

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)

PINK SHIRT DAY - FRIDAY 21ST MAY, 2021

Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against bullying, after another student was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In Aotearoa, Pink Shirt Day aims to create schools, workplaces and communities where all people feel safe, valued and respected.

Our school will be supporting Pink Shirt Day on Friday next week. Students are welcome to come to school wearing muffi clothing (not school uniform) wearing something pink e.g. t-shirt, ribbon or something similar to support Pink Shirt Day.

Please note: There will be **NO** collection of money for this day.

More information about "Pink Shirt Day" can be found at www.pinkshirtday.org.nz

Pink Shirt Day is led by the Mental Health Foundation.



TEACHER ONLY DAY ON FRIDAY 4TH JUNE, 2021 - SCHOOL CLOSED

This is a reminder about the **Teacher Only Day** that is occurring on **Friday 4 June, 2021**. This day and the one in October this year were approved by our Board of Trustees and have been on our school calendars since the beginning of this year.

This Teacher Only Day is professional development for our teaching staff with all the other schools in our Rototuna / Chartwell/ Fairfield Cluster area. We will be off-site working in a large venue, as this involves over 600 teachers!

The focus of the day is the new Social Sciences Curriculum on Aotearoa New Zealand Histories. This curriculum is in draft form at the moment, we are one of the schools selected to teach with the draft document throughout Term 2. This is an exciting opportunity for Te Totara to help shape our national curriculum by giving the Ministry of Education feedback on the intent and learning activities.

The Teacher Only Day has a very full programme for our staff and contains new learning about our local Waikato history and significant sites, we will be working with some eminent presenters, and a very exciting resource website to assist our planning and content for the students will be launched. This is the culmination of an agreement with Naagti Wairere to share their knowledge and stories of this whenua and local area. This reflects a wonderful collaboration, we are very excited about this day for our staff.

We very much appreciate your understanding around the **school being closed on Friday 4 June**. This date was chosen as it is the Friday before Queens Birthday weekend with a public holiday on Monday 7th June, 2021. We are sure you will enjoy the slightly longer break for your family.

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.



ALLERGIES/MEDICAL CONDITIONS

In the event of a medical emergency, if your child has a medical condition, is taking regular medicine/tablets or has an allergy (*including sticking plasters etc*), please advise the School Office (*if you haven't already*), so we can amend your records accordingly.

We also have several children in school with severe allergies and we have procedures in place to keep these children safe, including not sharing food/drink, washing tables, and hand washing before and after eating. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

MEDICATION PERMISSION SLIPS

From time-to-time it is necessary to administer medication to children at school. The Administration Team are happy to do this and follow the guidelines set out in the schools *Administration of Prescribed Medication Policy*. The Policy also requires parents/caregivers to complete a "Medicine Notification/Consent Form". This form is held at the School Office or can be downloaded from our school website www.tetotara.school.nz it is to be completed prior to any medication being administered. **ALL** medication must be held at the School Office.

ILLNESS AT SCHOOL - STAND DOWN TIMES REMINDER

The School Office has seen a few cases of diarrhoea and vomiting amongst students at Te Totara Primary School over the past week.

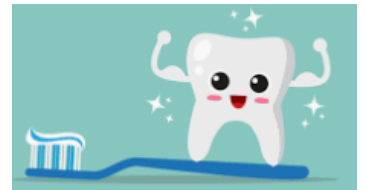
As this can be very easily transmitted, please ensure all unwell students are kept at home until **48 hours after the diarrhoea and/or vomiting has stopped.**

It is important to encourage good hand washing and drying.

Please see a Doctor if vomiting and/or diarrhoea is severe or the illness does not improve.

DENTAL CLINIC FOR TE TOTARA CHILDREN - FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY DENTAL CLINIC

Our school Dental Clinic is located at the Fairfield Community Dental Clinic Ph: (07) 853-8145 C/- Fairfield Intermediate School, Kensington Place, Davies Corner (*end of road not far from Davies Corner Medical Centre*)



CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS OR FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES

Just a little reminder that if your family circumstances have changed or your details i.e. phone, address, email etc; to please advise the School Office on 07 853-0039 or email receptionist@tetotara.school.nz so we can update your records accordingly.

We encourage our families to check your contact details are current through the Parent Portal at www.atschool.co.nz using the User ID and Passwords that were provided with your child/ren previous Learning Plan.

If you have recently joined our school, you will be issued with User ID and Passwords with Learning Plans which are due home on Friday 11th June, 2021.

If you do not have access to a computer, you are welcome to check your details with the School Office on (07) 853-0039.

LOST PROPERTY BIN

Please check out our lost property bin. The BIG YELLOW bin is located outside the Earth building; there are LOTS of polar fleeces!

Please check to see if any items belong to your family as all unclaimed/unnamed items (*other than school uniform*) remaining at the end of term will be donated to the Salvation Army.

We ask ALL families to please check your child's uniform on a weekly basis to ensure they are wearing their own uniform, rather than someone else's.



FIRST CREDIT UNIONS AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Check out First Credit Unions Autumn newsletter, complete the Bug finder quiz and two lucky entries will win \$50! Click the below link:

https://www.tetotara.school.nz/newsletter_sets/newsletters/507-first-credit-union-autumn-2021-newsletter

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due by tomorrow, **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 ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **Friday, 14th May, 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 Milky Way 18 team will be sharing.

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

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

HOCKEY

Red Quinn James

White Soyun Kim

DATES COMING UP

Fri 21 May Pink Shirt Day - Muffi Day (NO gold coin required)

Fri 4 June SCHOOL CLOSED - Teacher Only Day

Mon 7 June Public Holiday, Queens Birthday (SCHOOL CLOSED)

Wed 16 June PTA AGM @ 7.30pm in the Staff Lounge

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
Limit of 2x tickets per family for the 6.00pm performance**

Wed 23 June "Stella the Starfish" Junior School Production @ 2.00pm & 6.00pm
Neptune 26 & 27 and Orion 7 & 10 and Matawhero 2 & 3

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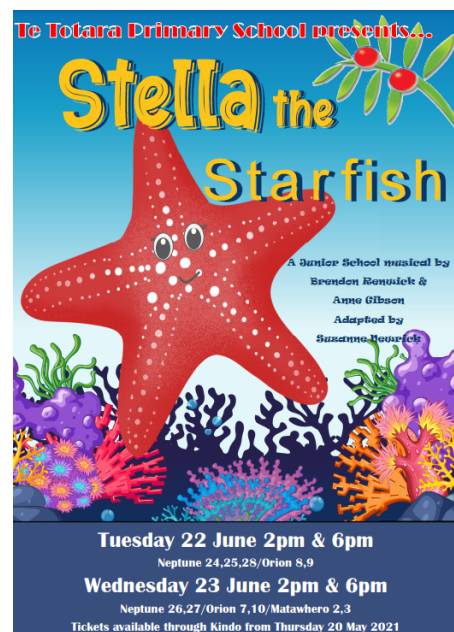
Tues 29 June PTA Mainstream Green Fundraiser

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

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PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

WEDNESDAY 16TH JUNE @ 7.30PM IN THE STAFF LOUNGE

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up and we would like to invite all parents/caregivers along to come find out about the PTA and what we do for our children at Te Totara.

The PTA needs some new members this coming year, so please come along to see how you can help our school and how the PTA contributes to our school community.

A PTA meeting will follow at the conclusion of the AGM.

MAINSTREAM GREEN FUNDRAISER

The PTA have arranged for Nicola Turner of Mainstream Green to hold an informative evening on 'Mindful Consumption' on Tuesday 29th June, 2021.

Ticket details, venue and time will be confirmed shortly.

During the evening Nicola will share how, as a family of four, they have simplified their life, freed up time and significantly reduced their impact on the planet. The event will cover lots of do-able ideas and practical hacks to help you simplify your life and reduce your impact. You will leave the event inspired and with lots of tools to help you and those around you create change.

Topics covered include: Food, beauty & fashion, kids, getting around, inspiring others and heaps more!



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.**

Strive Performing Arts Acro Dance Classes

Acro dance is a mix between dancing and gymnastics. Classes have a focus on strength, flexibility, tricks and learning dances to music. Group and individual classes for students of any ability aged 4.5+. Classes are held at Chartwell Church (Hamilton) on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and Fencourt Hall (Cambridge) on Mondays and Thursdays. All students will have the opportunity to perform in our end of year shows in December. I am an acro, contemporary, jazz and performance/competition dance teacher in the Waikato region and owner of Strive Performing Arts. I am Acrobatic Arts certified and have experience teaching children from the age of three up to adults at fun and competitive levels.

Email: striveperformingarts@gmail.com for more information or to enrol