

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)

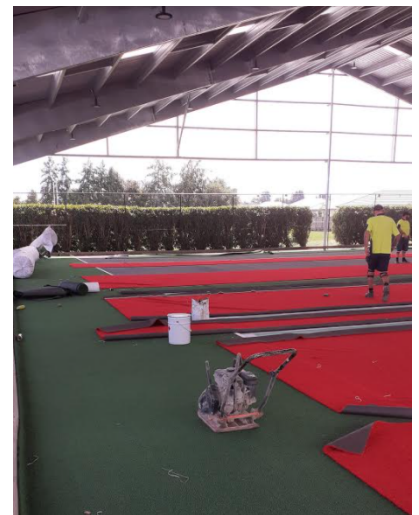
Hello everyone and welcome to our Week 7 newsletter. I'm not sure where the time has gone but here we are with Easter Eggs and Hot Cross Buns popping up in the shops. The chillier mornings are setting in and the children and staff are enjoying the lovely blue sky days we are experiencing.

You may have noticed that the shade sail on the large playground has been removed. We are in the process of replacing this with a new shade sail and this should be completed by the end of next week.

Our Galaxy covered court area has had the turf replaced and is looking very bright and colourful. We are now waiting for the sand to be spread on today and tomorrow. All going well we hope the courts will be open for use on Monday next week.

*Learning Plan interviews are being held next week on Wednesday and Thursday. **School closes on both of these days at 2.00pm.** As this is a change from a normal school day, please make sure your child knows what they are to do at 2.00pm. Our After School Care is open from 2.00pm for those who have places. I strongly encourage you to make an appointment with your child's teacher if you haven't done so already. These discussions focus on your child's learning and setting achievable goals for the coming school year. I wish you all a great weekend*

Nga mihi
Jo Stewart
Deputy Principal



HOT AIR BALLOON AT TE TOTARA

Yesterday, we were fortunate enough to welcome Gail Dryland to Te Totara to share her hot air balloon knowledge and let us watch the assembly phase of her balloon Phoenix. She explained the tools she uses when she pilots a balloon over the Waikato region and introduced her helpers supporting her with this venture. Once the balloon was inflated and secured by two vehicles on the back field, children were able to walk through the entrance of the balloon and explore inside. We are very grateful to be able to have this experience at Te Totara. Many thanks Gail and your team.



LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSION BOOKINGS & GOAL-SETTING LETTER

Learning Plan Discussions will take place on **Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th March, 2021** for all students (**except Room 7**).

Students are required to return to their Goal-Setting letter to their classroom teacher by Thursday 18th March, 2021. For a copy, click on the following link: [Student Goal-Setting Letter](#)

We have arranged **15 minute time slots** for the discussion, there will be a change over bell so that everyone is aware of timings. If you have more than one child, you might like to have a break between each interview. To ensure the smooth running of our Learning Plan Discussions, we would be grateful if all our parents/caregivers kept to the timetable. There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress on:

Wednesday 24th March, 2021

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm, 5.00pm, 5.15pm & 5.30pm

Thursday 25th March, 2021

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm (*teachers break between 5.00pm-5.30pm*), 5.30pm, 5.45pm & 6.00pm

How do I book a time?

To make an appointment time for your child/ren, please use our online booking system www.schoolinterviews.co.nz – our school code is **dakym**.

An electronic confirmation can be sent to you via email upon completion of your booking, **please don't forget to include your email address and select "email" under Parent Bookings** when you have booked an interview time.

If you are unable to access the internet, please phone the school (07) 853-0039 ext. 858 and leave a message with the time slot that you would prefer and Marise will collate these.

We will endeavour to give you the time as close as we can to your preference. If we are unable to assist we will go by first in first served. Please **do not** make arrangements directly with classroom teachers.

Bookings close on Monday 22nd March, 2021 @ 3.00pm. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept bookings after this date/time.

LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS - SCHOOL FINISHES EARLY

School will finish at **2.00pm** both Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th March for all students. Students will need to be collected at **2.00pm** - Thanks.

Further information regarding booking an interview will follow in next week's newsletter. **Bookings will open tomorrow, Friday 5th March @ 9.00am.**

AFTER SCHOOL CARE - LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS

As the whole school will finish at **2.00pm** on Wednesday 24th March & Thursday 25th March 2021, After School Care will begin at 2.00pm, **for those children enrolled**.

Spaces are limited.... so if your child/ren normally attends ASC on either/both those days, please advise ASC two weeks in advance if you **DO NOT** require your booking. Otherwise, your child/ren will be booked in for the earlier start time of 2.00pm automatically on those days.

Any queries, please email Anna Herbert: afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz

FAIRFIELD CLUSTER SWIMMING YESTERDAY

On Tuesday 16th March, 22 students from Te Totara attended the Fairfield Cluster Swimming Sports held at Fairfield High School:

Lily Taylor, Harper McMurray, Pounamu Clarke, Amelia Cullen, Avni Rathore, Isabella Svenson, Clara Chie, Kirat Kaur, Teane Ioapa, Charlie Gordon, Alexis Torr - Williams, Ava Reid, Shinny Shin, Miley Harrison, Xavier Lake, Ethan Tsui, Ciaran Senar, Quinn James, Caleb Bilsborrow, Hadlee Tantrum, James Galvin, Freddie Williams.



Of all the inter-school sporting events Te Totara Primary students attend, we find the Swimming Sports to be the most competitive. The majority of the children competing tend to be Swimming Club or Squad Swimmers so the competition is always fierce. Our children participated in their events with great attitudes and placed well in heats with many achieving personal best times. However, progression through to the finals is based on recorded times and some students missed out by tight margins.

Results:

Year 4 Girls Freestyle	<i>Lily Taylor - 1st Place</i>
Year 4 Girls Backstroke	<i>Lily Taylor - 2nd Place</i>
Year 6 Girls Backstroke	<i>Miley Harrison - 2nd Place</i>
Year 4 Girls Relay	<i>Pounamu Clarke, Harper McMurray, Amelia Cullen & Lily Taylor - 3rd Place</i>

Mr Rodger and Mr McAuley are very proud of the achievements of all the children who participated in these Swimming Sports and would like to thank all the parents who came to support our children.

LATE COLLECTION OF CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL - SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM

We have noticed an increased trend in children being picked up late after school. We understand that some children may be waiting for an older sibling from RJHS to collect them, or perhaps their sibling may be involved in after school sports at Te Totara.

However, **school finishes at 3.00pm** and we would expect that our children have either been collected or have **left the school premises by 3.15pm**. After this time our staff are involved in meetings and are unable to supervise any remaining children.

If children remain at school after 3.15pm, it is the parents/caregivers responsibility for the safety and supervision of your child/ren.

Remember, After School Care facilities are available at the school. If you have any queries around After School Care, visit our school website www.tetotara.school.nz OR call Anna Herbert on (027) 8530031 OR email: afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz

SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2021 Enrolment Period of 1st July, 2021 - 14th December, 2021

The Board of Trustees are looking to accommodate, if possible, younger siblings and children of staff in the 2021 school year. To help determine this, we urgently need to have Out-of-zone Enrolment Forms into the School Office to help with this process. Please complete an OUTZ Enrolment Form for each child, which is available online from our school website by clicking the following link: www.tetotara.school.nz or by visiting the School Office.

The Board will look at the number of enrolments, the level of projected student growth and determine how many spaces for out-of-zone students are available for the upcoming enrolment period of **1st July, 2021 to 14th December, 2021**. This will be completed in late May, allowing for lots of time for families to know what is happening. Further information around the number of out-of-zone spaces to be released will be communicated via the school newsletter over the next few weeks.

Please return the completed OUTZ Enrolment Form, including the relevant documentation, to the School Office by 3.00pm tomorrow, Friday 19th March, 2021.

WINTER SPORTS MUSTER - IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED TO PLAY A WINTER SPORT?

There will be a Winter Sports muster at school on **Monday 22nd March, 2021** in the Matariki Hall. Students can get interest letters for Netball, Hockey and Miniball at that time.

Registration and payment of fees will be available through KINDO **next week**.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Direct Group are our school uniform supplier and they have 4 simple ways to order:

Visit their website: shop.directgroup.co.nz

Email Direct Group: info@directgroup.co.nz

Visit them in store: **6 Latham Court Hamilton**

Phone: **(07) 847-6664**



LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS - CAN YOU HELP US PLEASE?

Our library volunteers issue and return class library books and free up time for our teachers to spend talking with students about books. We have a few mornings or afternoons where we require helpers. This would need to be a commitment for at least two terms. If you are interested please email our librarian Michelle, michelles@tetotara.school.nz or pop in on a Friday morning to our library. If you are new to the country and are looking to build up a NZ work history then this role might be a good way to start.

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

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

CRICKET

Superstars Kairav Stringer, Shiven Patel, Josh Verma

Thunder Aidan Templeton

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday, 19th March, 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 32 children will be sharing at assembly.

DATES COMING UP

Fri 19 Mar	PTA, Iceblock Day
Wed 24 Mar	Learning Plan Interviews 2.15pm - 5.30pm - School finishes at 2.00pm
Thurs 25 Mar	Learning Plan Interviews 2.15pm - 6.00pm - School finishes at 2.00pm
Thurs 25 Mar	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm
Fri 26 Mar	School Disco - PTA (Fairy Tales & Super Heros Theme) Year 0-2 from 5:30pm – 6:45pm Year 3-6 from 7:00pm – 8:15pm
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,

Jo Stewart

Deputy 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

Ice Block day tomorrow Friday 19th March. 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! If there is anyone that wishes to help sell ice blocks and has an hour free from 12:15pm, please contact the PTA via our Facebook page or email pta@tetotara.school.nz



SCHOOL DISCO

We have a School Disco coming up on Friday 26th March. The theme is Fairy

Tales & Super Heroes. The students of Milky Way and Ra have been given the opportunity to host the disco. Parents, your child has been given a letter asking if you can assist on the evening. Please return this form promptly to the **Green PTA box in the School Office**, as it helps with our planning for the evening.

If anyone else would like to help out please email the PTA at: pta@tetotara.school.nz



Disco Theme: Fairy Tales & Super Heroes

Year 0-2 5:30pm – 6:45pm

Year 3-6 7:00pm – 8:15pm

Entry Fee: \$2.00 per child

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

If you are wanting to purchase an Entertainment Membership to have on hand for the upcoming holidays now is a great time to do it. Not only is a Membership packed full of valuable 2 for 1 and up to 50% off offers, you will also receive a Bonus Countdown or JB Hi-Fi voucher (purchaser's choice). Memberships are valid over any 12-month period from date of activation.

20% of all sales using the below link will support Te Totara School PTA fundraising efforts. www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/15502m5



UPCOMING EVENTS

Ice Block Day – Friday 19th March

School Disco – Friday 26th March

Ice Block Day – Friday 9th 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.**



KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

CONTACT
KIM OR MARK INNES

WAIKATO@KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ
07 8399017

BOOK ONLINE AT
KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ

The FunShed



All groups welcome to join the fun at



OPEN 7 Days 9:30am - 5:30pm

Cafe & Hot Drinks.

Groups can bring a packed lunch. Private space provided. **Socks** required by Adults and Children

Cost per child under 5yrs \$10.50

Cost per child over 5yrs \$12.00

No charge for adults & **discounted** Hot Drinks.

Kohanga Reo, Early Learning Centres &

Holiday Programs All Welcome.

No advance bookings necessary. Perfect for last minute or rainy day cancellations (**Zoo**)

Facebook ~ The Fun Shed

www.thefunshed.co.nz

Ph. 07 846 2251



SleepWell MoePai

- Give a Kid a Blanket Charity

SleepWell MoePai is a community group who collects blankets, sheets, duvets, pjs and other warm items, and donates them to families who need them, through referrals from social agencies. These items are in huge demand at the moment and reserves are running low due to the increased need in the Waikato. If you have any of the above items to donate, please bring them to the School Office and they will be delivered to the charity HQ.

Your donations are very much appreciated.

Thank you,
Jo Stewart

