

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)

Tena koutou katoa,

I hope you are all well, safe and settled with your families in your Level 3 lockdown 'bubble.'

This is another extraordinary Term where we are having to be flexible with learning occurring at home and for a small number of learners onsite. We have very limited staff numbers who are available for our 7 bubbles of 10 learners, a maximum of 70 onsite. We are now full and sadly have had to decline some requests. This does weigh very heavily on my mind however I must follow the strict Health and Safety guidelines around this set by the Ministry of Education and Health.

It is hard at the moment to see the end in sight, I know the Minister of Education is consulting the education sector about the possibility of a partial reopening of schools, if that is safe. We do not know yet what that will look like. The concerns are about the age of our learners and that this would be bringing together the largest group of unvaccinated people, who would need to be carefully protected. So much to consider by the Government and the Ministry of Education before a return to site will happen.

So this is certainly a very different Term 4 for us all. I hope you are enjoying the Home Learning that is being shared by our hard-working staff. I have certainly seen some fun activities on offer as well as valuable core learning work.

As you continue to support your children at home, try to keep it simple; don't overcomplicate it. We are talking about a few tasks each day that build routines that the students themselves can manage. Try to make learning opportunities creative and based on the experience of being in the home.

I think often about you all, our fantastic Te Totara learners and family members. I send you my concern and best wishes in these challenging days.

Be kind to yourselves, give yourself permission to do a lot, some, or very little on some days, apart from just getting through. That is our main task, to stop the spread of this Covid 19 virus in order to get back to a 'new normal'.

Please don't hesitate to keep in touch with your child's teacher, myself, and other members of the Senior Leadership Team - Jo Stewart and Jennie Brook-Watt.

When I receive any updates regarding a return to school, I will be sure to be in touch with you all. We look forward to being back together soon.

Kia kaha whanau,
Nga mihi
Anne Fraser - Principal

PLANNING FOR 2022

Kia ora Te Totara Whanau,

We are beginning to plan for 2022 and are looking at next year's classes for our students. The process for organising classes includes:

- Looking at the school structure, the staff and how we can best cater for our students
- Classroom Teachers' reflections on their students' strengths and needs
- Student needs
- Student input from their five friends recorded on the class friendship list
- Parents input (please see below)



Parents have the opportunity to contribute towards the placement of their child by emailing Jo Stewart, Deputy Principal. Due to possible staff changes, it is best to consider the **type of teaching style, curriculum needs or learning environment** that you may be thinking of for your child, rather than asking for a specific teacher.

If you would like to add your thoughts to your child's placement for 2022, please email Jo Stewart, Deputy Principal, by **3.00pm Friday 19th November, 2021** at: dp@tetotara.school.nz

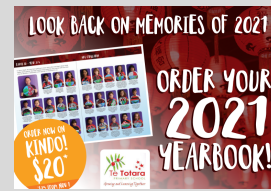
2021 YEARBOOK ORDERS

ORDERS THROUGH KINDO ONLY

\$25.00 per book

Our wonderful school Yearbook is currently being put together, it's a great record of the years' learning and events and includes over 100 full colour pages. Children love reading the pages and do so for many years. Yearbook orders are placed through KINDO and close on **Monday 15th November, 2021 @ 3.00pm. Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.**

Please note: *If you have Grandparents or friends who wish to order their own copy of the Yearbook, this must be ordered through KINDO and combined with your family order.*



PHOTOLIFE - SHOOT KEYS

Shoot Keys have been emailed to our families on 21st October detailing how to order **INDIVIDUAL & CLASS** photos online. **Please check your Junk/Spam folder if you have not received it.**

We are expecting hard copies of these Shoot Keys to arrive within the next couple of weeks, they will be sent home with each child if/when we can.

PLEASE NOTE:

If your child had a Sibling Photo taken, you will have 2x Shoot Keys. One Shoot Key is for the Individual and Class photos and another Shoot Key is for the Sibling/Family photo.

The cut-off date for "Free Delivery" to the school is on Sunday 7th November, 2021. Photos will be delivered to the school in Term 4.

If you have any queries, please call Photolife direct on **0800 501040**.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS – DESTINATION SCHOOL FOR 2022

Many of our Year 6 families have already enrolled at an Intermediate School/High School for 2022 and have received confirmation of acceptance.

However, some families have submitted Enrolment Applications for more than one school. If this is you, can you please confirm to Marise Crow which school your child will be attending and ensure that you cancel the other enrolment application - this is very important.

As you can imagine, these schools have a huge amount of new applications to process and are keen to know which students will be attending their school next year in advance.

If you haven't already advised the teacher/school or you have yet to make a final decision, please let Marise know by email: receptionist@tetotara.school.nz (include your child's name)

STUDENTS LEAVING TE TOTARA

If you have not already notified us and are planning to leave our school at the end of 2021 (other than Year 6 students), it would be appreciated if you could please urgently advise us by emailing Marise Crow at: receptionist@tetotara.school.nz

If you have a child coming to Te Totara in the future, we would love to have an Enrolment Form - it would be very much appreciated and certainly help with our future planning.