

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)

Kia ora e Te Totara

It is great to be back together with our wonderful students and staff.

Yesterday was a very happy first day back at school, everyone was so positive and ready for their friends, the school routines and face to face learning.

Thank you so much for your support in adhering to the tight protocols of this Alert Level 2.

This time of Alert Level 2 is different to previous times as we do have Covid in Hamilton and some of the locations of interest are in close proximity to our school area. The continued good health of our 795 learners and our 75 staff is my main goal and the reason for the strict guidelines in place.

It would be fantastic if we could manage to keep learning happily onsite until the end of the school year on Tuesday 14th December 2021.

Thank you,

Nga mihi

Anne Fraser - Principal



PLANNING FOR 2022

Kia ora Te Totara Whanau,

We are planning 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

ROTOTUNA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAY - CANCELLED

CANCELLED: Rototuna Junior High School Orientation Day on Monday 6th December (Week 8). Due to the uncertainty of COVID levels and the need to keep a large number of visiting students safe while on-site, we are regrettably cancelling our new student Orientation Day.



Whilst this will be disappointing for our newly enrolled students and their whaanau, our new students will still have the opportunity to spend two days with us at the beginning of the 2022 year to orientate themselves to our setting and get to know our systems and their advisory teachers before the rest of the school returns after the Christmas Break.

Becky Somerville

Tumuaki Tuarua - Deputy Principal
Rototuna Junior High School

PHOTOLIFE PHOTOS

- Class, Sibling & Individual + Cultural & Cluster Sports Photos

Photos have arrived and will be sent home today for those families who have purchased them.



NEW LOOK PARENT PORTAL

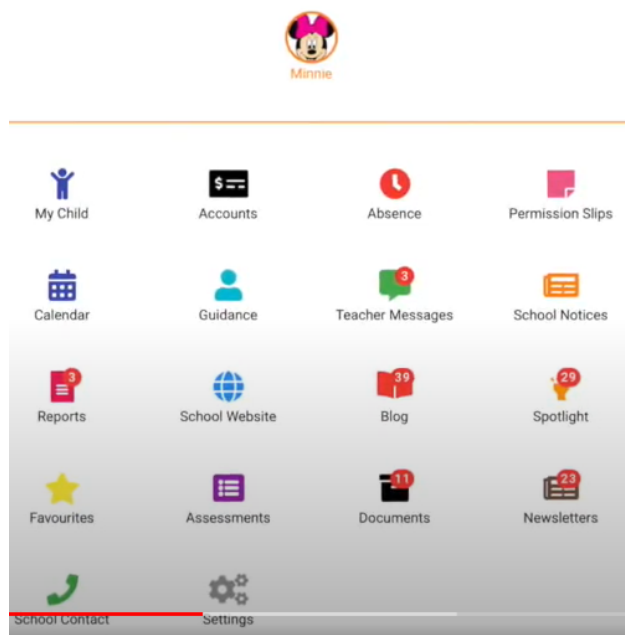
- Learning Plans

Our Parent Portal has been updated to the new user-friendly version. Due to Covid19 restrictions, we have made the decision to upload your child/s Learning Plans to the Parent Portal on Friday 3rd December, 2021 rather than send home a hard copy of the report. You can download a copy from there and save it to your computer.

We will send you an email on Friday 3rd December, using the email address we have on file, this will contain your User ID and Password details for the Parent Portal. Once you have logged-on, we recommend you change your password.

It is very important that we hold the correct email address on file, feel free to contact the School Office if you would like to check this (07) 853-0039.

Moving forward, this will be the format we will continue to use as it also helps to reduce our carbon footprint by using less paper.



Please note: We will not send home a hard-copy of the Learning Plan sent home on Friday 3rd December, 2021. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the School Office on (07) 853-0039 and we will arrange for a hard-copy for your family.

2022 BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Board of Trustees elections are coming up in September 2022 and we wanted to give everyone plenty of opportunity to think about standing for the Board. The below links provide a brief guide as to what it entails:

[Community Member Guide to the Role of the School Board of Trustees](#)



TE TOTARA BUCKET SUN HATS - COMPULSORY TERM 4, 2021

From the beginning of Term 4 **ALL** children will need to wear their Te Totara Primary School Red Bucket Hat when outside. These can be purchased through Direct Group, 6 Latham Court, Hamilton (off Kahikatea Drive) Phone (07) 847-6664.

Our Sun Sense Policy is: No hat – play in the shade.

NAMING OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please, please, please can you make sure all items of school uniform are clearly named. It is not good enough to assume that your child will know that something belongs to them "because it has a black dot on the tag". If an item of clothing is found out on the fields it can not be returned unless it is named.

SPARE CLOTHING FOR OUR SICK BAY

Can you help.... we are desperately in need of some clean spare clothing for our sick bay. In particular, we need skorts and black shorts of all sizes. If you are happy to donate any spare clothing items, especially shorts, please drop them into the School Office.

Over the past few weeks we have also handed out to children a lot of our spare uniform clothing and we would appreciate it if those items could be returned to the School Office in a clean condition. Many thanks.

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.

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.



FIRST CREDIT UNION - SCHOOL BANKING TERM 4

First Credit Union school banking will not be resuming in Term 4. They will resume in Term 1, 2022. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact your nearest branch.



SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

School Lunch orders will resume again in Term 4 starting on Monday 22nd November, 2021. Order online as normal.



2022 SCHOOL TERM DATES

- Term 1** **Wednesday 2nd February – Term 1, 2022 Begins**
(Tuesday 1st February - Teacher Only Day)
Public Holiday: Monday 7th February (Waitangi Day Holiday)
Thursday 14th April – End of Term 1 (11 weeks)
- Term 2** **Monday 2nd May – Friday 8th July (10 weeks)**
Teacher Only Day - Friday 3rd June
Public Holidays: Monday 6th June (Queens Birthday)
Friday 24th June (Matariki Celebration)
- Term 3** **Monday 25th July – Friday 30th September (10 weeks)**
Our Mid-Term break - Monday 29th August
- Term 4** **Monday 17th October – Thursday 15th December (9 weeks)**
Teacher Only Day - Friday 21st October
Public Holiday: Monday 24th October (Labour Day)

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.

DATES COMING UP & CANCELLATIONS DUE TO COVID ALERT LEVELS

~~Tues 23 Nov Senior Athletics~~

~~Tues 23 Nov Art Exhibition 9.00am - 10.00am~~

~~Wed 24 Nov Art Exhibition 3.00pm - 6.30pm~~

Tues 30 Nov Revised Year 6 Leavers Celebration - Details to follow

Thurs 2 Dec Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea

~~Mon 6 Dec RJHS Orientation Day~~

Mon 6 Dec End of Year Celebration - to be reviewed, unlikely under this Alert Level

Tues 7 Dec Postponement Date - End of Year Celebration (as above)

~~Wed 8 Dec Fairfield Cluster Athletics~~

Tues 14 Dec End of Term 4 - School Finishes at 3.00pm

Wed 2 Feb Term 1, 2022 Begins

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

SPELL-A-THON FUNDRAISER: SPONSORSHIP COLLECTION

Welcome back everyone. Now that we are all together again it would be great if we could collect the outstanding sponsorship money from our Spell-a-thon, that was held during Term 3.

To be eligible for the LEGO prizes on offer, students must return their sponsorship money by Friday 26 November 2021. The sponsorship form and all money collected can be returned, in a sealed envelope, to the **Green PTA Box in the School Office**. Many thanks to all the students who have already returned their sponsorship money.

PRIZES... LEGO, LEGO and more LEGO.

Prizes for each pod. As previously mentioned there was also a special prize for the person with the highest overall sponsorship. Due to Covid-19 we will now randomly draw this prize.

What are we fundraising for?

Any money raised by the PTA in this Spell-a-thon will be put towards the purchase of LEGO® Education SPIKE™ Prime Sets for our school. These LEGO SPIKE™ Sets are the go-to-STEAM learning tool. They combine colourful LEGO building elements, easy-to-use hardware, and an intuitive drag-and-drop coding language based on Scratch. Students will be able to design and build robots, dynamic devices and other interactive models. SPIKE Prime helps students learn essential STEAM and 21st century skills needed to become the innovative minds of tomorrow...while having fun!



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.**



For further information email Travis at juniorsurf@raglansurflifesaving.org.nz



Want to make new friends, learn about the surf, pick up lifeguard skills and have lots of fun? Lifesaving is for you!

Junior Surf 7-12 yr olds

Rookie Lifeguards 12-14 yr olds

Lifeguards 14+

Season starts Sunday 21 November 10am-12pm at Raglan Beach. Come down and give it a try.