

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)

### MEET THE TEACHER EVENING - WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY, 2021 (WEEK 3)

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 \(click the link\)](#)

### HEAT PLAN

With the very hot weather we have introduced a Heat Plan at school. Usually our children go outside during the breaks to play with friends and enjoy the benefits of being active. We recognise that with the very hot weather this can pose some risks, especially around dehydration and heat related concerns. So on very hot days we will be having an indoor option for the children to use at break times, typically anything over 25 degrees in the forecast will trigger the Heat Plan.

We are fortunate that all our inside areas (*apart from the Matariki Hall*) are air conditioned so it allows for optimum learning and teaching conditions.

### 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**

## FOOD AT SCHOOL - ALLERGIES

We have children at our school who are highly allergic to dairy products, some fruits (kiwifruit) and nuts and exposure to these foods could potentially be life threatening to them. We have procedures in place for 1:1 support for these children to ensure their safety. At present we will continue to carry on with our normal food eating programme, but we have to carefully plan school events/learning area celebrations etc. With this in mind, please don't be offended if any kind offers of food to the school are scrutinised as they may not be a healthy option due to allergies. Please ensure all food containers and drink bottles are clearly named.

## 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.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS - DEADLINE EXTENDED TO FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

Scholastic Book orders are due by **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 ASSEMBLY

We hold a "School Assembly" each Friday, starting at 2.00pm in the Matariki Hall, where we celebrate learning and achievement, awards and school information updates. Families are very welcome to attend, our teachers endeavour to contact families if their child is gaining an award at the assembly.

Due to the number of students/families involved we have three separate assemblies to help with congestion and allow for a more personal approach. We mix the year and age levels up so that our older students are able to support and role model to our newer children. Teams will rotate in this format:

- A. Matawhero, Ra & Milky Way
- B. Orion & Earth
- C. Neptune & Marama

Each week we will include in the newsletter 'School Assembly' to inform you of which teams are attending assembly on that week.

An advertisement for 'mykindo' online school shop. It features a young boy with glasses in a red shirt. The text includes: 'Introducing our online school shop', 'Open 24/7 for orders &amp; payments through our school website', 'Your mykindo account is designed to make it easy for you to manage school payments and complete school forms for your whole family, through a simple website.', 'Get started: Click the shop link on the school website to get started or visit mykindo.co.nz', 'Questions: Just pop in and see us or give us a call.', 'The good stuff: • Transact with school when it suits you - anytime, anywhere. • No cash or paper forms, no ticking up bank details, no waiting the office. Just log in and click. Even small amounts can be paid quickly and securely through kindo. • Lots of payment options. Build up a balance with regular bank deposits or pay as you go. Visa, Mastercard, Amex, UnionPay and POL also available.', 'Need help? Visit support.mykindo.co.nz or talk to the friendly staff at the kindo helpdesk 0800 4KINDO or email hello@mykindo.co.nz. Available 8am-4pm on school days.', and the 'kindo. we make payments simple' logo.

## TE TOTARA BUCKET SUN HATS - COMPULSORY TERM 1, 2021

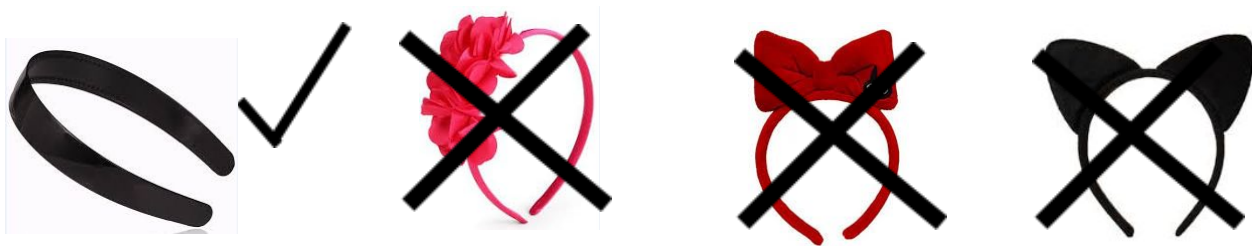
From the beginning of Term 1, 2021 **ALL** children will need to wear their Te Totara Primary School Red Bucket Hat when outside. These can be purchased through Direct Group, 6 Latham Court, Hamilton (off Kahikatea Drive) Phone (07) 847-6664.

## NAMING OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please, please, please can you make sure all items of school uniform are clearly named. It is not good enough to assume that your child will know that something belongs to them "because it has a black dot on the tag". If an item of clothing is found out on the fields it can not be returned unless it is named.

**ALL** students are expected to arrive at school and leave from school in their correct Te Totara Primary School Uniform, including footwear.

- Uniforms are to be worn clean, neat and tidy. Please clearly name your uniform items.
- Students are encouraged to take pride in their school uniform and to wear it well.
- Hair is to be off the face, tied back if longer than the bottom of the collar, and be the natural hair colour.
- Nail polish and cosmetics are not permitted.
- Second hand uniforms may be available. Please see the School Office for details.
- Variations in relation to the Human Rights Act may be negotiated with the Principal.
- All pupils are encouraged to use sunscreen at home before school and expected to wear the regulation school hat while outdoors. No hat – play in the shade (Terms 1 & 4).
- All uniform items should be clearly named.
- Extras for warmth such as polyprops or singlets, must be plain black.
- Plain black school sandals in summer (Terms 1&4) OR plain black school shoes in the winter (Terms 2&3). No other colours on the sandal or shoe, just plain black.
- Any hair accessory is to be plain and of a single school uniform colour – red, white, black, green.



## 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 items of jewellery 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



## SCHOOL BANKING - FIRST CREDIT UNION Starts on Wednesday 17th February, 2021

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.

First Credit Union has some exciting things planned for their school banking programme this year, including a chance for our school banking kids to **WIN 1 of 3 bikes** in Term 1.



We hope you all have an awesome Term 1 and look forward to seeing you. If there is anything you need don't hesitate to give First Credit Union a call!

## 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.

**kindo.**  
The online one stop school shop



- **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.



Fees and Donations

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

## SCHOOL LUNCH SERVICE

We are excited to continue our school lunch service at school.

Our supplier is "Lunch Orders" who are based in Hamilton.

**A message from LunchOrders:**

It's time to update your child's details.

Heya LunchOrders whānau! 2021 is going to be a year where the team in the LunchOrders kitchen will continue to innovate and experiment to bring you the healthiest, and most attractive school lunches! **Just a quick reminder to update your child's classroom number for 2021** so their yummy lunch can be sent to the right place! To update go to "My Account" and then select "Family Details".

**HOW IT WORKS**

- Visit us online at [www.lunchorders.co.nz](http://www.lunchorders.co.nz)
- Sign up for a free account and select your school
- Top up your account using a credit card or direct credit
- Place your order and select delivery date
- Sit back and relax while your order is freshly made and delivered to your school

LunchOrders delivers to Te Totara Primary on **MONDAY - FRIDAY** at 12.15PM.

**Lunch Orders**  
Delicious & nutritious meals delivered straight to the classroom  
[www.lunchorders.co.nz](http://www.lunchorders.co.nz)

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday, 12th February, 2021 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm**. This week our children from our Orion and Earth teams will attend assembly.

## DATES COMING UP

Wed 17 Feb	Meet the Teacher Evening - 5.00pm-7.00pm
Fri 19 Feb	PTA, Iceblock Day (more details to follow)
Wed 17 Mar	PTA Meeting
Fri 19 Mar	PTA, Iceblock Day (more details to follow)
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 - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> (schools only)
Fri 9 Apr	PTA, Iceblock Day (more details to follow)
Fri 16 Apr	<b>END OF TERM 1, 2021 @ 3.00pm</b>
Mon 3 May	<b>TERM 2, BEGINS @ 8.55am</b>

Ngā mihi,



Anne Fraser

Principal

## TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: [pta@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:pta@tetotara.school.nz) [www.facebook.com/TTPTA](http://www.facebook.com/TTPTA)

Please 'like' our Facebook page to ensure you keep in the news loop:

[www.facebook.com/TTPTA](http://www.facebook.com/TTPTA)



### WELCOME BACK

The PTA wish to welcome our school community back for another year. We have a few events planned for Term 1 so please keep an eye on this weekly update in the School Newsletter.

The PTA is always on the lookout for additional members and volunteers throughout the year. If you think you are able to assist in any way we would love to hear from you. Please email [pta@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:pta@tetotara.school.nz)

### ICE BLOCK DAY

The PTA is holding their first Ice Block Day of Term 1 on **Friday 19th February**. To make sure things run smoothly we require at least 3 volunteers to help sell ice blocks. 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](mailto:pta@tetotara.school.nz)

The funds raised on Ice Block Day, help the PTA contribute to future projects around our School.



### FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the Family Fun Night that was scheduled for Friday 12th March. We will look to bring this back next year.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Ice Block Day – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February
- Next PTA Meeting – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March
- Ice Block Day – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March
- School Disco – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March (Details to come)
- Ice Block Day – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April

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](mailto:suburbsjnrrugby@gmail.com)

### 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

All dates: 15th & 22nd February, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th March, 12th April

Bike Skills:

Peddalling, Balancing, Braking, Cornering, confidence

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

**FREE TRIAL!!!**

**Just 19 spaces left for Term 1 2021:**

- Monday 4.15 Jitterbugs Mini's (girls aged 3 – 5 ½) 5 Spaces
- Tuesday 5.15 Jitterbugs Hop Senior (girls aged 10 – 15 with dance experience) 4 Spaces
- Wednesday 3.35 Jitterbugs Mini's (girls aged 3 – 5 ½) 1 Space
- Wednesday 4.00 Jitterbugs Junior (girls aged 5 ½ - 7) 2 Spaces
- Thursday 3.40 Jitterbugs Junior (girls aged 5 ½ – 7) 2 Spaces
- Thursday 4.40 Jitterbugs MiniJam (girls and boys aged 3 – 5 ½) 5 Spaces

LESSONS HELD IN ROTOTUNA AND FLAGSTAFF  
COST \$105 AND INCLUDES AN END OF TERM SHOW  
MESSAGE JOLIE (021) 117 9633 TO SIGN UP OR FOR A FREE TRIAL OR CHECK OUT THE  
JITTERBUGS DANCE LESSONS FACEBOOK PAGE/WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO

**Jitterbugs**  
DANCE LESSONS

Jolie Hooping On 021 117 9633  
Email [jitterbugsdancelessons@outlook.com](mailto:jitterbugsdancelessons@outlook.com)  
[jitterbugsdancelessons.com](http://jitterbugsdancelessons.com)

### Hamilton Roller Skating Club Melville Park

The following are all the Public Sessions we are running this term starting 15<sup>th</sup> February with the Sunday Morning Session.

Sunday Morning 10am to Noon Mums and Dads skate free with their own skates, kids \$3.00 each. Hire Skates available cost \$2.00 each.

Monday 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Learn to Skate Class including skate hire \$25.00 per term, or \$3.00 per night starting 15.2.2021.

Thursday 5.30pm to 7.00pm Speeds skating \$2.00 each.

Thursday Night Twilight/Disco Skate 7.00pm to 9.00pm. \$3.00 each \$2.00 skate hire.

A great way to get out there and get active with your kids  
If you would like any further information please ring Kathy Moody on Ph: 855-2523.

**— SPEAK 4 —  
SUCCESS**

**KIDS SPEAK UP!**

Won't speak out? Got raw energy? Hates speeches - bullied?

**AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES:** Children gain confidence & real-life skills!

**RING** Roz 027 248 2888 [www.speak4success.co.nz](http://www.speak4success.co.nz)



# Kids Yoga & Mindfulness Classes

 Full details on Yoga Tamariki

 Facebook & Instagram pages

5-7 years 3.30/4.15pm

8-13 years 4.30/5.30pm

Starting 24 February 21

Wednesday - 7 Weeks

Bookings essential

Phone Shelley Moynihan

0273572804

Exploring yoga and mindfulness through interactive movement and games. Emphasising on calm breathing tools, gratitude & creative expression activities

 PRESENTS

**FREE EVENT**



# Hamilton CHILDREN'S DAY

Te raa o ngaa tamariki ki Kirikiriroa

# 2021

SATURDAY 6 MARCH, 10AM - 2PM

Waikato Museum | Garden Place | Central Library

 Hamilton children's Day



**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, INTERACTIVE STALLS**  
**COMPETITIONS & PRIZES, FREE EXSCITE@MUSEUM**  
**RIDES & INFLATABLES**  
**CHALK FEST, DIY FACE PAINTING**  
**BRING A PICNIC AND REUSABLE DRINK BOTTLE**