	Meet the Teacher 5.00pm - 7.00pm
Thurs 25 Feb	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
Wed 17 Mar	PTA Meeting
Fri 19 Mar	PTA, Iceblock Day
Thurs 25 Mar	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
Fri 26 Mar	School Disco - PTA (more details to follow)
Fri 2 Apr	Good Friday - Public Holiday
Mon 5 Apr	Easter Monday - Public Holiday
Tues 6 Apr	Easter Tuesday - SCHOOL CLOSED (schools only)
Fri 9 Apr	PTA, Iceblock Day
Fri 16 Apr	END OF TERM 1, 2021 @ 3.00pm
Mon 3 May	TERM 2, BEGINS @ 8.55am

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

The first Ice Block Day of the year is tomorrow, Friday 19th February, 2021.

Don't forget to pack your \$2.00 for a Lemonade Ice Block before you leave the house in the morning. See you all there!



END OF YEAR FINANCIALS

Should you wish to view the End of Year Financial report of the PTA, this is now available in the PTA section of our School's website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ice Block Day	Friday 19 th February, 2021
Next PTA Meeting	Wednesday 17 th March, 2021
Ice Block Day	Friday 19 th March, 2021
School Disco	Friday 26 th March (Details to come)
Ice Block Day	Friday 9 th April, 2021

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.**

Suburbs Community Sports Club 2021 Junior Rugby Weigh In

Sunday 7th March 10.00am-2.00pm

At Suburbs Community Sports Club, Flagstaff Park, Commodore Ave, Hamilton.

Ages 4-12 year old, boys and girls all welcome.

All new players are required to bring a copy of birth certificate or passport.

Sub can be paid on the day or online \$90 for one child, \$60 for every additional child from the same immediate family. Suburbs Community Sports Club 38-9006-0290804-00

For further details please email suburbsjnrrugby@gmail.com



Hamilton Marist Junior Rugby Club Weigh In and Registration:

Sunday 7th March 1-4pm

At the Marist clubrooms, on Old Farm Road. All players, new and old need to be weighed in.

Players must be minimum 4 years old, turning 5 this year. If you are a new player please

bring along a copy of your birth certificate. Check out our Facebook page for information and updates.



TERM 1 BIKE SKILLS PROGRAMME – AFTER SCHOOL

MONDAY NIGHTS FROM 5.30PM - 6.30PM

For new riders on pedal bikes to learn bike skills in a safe environment with qualified coaches. Bike & Helmet hire available \$2.00 per item. All riders must be fully covered eg. long pants, long sleeve top, covered shoes (we have gloves). Term 1 – 8 Week Programme for all ages on pedal bikes – Cost \$100 which includes the programme & an annual membership with Hamilton BMX Club.

Monday Nights 5.30pm to 6.30pm – start date 15th February 2021

Bike Skills: Pedalling, Balancing, Braking, Cornering, confidence

REGISTER HERE: <https://www.hamiltonbmx.co.nz/lessons/>