

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)

## EASTER HOLIDAYS \*\* SCHOOL CLOSED\*\*

### FRIDAY 2ND APRIL, MONDAY 5TH APRIL & TUESDAY 6TH APRIL, 2021

We open again on Wednesday 7th April as normal, school starts at 8.55am

Today is the last day of school before the Easter Holidays which start tomorrow. We have had queries about why the School is closed on Tuesday 6th April, the below wording is taken from the Ministry of Education website and may be of help:

### Easter Tuesday

The Tuesday following Easter Monday is a school holiday (not a statutory holiday), meaning schools must not be open.

The terms and holidays are usually set so that Easter occurs during the first term break and the Easter Tuesday school holiday goes unnoticed. However, in some years Easter falls much earlier than usual such as in 1997, 2005, 2008, 2013 and 2016.

To have the first two-week break at Easter in those years would shorten the first term to only eight or nine weeks, instead of around 12 weeks, and mean that at least one of the other three terms would have to be correspondingly longer. As the Minister aims to set four terms of reasonably uniform length, in years when Easter falls particularly early, all or some of the Easter break will be during the first term.

### Mondayisation

The public holidays for ANZAC Day (25 April) and Waitangi Day (6 February) are Monday-ised. This means that when either of these dates fall on a Saturday or Sunday, the corresponding public holiday will be observed on the Monday immediately following.

### CHARTER AND ANNUAL PLAN

Today we are sending home a pamphlet outlining our Charter, Strategic and Annual Plan targets with the oldest or only student in the school.

#### Some information:

- The Charter and Strategic Plan is our four-year plan (*on one page*) to support our vision of Growing and Learning Together
- Our Annual Plan and targets are based on achievement results from the end of 2020 and Ministry of Education priorities. It sets out very specific actions, responsibilities, resourcing and timeframes to achieve our targets in 2021.
- Our goals are set above the Government expectations of 85% of students achieving at or above National Standards in Reading, Writing and Maths.



If you have any queries then please don't hesitate to contact me at: [principal@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:principal@tetotara.school.nz)

## **OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS PERIOD FOR 2021**

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available on our school website by clicking the following link: [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz)

The Board has determined that **20 places for New Entrant (Year 0) students** whose 5th Birthday falls within the enrolment period of **1<sup>st</sup> July - 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021**, are likely to be available to out-of-zone students

The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

The deadline for receipt of out-of-zone applications is **3.00pm on Friday 23rd April, 2021** and should be addressed to:

*Te Totara Primary School*  
*PO Box 28134*  
*Hamilton 3256*

If the number of out-of-zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot supervised by a Justice of the Peace, a Practising Lawyer or a Police Officer in accordance under Section 11G (1) of the Education Act 1989.

If a ballot for out-of-zone is required, it will be held on **Monday 10th May, 2021**. Parents will be informed of the outcome by **Wednesday 12th May, 2021**.

## **TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

As part of our Te Totara School Charter regarding the objective of 'Growing Whanau Community Engagement', the Board invites your feedback on our policies. The Te Totara Board of Trustees have reviewed and ratified the policies below at our last BOT Meeting:

- **Digital Citizenship**
- **Classroom Release Procedure**
- **Social Media**

The next Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 27th May @ 6.30pm**. Policies up for renewal at this meeting are:

- **Attendance Policy**
- **Appointments Policy**
- **Staff Leave Policy**
- **Valuing Diversity – Equal Employment Opportunities Policy**

*NOTE: All Te Totara Primary School Policies & Procedures are available for your information on our school website under the "Board of Trustees" red quick link tab from the home page.*

If you have any feedback on these policies please email [melissag@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:melissag@tetotara.school.nz).

Ngā mihi nui

*Melissa Guyan & Jo Stewart*

Board of Trustees Policy Sub-committee

## **RAMADAN**

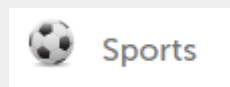
Ramadan begins on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at the end of Ramadan, Muslims celebrate one of their major holidays called Eid al-Fitr or the "Festival of the Breaking of the Fast." In 2021 the holiday will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

"An easy way to make your Muslims feel connected is to wish them a "Ramadan Kareem" or "Ramadan Mubarak" which both loosely translates to "Have a Blessed Ramadan."

## 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, 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.**



### NETBALL TERMS 2&3 (Years 3-6 students)

Cut-off date for registration is Thursday 1st April @ 3.00pm

### MINIBALL TERM 2 ONLY (Years 1-6 students)

Cut-off date for registration is Wednesday 7th April @ 3.00pm

**Kindo Questions? Kindo Helpdesk on 0508 454636 (toll free)**

**If access is denied, it is most likely that our school does not have your current email address recorded on your child's file. Please do not hesitate to contact the School Office on (07) 853-0039 to amend.**

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



## TE TOTARA CODE OF BEHAVIOUR FOR PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS

We have a number of sporting teams in operation at the moment and also events that we are involved in. It is useful from time-to-time to remind our supporters and families of the guidelines we have established, in relation to what we expect of our families who are on the sidelines. We have a Code of Behaviour that originated in conjunction with Sport Waikato which outlines those expectations:

- Encourage children to take part in sport but do not force them.
- Focus on the children's effort and performance rather than whether they won or lost.
- Teach children that trying hard is more important than winning.
- Encourage fair and skilful players.
- Insist that they always compete according to the rules and respect officials and coaches' decisions.
- Never ridicule or shout at a child. Mistakes are part of learning and everyone loses sometime.
- Children learn from example so applaud all good performances and good sportsmanship including the opponents
- If you disagree with an official do not question the official in public. There is a standard procedure for complaints - see the manager or the meeting referee.
- Recognise the importance of volunteer officials, administrators and coaches who give their time so that your child can be involved.
- Remember children compete in sport for their enjoyment, not ours.
- Talk to your child. Do they enjoy their sport? Are they learning that doing their best, being sporting and having fun are important?
- Teach children to respect the effort of their opponents.
- Encourage children to think about the stars. Are they being respectful, self-managing, trying their best, always learning and making smart decisions.

Thank you for adhering to these guidelines.

*Te Totara Sports Committee*

## TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

If you are a Coach or Manager, please email the POD to [celestem@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:celestem@tetotara.school.nz)

### CRICKET

Superstars

Ryan Zhang, James Walker

# DATES COMING UP

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,  
**To Stewart**  
Deputy 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)

## SCHOOL DISCO

The Fairy Tale and Super Heroes Disco was held last Friday night in Matariki Hall and it was a super night. Thank you to all the students (and parents) who came along dressed to the theme, you looked amazing. The PTA is grateful for your participation and raised just over \$2,000 on the night. A HUGE thank you to our amazing team of volunteers, (sorry there are too many to list), but without you the Discos could not have taken place. Be sure to check out the Te Totara Primary School PTA Facebook page, where you can see the photos that were taken on the night.



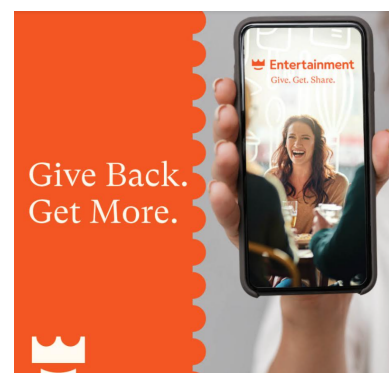
## ICE BLOCK DAY

The last Ice Block day for the term is happening next Friday 9th April. **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)



## 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) on any membership purchased before 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021. 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](http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/15502m5)

## HAPPY EASTER

The PTA would wish our school community a very happy Easter celebration and we look forward to seeing you all back after the break.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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.**



# MINIS 2 MOOLOOS

ARE YOU READY FOR RUGBY?

**TWO HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE**  
GET IN QUICK LIMITED NUMBERS.....

**Option 1: Te Awamutu: Albert Park**  
Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th April 8.30am to 3.30pm

**Option 2: Hamilton: Willoughby Park & FMG Stadium Waikato**  
Thursday 29th and Friday 30th April 8.30am to 3.30pm

- Age groups 5-7, 8-10, 11-13 (Girls & Boys)
- Prices \$75 per day p/p, \$60 for additional siblings
- Fun rugby games and skills.
- Facilitated by WRU coaching staff.
- Focusing on fundamental movement and rugby skills.
- Each participant receives a Waikato goodie pack.

*Note: Participating players need to bring their own lunch/drink, MOUTH GUARDS and any protective gear.*



**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

Link to Register: [Click Here To Register](#)

## 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](http://www.thefunshed.co.nz)

Ph. 07 846 2251



# KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



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