

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

THANK YOU TO OUR FAMILIES

Thank you very much for all your support with our Teacher Only Day last Friday. We know that families had to make extra arrangements to keep children at home on that day, it is greatly appreciated. All our teaching staff attended professional development with 18 other schools in our Te Pae Here Cluster of schools. We were very privileged to hear important and at times challenging messages from wonderful speakers to deepen our knowledge of Aotearoa New Zealand History.

This was highly relevant to our current classroom programmes exploring our bicultural history, where both students and staff are ākonga (learners) together. I am sure the children have been sharing their learning with you and many rich conversations are occurring throughout our whanau.

We are very fortunate to live in the Waikato that has such a rich and accessible history. Great relationships are being nurtured with Tainui iwi (tribe) and Ngaati Wairere hapū, the people of this area, so we can all share in their stories, grow our knowledge and understanding.

Much of this links strongly to opportunities we have valued in our Te Totara local curriculum already e.g. our regular visits to a local Marae, also our Matariki focus.

Usually we take our whole school to Kirikiriroa Marae every second year, at this time, unfortunately we are unable to do this due to the health risks to the elderly people of that Marae who extend their hospitality to us, also their health centre is a Covid vaccination site so it is very busy at the moment. Later this month in Weeks 8 and 10 our Year 5/6 classes are visiting Aratiatia Marae, at Fairfield College where they will participate in powhiri and all of the tikanga and kawa that are observed. This marae is built on land gifted to the school by Ngaati Wairere. The students will learn about the history of this marae and the story of the carvings. Our students will also learn stick games, poi and a waiata-a-ringā (action song). Our Year 5/6 Kapa Haka students will be speaking in the powhiri, with Fairfield College students participating in this special occasion as well.

LEARNING PLANS HOME TOMORROW - FRIDAY 11TH JUNE, 2021

A Learning Plan for each student will be sent home with the **oldest OR only child from each family** on Friday 11th June, 2021. **However, if your child started at school in Term 2 you will not receive a Learning Plan yet.**

The Learning Plans will also be available online from 4.00pm on Friday 11th June, 2021.

Included in the information pack being sent home will be instructions on how to log-on to the Parent Portal.

The work involved in developing these Learning Plans is immense and reflects our goal of developing a personalised plan for each student.

Much thought and consideration has gone into these Learning Plans. We have managed to include a lot more of each child's comments and goals, to ensure they have an increased sense of ownership of their Learning Plan.



We strongly advise that you:

- Go through the Learning Plan with your child
- Look especially at the "Where To Next" and "Goals set by Student, Parent and Teacher" sections and incorporate these into supporting learning at home.

A REMINDER.... Please keep your Login and Password details for the Parent Portal handy, these will be inside the Learning Plan folder.

We encourage families to log-in to the Parent Portal and check we have the correct details for your child/ren e.g. mobile numbers, home address and email address. Please call the School Office on 07 853-0039 to make any changes.

For those families who will not receive a Learning Plan for their child/ren, an envelope will be given to the oldest OR only child with your Parent Portal Login and Password details.

Log onto your @school Parent Portal <http://www.atschool.co.nz/>

Enter your user ID and Password

- Go to My Child
- Click on Contact Details

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

If your child will be away from school then please let us know by either:

- **Phone** the school on **(07) 853-0039** (press 1)
- **School App** - send an "Absentee" notification
Go to the App store on your Apple or Android device and search "School Apps NZ" to download the App to your phone or tablet and then add "Te Totara".
- **Text** the School Office on 027 207-4466 with name, room number and reason for absence.

Please note that we do not send a reply to text messages. We would appreciate any absence messages before 9.00am.



2021 FEES AVAILABLE TO PAY VIA KINDO NOW

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



Junior Production - "Stella the Starfish"

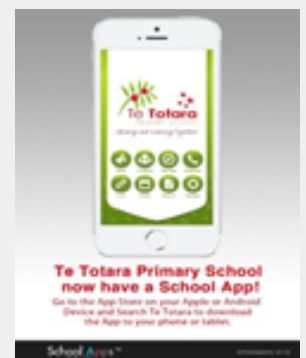
Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd June @ 2.00pm & 6.00pm

Ticket purchase cut-off is 3.00pm Monday 14th June, 2021

Questions?

Register for Kindo using our School App or through our School Website (click on the link) www.tetotara.school.nz then select the "Fees & Donations" tab.

If you need help, please pop in and see us at the School Office OR give us a call on (07) 853-0039 OR call the **Kindo Helpdesk on 0508 454636 (toll free)**



BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

CAN YOU HELP OUR SATELLITE CLASSES - ROOMS 5&6

Please encourage your children to collect bread tags - keeping them out of landfills and funding wheelchairs for those in need. The Satellite (Rooms 5 & 6) are collecting them and will deliver them to a collection point. Bread Tags for Wheelchairs has been established in South Africa for the past 13 years, with the NZ arm launching two years ago. The organisation is 100% run by volunteers and what a wonderful job they do. As this is an ongoing collection, please keep saving these for Rooms 5 & 6.

Please contact Lorene Cottam, email lorene@hamnorth.school.nz for any further information.



JUNIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION - YEARS 1&2

"Stella the Starfish"



TICKET SALES THROUGH KINDO ONLY

Tuesday 22nd June 2021 @ 2.00pm & 6.00pm

Both performances by: Neptune 24, 25 & 28 and Orion 8 & 9

Wednesday 23rd June, 2021 @ 2.00pm & 6.00pm

Both performances by: Neptune 26 & 27, Orion 7 & 10 and Matawhero 2 & 3

TICKETS: There is now **NO ticket limit** on either the Matinee or Evening performances. Order through KINDO only.

Cut-off date is Monday 14th June, 2021

ALL TICKETS ARE \$6.00 EACH

Children 3 years old and under are FREE, provided they are sitting on the knee of a paying adult ticket. Otherwise, you must purchase a separate ticket for them.

Limited to 300 tickets each performance. Sorry, NO door sales on the night.

- Payment of tickets is through **KINDO**. Sorry, we will not be accepting any payments through internet banking or through the School Office.
- If you do not have access to a computer, you are welcome to use the school iPad which is available in the School Office. If you do not have an email address, please contact Marise Crow 07 853-0039 ext. 858.
- **Tickets are non-refundable nor transferable so please ensure you are ordering the correct day/time.**
- We acknowledge that some families may have children performing on both days and may have to purchase tickets for each of the days. Unfortunately, we cannot offer any solution to this as the money from ticket sales goes towards the costumes, lighting, sound, backdrops etc.
- Only 300 tickets are available for each performance so don't miss out!. NO extra seating or standing room will be allowed due to Health & Safety Regulations.
- The School Office will regularly check sales through KINDO and will send colour coded ticket/s home with the oldest child in each family within a few days of purchase:
Tuesday 22nd June ticket colours: 2.00pm/Purple ticket and 6.00pm/Yellow ticket
Wednesday 23rd June ticket colours: 2.00pm/Orange ticket and 6.00pm/Blue ticket
- Please remember to bring your ticket to the performance; this will confirm you have purchased a seat. Sorry, no ticket - no entry – there will be **NO DOOR SALES**. There will be no general reserved seating available for parents/families.
- **Doors open for Matinee Performances at 1.30pm / Evening Performances doors open at 5.30pm**
- The number on your ticket is NOT your seat number, **seating is on a first-come-first-served basis.**
- There will be an area allocated for wheelchair access and seating. If you require this service, please make sure you indicate this when purchasing your tickets through KINDO.
- **All Year 1 & 2 students are required to attend each of their own team performances. Students performing on the day/evening do not require a ticket.**
- **For evening performances the Lead Characters (Stella, Stephen, Sophie & the Narrators) are required to meet in the Staffroom at 5.30pm.**
- All other evening performance students are to arrive at **5.30pm** and go directly to their allocated classrooms to meet their teacher where they will be supervised.
- **All our students will have an opportunity to watch a dress rehearsal of the Junior School Production during school time so please do not buy your child who attends Te Totara a matinee performance ticket.**

RUBEN THE ROAD SAFETY BEAR SAYS....

When out walking on the footpath...

Look out for sneaky driveways.

At sneaky driveways when you cannot see if any vehicles are coming, remember to **Stop, look, listen and link** as though you are crossing the road.

Before crossing the road ...

Stop back from the curb

Look for vehicles and bikes

Listen for vehicles and bikes

Link hands with a safe person and **walk** quickly across the road, still looking as you go.

On your bike...

Ask a big person to help you be safe by checking your helmet is buckled up and does not wobble loosely on your head.

When out and about ...

Wear bright clothing when walking so that other road users can easily see you. Wearing gear with reflective strips is even better, especially on bicycles. If you ride your bicycle on the road, remember it must have lights. Visit www.nzta.govt.nz and search cycle lights for the rules.

In the car ...

Children, you are safest sitting in the back seat of the car.

Children, if you are less than 148cm tall you should use an approved child restraint (car seat or booster seat) on every trip.



LATE ARRIVALS (AFTER 8.55AM)

Just a reminder to our families that our school day starts promptly with the bell at 8.55am. The teachers then greet their classes and complete the school attendance register which is then relayed to the school office.

We understand there may be rare occasions where your child arrives late at school (after 8.55am), we require families to report to the School Office for the child to be signed-in using the VisTab tablet and issued with a "Late Card" prior to heading to their learning areas.

Have you ever arrived at a meeting late, everyone is settled in their chair, the presenter has welcomed them and is now outlining what the day has in store..... and as you walk in they all turn and look at you?

That is what it can be like for your child when they arrive late at school and their class is all settled. So please, we ask parents to ensure their children arrive at school with at least five minutes to spare, for them to organise themselves by hanging up their school bag and sorting their book bag independently.

We appreciate your effort in ensuring your child/ren arrive at school in good time before the first bell at 8.55am.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due tomorrow, **Friday 11th June, 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.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held, **Friday 11th June, 2021 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm.**

This week our children from our Earth and Orion teams will attend assembly and Earth 35 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

NETBALL

Comets	Armani Addy
Invaders	Gohar Iqbal
Meteors	Phoenix Gothorp, Olivia Chanas
Stars	Noella Ndoole

DATES COMING UP

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

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

Tues 29 June PTA Mainstream Green Fundraiser (see below for more details)

Fri 9 July TERM 2 FINISHES @ 3.00PM

Mon 26 July TERM 3 BEGINS @ 8.55AM

Mon 30 Aug Mid Term Break - SCHOOL CLOSED

Ngā mihi,

Anne Fraser - 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

MAINSTREAM GREEN FUNDRAISER

Does living a life with less stuff, less waste and less impact on our planet appeal to you then this is the event for YOU!

When: Tuesday 29th June at 7.00pm

Venue: Archie's Cafe, Borman Village, 454 Borman Road, Flagstaff.

Cost: Adults \$40, Youth (Under 18) \$20.00 A complimentary glass of beer/wine is included with all adult tickets and tea/coffee and nibbles (from Archies Cafe & Lush Bites) will be available for all on the night.

Tickets: <http://events.humanitix.com/living-lightly-hamilton>

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!

A GREENFUL LIFE

LESS STUFF,
LESS WASTE,
LEARN MORE!

A FUNDRAISER FOR
TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

TUESDAY JUNE 29 | 7PM
ARCHIES CAFE | BORMAN VILLAGE
HAMILTON



ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

For the first time ever, anybody who purchases a **\$69.99 Single City Membership before 14th June 11.59pm, will be upgraded to a Multi City Membership valued at \$119.99 for FREE!** That's a \$50 saving and access to thousands more offers!!! Purchase your Membership using the following link and 20% of the purchase price will go back to Te Totara Primary School PTA.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/15502m5>



The banner features the Entertainment Book logo at the top left. The main text reads 'FREE UPGRADE SAVE \$50'. Below this, it says 'Access thousands more offers' and 'Explore 21 cities and regions with your Membership'. On the right, there are two circular callouts: 'BUY SINGLE CITY MEMBERSHIP \$69.99' and 'GET UPGRADED TO MULTI-CITY* \$119.99'. A 'SAVE \$50' badge is positioned between these two circles. A 'Join now' button is at the bottom left. A photo of a smiling woman and child is on the right. Small text at the bottom right says '*TSCs apply. Visit entertainmentbook.co.nz/promotions'.

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 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.

What is the PTA?

PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association. It's a group of parents and families associated with Te Totara whose aim it is to bring the school children and school community together, to fundraise and coordinate fun activities for the children and community.

What kind of skills are required to be part of the PTA?

The PTA requires a diverse range of skills. Some examples include: Organisation and planning skills, Communication or written skills, Physical lifting or transporting purchases for events to the school. All kinds of skills are welcome and needed to make the PTA successful. This helps share responsibilities and load across more people.

What are the perks of being part of the PTA?

Meet other parents and make new connections and friends
Gain a great insight into the workings of the School
Seeing the smiling faces of the children at Events

What happens at the AGM?

The AGM is where the Committee decide who will be on the executive team for the following year (Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Communications Officer). These people liaise with the school around how the money will be spent e.g. new playground, tennis court roof etc and also that the school community are kept informed about PTA events, like Discos and Fun Runs.

What can I do to help?

You can take on an executive role, attend meetings as a committee member or help out at events, such as selling drinks at Disco's, Ice-block Days or to help plan fundraisers such as the Family Fun Night. The PTA would love to meet you, find out what you have to offer to help the school community come together and have some fun.

How much time is involved?

As much or as little as you are able to give to the PTA. If you take on an executive position, you will be required to attend the majority of the meetings (approx 8 x one hour meetings per year). The PTA also needs plenty of people to help at events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PTA AGM – Wednesday 16th June at 7.30pm

Mainstream Green Fundraiser – Tuesday 29th June, 2021 at 7.00pm

Your PTA committee: *Shelley, Julyan, Rilesh, Kerry, Kerri*