

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 (Congoese), Konnichiwa (Japanese), Hola (Spanish), Annyeonghaseyo (South Korea) Israel Shalom (Hebrew)

It was wonderful to see so many of you at school last night at our 'Meet the Teacher' evening. There was a great atmosphere with families taking time to listen to the presentations from the teachers, asking questions, spending time meeting with familiar faces and welcoming our new families. Thank you so much to our staff for all their preparation for the evening. I hope you all gained an insight into the learning environment and programmes for your children, and ways we can work in partnership to foster their wellbeing and success.

Ngaa mihi,
Anne
(Principal)

MEET TE TOTARA'S TRAINEE SUPPORT DOG

This is Milo, a Cavoodle who is in training to be Te Totara's support dog. Cavoodles are a cross between a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and a Poodle. They are a small dog breed that have a low-shed coat and are very friendly.

Milo will be wearing a high-visibility coat when he is working around the school. He will be based in the library office with Mrs Simms. Milo's job will be to encourage children to read aloud and to provide emotional support for students. We will be introducing Milo slowly to our school as he is a young puppy (11 weeks old). We are very excited to welcome this new member of our "staff."

If you would like to know more about support dogs please see our fact sheet.



SUPPORT DOGS

What does a support dog do?

A school support dog can:

- be an audience for students to read aloud to
- provide emotional support
- motivate and reward attendance at school
- help children learn about dog safety
- help students work on empathy and social skills

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More information

Children gain book smarts by reading aloud to dogs - <http://bit.ly/3qq3RYj>
Rescue dogs boost literacy - <http://bit.ly/2ZxwIhD>
Daisy the therapy dog wins over students, staff at Te Ao Marama School - <http://bit.ly/37jmQMt>
Flori the wonderdog (Rototuna Junior High School's support dog) - <https://bit.ly/2FRvIhp>

LOCATION AND LOCKING OF BIKES AND SCOOTERS

Unfortunately, we have recently been advised by some of our neighbouring schools about current theft occurring with bikes and scooters. Last week we were also the victim of theft of a scooter at the fence line between the Matawhero and Earth block. We have reviewed our protocols in this area and have made some changes to decrease the risk of this happening.

Although we do have security cameras scattered throughout the school our best advice is to **PLEASE LOCK YOUR CHILD'S BIKE OR SCOOTER.**

Note: Individual scooters are extremely difficult to view on CCTV as the image is unclear after zooming in. There are 100's of scooters parked along the fence line at any one time.

If your child intends to play on the playground after school for a short time, please ask them to go and get their bike/scooter first and have it with them.

We would expect that all of our children who are not enrolled at After School Care would have left the school premises by 3.15pm.



ALL SCOOTERS NORMALLY PARKED ON THE FENCE LINE BETWEEN MATAWHERO & THE EARTH POD ARE TO BE MOVED

Scooters normally parked in this area of our school will need to be parked over on the internal fence line beside the Marama block instead.

The reason for this is to prevent the theft of scooters from this area of our school grounds, as surveillance there is limited.

Our Caretakers will be onsite on Monday morning by the Matawhero pod fence line to help our younger students with the transition to this new designated area.

Any scooters throughout the school without a locking device, that is used properly by your child, must be parked on the internal fence beside the Marama (yellow) block. All bikes that come to school must have a locking device that is used correctly by your child, so they can be secure on the bike racks during the school day.



RIDING OF BIKES WITHIN SCHOOL GROUNDS

Just a reminder that both children and adults **are not permitted** to ride their bike within the school grounds. For the safety of everyone, please hop off your bike and walk beside it. This is because we have a lot of people moving through the school at key times so Health and Safety protocols do need to be enforced.

DROP-OFF/PICK-UP ZONE ROAD RULES AND SPEED LIMIT

This area is a great place to quickly drop off and pick up your children. Just a reminder to all our families that the speed limit is **5kms per hour in our drop-off/pick-up zone.**

We have had some 'close calls' recently so it is really important that we stick to the 5km per hour speed limit. Most of our community do a wonderful job in looking after our students in this situation however, I am very aware that speed can creep up, therefore we do need to frequently remind our families of this safety protocol. **Ultimately, it is the driver's responsibility to look both ways for children who may be crossing before driving off.... children can be very unpredictable at times.**

We do have staff rostered on duty in the drop-off zone in the mornings however this is not until 8:30am as they have preparation work to do beforehand. Please note, current road rules also apply upon entering our drop-off/pick-up zone regarding positioning yourselves in the correct lane for turning out onto Hector Drive. At this stage the left lane closest to our school buildings is still able to be used for right turning as well. When leaving the drop-off zone **if you wish to turn left onto Hector Drive, please position yourself in the LEFT LANE only, closest to the school buildings.** The RIGHT LANE should be for cars turning right out onto Hector Drive. We have seen a few near miss accidents with cars crossing through lanes without indicating and not considering other drivers.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are pleased to advise that Direct Group is now fully stocked with all sizes of our school uniform (except hats).

A reminder..... the red Sports Polo Shirt with the words "Te Totara Primary School" printed on the back is NOT the everyday school uniform.

This Sports Shirt is for children who are part of a school sports team.

SPORTS TEAM SHIRT ONLY



EVERYDAY UNIFORM



SPORTS TEAM JACKET



We have also introduced a red waterproof jacket which is an optional school uniform item.

These are only to be worn to and from school please, they are NOT to take place of our red school polar fleece which are to be worn in class.

If your child plays in one of our after school or weekend sports teams, the jacket may also be worn to their sports games.

We expect our children to be wearing the correct everyday school uniform by next week - Monday 1st March, 2021.

SCHOOL HATS - OUT OF STOCK

A message from Direct Group for our families:

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 shelf.



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 30 August (Te Totara Mid-Term break)

Teacher Only Day - Friday 22 October

Monday 25 October - Labour Day

Please note the change of date for our Mid-Term Break in Term 3.

SCHOOL DONATION

We certainly appreciate the fantastic support we are receiving for the school voluntary donation, it is appreciated and the 100% of this funding goes towards curriculum support and resources for all the children's learning and activities.



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 & DONATIONS PAID VIA KINDO

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



Please Note: Aquatics will be charged after your child's class has had their lessons.

- **FAIRFIELD CLUSTER SWIMMING (Selected Students Only)**
Tuesday 16th March, 2021
Cut-off date for registration is 3.00pm Wednesday 10th March
- **2020 SCHOOL CAMP (Years 5&6)** we currently have **\$2,365.00** outstanding in camp payments.

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

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

CRICKET

Galaxy

Janco Dahms

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday, 26th February, 2021 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm**. This week our children from our Matawhero, Ra and Milky Way teams will attend assembly and our Ra 29 children will be sharing at assembly.

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 25 Feb	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
Wed 17 Mar	PTA Meeting
Fri 19 Mar	PTA, Iceblock Day
Wed 24 Mar	Learning Plan Interviews 2.15pm - 5.30pm (more details to follow)
Thurs 25 Mar	Learning Plan Interviews 2.15pm - 6.00pm
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

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www.facebook.com/TTPTA



ICE BLOCK DAY

The first of our 3x Ice Block Days this term was held last Friday. With the quick changes in COVID-19 levels during the week, the format for the day was altered. Teachers collected money from the students and made a bulk purchase on their behalf, rather than the students themselves coming to the selling tables. We look forward to seeing the smiling faces of the children at our next Ice-Block day in March.

Many thanks to Gwen and Megan for giving up an hour of their day and coming along to assist with selling ice blocks on the day.

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.

COMING EVENTS

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.



Should we make Korikori Green a street for people?

Have your say on whether a section of Korikori Green is declared a pedestrian mall. A pedestrian mall is a street for people, meaning you can still walk, cycle, scooter or park on Korikori Green, but through vehicle access between North City Road and Kimbrae Drive would be restricted. The restrictions would be in place 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, except when there are events in Korikori Park or the immediately surrounding area. This proposed change aligns with the Rototuna Village developments and supports the overall vision of developing an attractive and sustainable community in Rototuna. You can share your feedback on this change at

<https://haveyoursay.hamilton.govt.nz/city-transportation/korikori-green/>

Feedback closes **28 February 2021**.

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28 FEB
SUN 10AM - NOON
CLAUDELANDS PARK
GATE 2 (OFF HEAPHY TERRACE)

Hamilton City Council
Te Kaitiaki o Kirikiriroa

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NORTHERN UNITED SPORTS CLUB

ARE YOUR KIDS INTERESTED IN PLAYING FOOTBALL?
IF YES, THEN **GET THEM INVOLVED!!**

REGISTRATIONS ARE **NOW OPEN** FOR THE 2021 SEASON
CHILDREN 4YRS OLD BORN IN 2016 CAN REGISTER

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.NORTHERNUNITEDFOOTBALL.CO.NZ

OR EMAIL FOOTBALL.NORTHERNUNITED@GMAIL.COM
FOR MORE INFORMATION

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