

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)

Kia Ora to our Te Totara whānau,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday with your children over the past two weeks. The weather was very kind to us with those delightful warm autumn days. The students have returned to school this week very settled and happy to be back learning and playing with their friends. It is great to see them so engaged with their learning.

In the past few weeks we have been reminded that we are very lucky to live in this country that remains almost Covid 19-free. We must not get complacent around this, as we have seen from other parts of the world this virus is highly contagious with deadly and long-term consequences.

We have a number of families in our Te Totara community who have family members in India, where the virus is widespread. These must be very worrying times for you all as you fear for the health and safety of your loved ones, in a country where the health system is quite overwhelmed. I want you to know that you are an important part of our Te Totara community and our thoughts and aroha are with you in these uncertain times.

The Māori concept of Tautoko (support) reminds us of the importance of being close to people in times of their need.

'Waiho i te toipoto, kava i te toiroa'
'Let us keep close together, not far apart.'

This is **Te Totara - a community of care** in action, one of our important Wellbeing goals from our Charter.

Ngā mihi,

Anne Fraser

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

DROP-OFF ZONE IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL

New Line Markings and Arrows

During the school holidays we have refreshed our line markings in the 'drop off zone' in front of the Administration block. We have also added in some arrows that clarify which lane you are to enter if you are going **left** or **right** after picking up your children. Both lanes are able to turn right to travel back down Hector Drive towards Borman Road, however **only the inside lane** closest to the Administration block **is available for a left turn** up Hector Drive towards Rototuna High School.

There is no 'lane changing' once you are inside the drop off lane so please ensure you enter in the correct lanes. This is to ensure vehicle safety inside our school area.

SEAT BELTS IN VEHICLES

We have been observing a few students who have not been safely sitting in their car seats with the seat belt fasten securely, before the car moves off. This is an illegal and highly dangerous practise, if the car has to stop suddenly the risk for injury of unsecured children is very high. It is also not modelling good vehicle safety practises to your children. We are very conscious of the risk in this and will be stopping vehicles that move off without children being secure.

Mrs Fraser is being very active in this regard in the drop off zone area that she manages.

Please train your child to:

- get into the car quickly,
- take their bag off their back and stow it safely
- and immediately secure their seat belt around them.

This way they are safe and ready to go without holding up the flow of traffic.

Thank you so much for your attention to this important safety issue.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by Friday **14th May, 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 UNIFORM FOR TERMS 2 & 3

At this time of the year we are noticing an increasing need for warmer clothing.

If students need to wear an additional clothing layer underneath their uniform for warmth we ask that the clothing is **black** i.e. singlet, long sleeve polypropylene. Also, our winter uniform requirements are plain black socks or tights and plain black shoes.

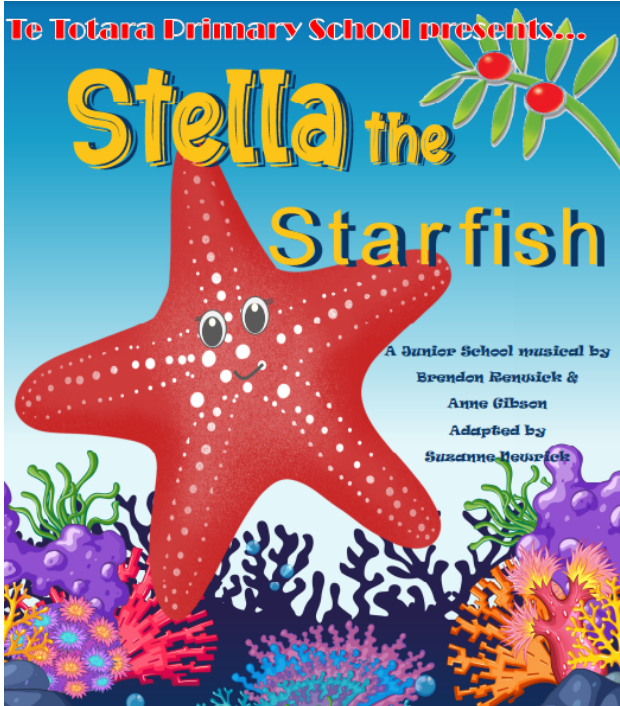
A number of students are appearing with different coloured jackets/sweatshirts.

Children are asked to **wear the red Te Totara Micro Fleece top as prescribed only.**

We expect that all students are in the correct full winter school uniform for Term 2.

FREE EAR CLINIC FOR CHILDREN

Waikato District Health Board offer a Free Ear Clinic for our children. All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. The service included glue ear assessment and management, wax/ foreign body removal, grommet check and treatment of discharging ears. For enquiries please phone (07) 838-3565, clinic hours are by appointment only.



Te Totara Primary School presents...

Stella the Starfish

A Junior School musical by
Brendon Reusick &
Anne Gibson
Adapted by
Suzanne Reusick

Tuesday 22 June 2pm & 6pm
Neptune 24,25,28/Orion 8,9

Wednesday 23 June 2pm & 6pm
Neptune 26,27/Orion 7,10/Matawhero 2,3

Tickets available through Kindo from Thursday 20 May 2021

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday, 7th May, 2021 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**
This week our children from our Neptune and Marama teams will attend assembly.

DATES COMING UP

- Wed 12 May** PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm - Staff Lounge
Fri 21 May Pink Shirt Day (*more details to follow*)
Fri 4 June School Closed, Teacher only Day
Mon 7 June Public Holiday, Queens Birthday
Tues 22 June "Stella the Starfish" Junior School Production @ 2.00pm & 6.00pm
Neptune 24, 25 & 28 and Orion 8 & 9
NOTE: Tickets on Sale from Thurs 20 May through KINDO
Wed 23 June "Stella the Starfish" Junior School Production
@ 2.00pm & 6.00pm
Neptune 26 & 27 and Orion 7 & 10 and Matawhero 2 & 3
NOTE: Tickets on Sale from Thurs 20 May through KINDO
Fri 9 July TERM 2 FINISHES @ 3.00PM
Mon 26 July TERM 3 BEGINS @ 8.55AM

Ngā mihi,

Anne Fraser - Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: pta@tetotara.school.nz www.facebook.com/TTPTA

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NEXT MEETING

The next PTA Meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th May at 7:30pm in the Staff Lounge. All staff and parents/caregivers of the students of Te Totara Primary School are automatically "Members" of the PTA and are therefore all welcome to attend. We would love to see you there.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch this space for Term 2 events....

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.**



TERM 2 2021 TIMETABLE

Monday (Rototuna Junior High School Dance Studio)

- 3.45 Jitterbugs Seniors (by selection only) **FULL**
- 4.15 Jitterbugs Mini's (girls aged 3 – 5½) **5 Spaces**
- 4.40 Jitterbugs Advanced (by selection only) **FULL**

Tuesday (Te Ao Marama School Hall)

- 3.45 Junior Hip Hop (unisex aged 6 – 9) **4 Spaces**
- 4.15 Jitterbugs Junior (girls aged 5 ½ – 7) **2 Spaces**
- 4.45 Jitterbugs Junior Plus (girls aged 7 – 8) **1 Space**
- 5.15 Senior Hip Hop (girls aged 10 – 15) **5 Spaces**

Wednesday (Te Ao Marama School Hall)

- 3.35 Jitterbugs Mini's (girls aged 3 – 5½) **2 Spaces**
- 4.00 Jitterbugs Junior (girls aged 5 ½ – 7) **2 Spaces**
- 4.30 Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls 8 – 14) **2 Spaces**

Thursday (Te Ao Marama School Hall)

- 3.40 Jitterbugs Junior (girls aged 5 ½ – 7) **8 Spaces**
- 4.10 Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls aged 8 – 14) **FULL**

Classes start Monday 10th may 2021
 Cost: \$108 and includes a show, certificate and lollipop and video's for your child to practice to at home.
 Email jolie at jitterbugsdancelessons@outlook.com or check out the jitterbugs dance lessons facebook page or website for info

Grow Waikato: Transport

Tuesday 25 May

Wintec City Campus – The Atrium

(Parking in the Wintec carpark)

4:30pm–4:45pm Networking
 4:45pm–6pm Speakers/Q&A

With guest speakers:
 Mark Robotham, CEO of Manta5
 Mark Morgan, CEO of Hamilton Airport
 David Speirs, NZTA Waka Kotahi
 Angela Strange, Waikato Regional Councillor
 Mark Bunting & Sarah Thomson, Hamilton City Councillors



Hosted by **Jamie Strange**
 MP for Hamilton East



Is having fun with tamariki your calling?

Join our enthusiastic team of presenters sharing Ruben the Road Safety Bear's tips.

You will enjoy working with tamariki in a way that is fun, informative and memorable! No two days will be the same and you'll be highly organised and reliable. So, if you're after a casual position with hours predominantly during school term time then apply today! A full drivers licence and some te reo Māori is preferred. More information about the programme can be found at ruben.govt.nz or call Jenny Davis on 07 859 0517. To apply go to waikatoregion.govt.nz/careers. Applications close 9 May 2021.



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KIDS SPEAK OUT!

No Confidence – School speeches – Bullies - a NIGHTMARE?
 After School Classes: Kids gain a voice and real-life skills.
 LEADERSHIP: School Holidays 1-4 days with Certificate - Age 10+
 RING: Roz 027 248 2888 www.speak4success.co.nz