

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)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Thank you for such a positive, settled start to the school year with our learners last week. By the end of this week our school programmes in Literacy and Maths are underway, based on the excellent data provided at the end of 2021, for teachers to form their learning groups. New students to our school have had some basic literacy and mathematics checks completed, so our teachers can now target their teaching for their learning needs. The Seesaw portal is open now, our Mathletics, Mathseeds and Epic reading programmes are being set up by the teachers and they will be sharing information as soon as access is available.

As I said in my message to you all via our Facebook page and the school website we were all a little shocked to have Covid 19 Omicron in our school community so early in the school year. I would like to acknowledge the families and staff who were affected, as either the Covid positive case or the 'Close Contacts' in the way they have followed the guidelines sent to them so well. From what I am aware all have remained well through this time and we will expect to see everyone back at school next week.

Unless your child has been identified as a close contact by the school, they are able to attend school as usual. The close contacts are generally classmates. You will be contacted if this is your child. This is what needs to happen all the way through this Omicron outbreak:

- Te Totara Primary School will stay open for learning (unless otherwise instructed by the MOE)
- We continue to have appropriate public health measures and cleaning procedures in place

I know that the information that there was a Covid positive case in our community, and also in the schools around us that we contribute to, will have caused some stress or worry to you. Some of you may even have kept your children at home because of this. Below I have included some information from the Ministries of Education and Health about Covid in children which may ease your minds a little:

Protecting our tamariki from Omicron

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, public health advice has noted that our experience in New Zealand and overseas with COVID-19 shows that it does not affect children and teens in the same way it does adults.

While the role our tamariki play in transmitting COVID-19 is still unclear and is changing as new variants evolve and older populations become increasingly vaccinated, as of 28 January the Ministry of Health has advised "no new evidence has emerged yet on the transmission risk to or from children in light of Omicron ... it is likely that children continue to pose a lower risk of transmission".

As such, the [Ministry of Health's current advice](#) is that transmission within school settings continues to be limited and is influenced by broader transmission in the community and household settings. That is, although children are susceptible to infection, transmission is more likely to occur between adults and from adults to children; the risk of child-to-child or child-to-adult transmission is considerably less.

Commonly, children have mild or no symptoms of COVID-19 with a short duration of illness that includes headache, fever, cough, nasal congestion and fatigue. Those more at risk are those living with pre-existing health conditions such as asthma, diabetes and obesity and socioeconomic barriers to accessing health care.

We can protect our tamariki through key interventions such as wearing masks, good ventilation, spatial distancing, 'stay at home if sick' policies and good hand hygiene. Encouraging good behaviours that will adhere to the [COVID-19 Protection Framework](#) outside of school hours, will also help to reduce risk for tamariki, their friends and whānau.

For more detailed information about the Omicron variant go to the [Ministry of Health website](#).

Translated and accessible information on COVID-19

Families can find a wide variety of COVID-19 information in [27 languages](#) and [four alternate formats](#) on the Unite Against COVID-19 website.

Key information includes:

- [COVID-19: Our Isolation Plan](#)
- Getting your booster dose
- Protecting your tamariki from COVID-19
- Wearing a face covering
- Testing
- Support for if you get COVID-19
- Support for individuals and families

Translated information will continue to be updated regularly.

Ngā mihi

Anne Fraser

Principal

CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS - CANCELLED

The Cluster Swimming Team have made the sad decision to cancel the 2022 Inter School Swimming sport event as they could not get a venue, they would have well over 100 people and many schools would be opting out due to their COVID policies. Therefore, as a school we will not be having school swimming sports either.

TOUCH RUGBY FOR TERM 1, 2022 - CANCELLED

Te Totara Primary have made the call to cancel touch for Term 1 due to the short turnaround and the change of location, Swarbrick Park. We look forward to seeing you all later in the year for Term 4 Touch.

2022 WEET-BIX TRYATHALON - CANCELLED

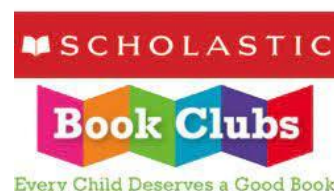
The below message was taken from the Weet-bix Tryathlon website:

If you had registered to participate in the Hamilton Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon event, refunds will be processed between Tuesday 15th February – Friday 18th February. You should have received an email with your refund options. Please complete the refund form by Wednesday 9th February, 2022.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

This week your child was given a Scholastic Book Club catalogue. These orders close on **18 February**, please return the completed order form with the money into the office. Please make sure your children's name and room number is written clearly on the form. Alternatively you can order online via the Loop app.



TE TOTARA SCHOOL APP

This is a reminder to **please update your child's new classroom for 2022** on School Apps, this is helpful when we are processing child absences.



KINDO - Register using our School App

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**".



From our school app, click the “Fees & Donations” icon (bottom right) and register for KINDO by entering the email address that the school has on file for you - it's that easy!

KINDO - Register using our School Website

Visit our School Website at www.tetotara.school.nz and select the “Kindo - Fees & Donations” tab from the red “Quick Links”. This will take you through to the KINDO Login screen where you can register using the email address that the school has on file for you..

If access is denied, it is most likely that we do not have your current email address recorded on your child's student profile. Please contact the School Office on (07) 853-0039 to amend.

Questions? If you need help, just 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 \(toll free\).](tel:0508454636)

SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2022

Enrolment Period of 1st July, 2022 - 15th December, 2022

The Board of Trustees are looking to accommodate, if possible, younger siblings and children of staff in the 2022 school year. To help determine this, we urgently need to have Out-of-zone Enrolment Forms into the School Office to help with this process. Please complete an OUTZ Enrolment Form for each child, which is available online from our school website by clicking the following link: www.tetotara.school.nz or by visiting the School Office.

The Board will look at the number of enrolments, the level of projected student growth and determine how many spaces for out-of-zone students are available for the upcoming enrolment period of **1st July, 2022 to 15th December, 2022**. This will be completed in late May, allowing for lots of time for families to know what is happening. Further information around the number of out-of-zone spaces to be released will be communicated via the school newsletter over the next few weeks.

Please return the completed OUTZ Enrolment Form, including the relevant documentation, to the School Office by 3.00pm Friday 18th March, 2022.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are delighted with the large numbers of students who look really great by wearing their uniform in the correct manner. From 2022 the white polo shirt will no longer be part of our school uniform. For your information the school uniform expectations are below:

ALL students are expected to arrive at school and leave from school in their correct Te Totara Primary School Uniform, including footwear.

- Uniforms are to be worn clean, neat and tidy. Please clearly name your uniform items.
- Students are encouraged to take pride in their school uniform and to wear it well.
- Hair is to be off the face, tied back if longer than the bottom of the collar, and be the natural hair colour.
- Nail polish and cosmetics are not permitted.
- Second hand uniforms may be available. Please see the School Office for details.
- Variations in relation to the Human Rights Act may be negotiated with the Principal.
- All pupils are encouraged to use sunscreen at home before school and expected to wear the regulation school hat while outdoors. No hat – play in the shade (Terms 1 & 4).
- All uniform items should be clearly named.
- Extras for warmth such as polyprops or singlets, must be plain black.
- Plain black school sandals in summer (Terms 1&4) OR plain black school shoes in the winter (Terms 2&3). No other colours on the sandal or shoe, just plain black.
- **Any hair accessory is to be plain and of a single school uniform colour – red, white, black, green**



JEWELLERY

Items of jewellery can be easily lost or damaged at school. They may also cause injury to the wearer or other students. **For safety reasons items of jewellery are NOT to be worn.** The school accepts no responsibility in the case of loss, damage or injury.

However, students may wear:

- One small earring stud per ear.
- A watch.
- A necklace of religious or cultural significance – to be worn underneath clothing.
- A Medical Identification Tag as required.

For a full description of our Uniform Expectations for our school uniform, please check the noticeboard in the School Office or the school website. If you have any queries, please contact me at principal@tetotara.school.nz



NAMING OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please, please, please can you make sure all items of **school uniform are clearly named**. If an item of clothing is found out on the fields it can not be returned unless it is named.

TE TOTARA BUCKET SUN HATS - COMPULSORY TERM 1, 2022

From the beginning of Term 1, 2022 **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.

STUDENT STATIONERY FOR 2022 - A Letter from OfficeMax

Parents who ordered by the recommended date of 14th January 2022 have received their orders in time for school starting back. However I want to keep you updated on how we're navigating with orders placed over the last two weeks of January.



Each Back-to-School season we scale up our operations by bringing on extra staff and running extra shifts to help us manage the high demand for at-home deliveries during this period. However, as a result of both a record number of orders placed during this short period of time, as well as the additional social distancing measures in our distribution centres (due to the unexpected and sudden move to the red-light alert level) unfortunately some orders placed during this timeframe are regrettably delayed by a few days.

Having supplied students and workplaces for 150 years, it's of huge and regrettable concern to us to know that some of our young learners won't receive their school supplies for the start of their school year. We recognise the inconvenience caused for your parent community and teaching staff and I sincerely apologise for this delay.

As you can imagine, our contact centre is inundated by calls and emails from parents, resulting in extended wait times for all callers and frustrated parents.

In the meantime, our team is focusing all our efforts on getting the orders out as swiftly as possible. Many thanks again for your support.

Kind Regards

Adam Sands - Director of Sales

TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As part of our Te Totara School Charter regarding the objective of 'Growing Whanau and Community Engagement', the Board welcomes your feedback on our policies.

The Te Totara Board of Trustees will be ratifying the policies below at our next BOT meeting to be held on Thursday 17th February, 2022:

- **Sun Safety Procedure**
- **Care of Animals Policy**

At the March BOT meeting (Thursday 31st March) the Te Totara Board of Trustees will be reviewing these policies:

- **Performance Management Policy**
- **Social Media Policy**
- **Stand downs, Suspensions and Exclusions Policy**

NOTE: All of the Te Totara Primary School Policies and Procedures are available for your information on our school website under the "Board of Trustees" red quick link tab from the home page.

Please address your comments on the policies by email to Jo Stewart at: jos@tetotara.school.nz by **3.00pm on Thursday 24th March, 2022.**

Jo Stewart & Rebecca Senar

Board of Trustees Policy Sub-committee

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)

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 17 Feb BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm

Mon 21 Feb Routine N/E Vision & Hearing Testing

14 Mar - 4 Apr Life Education Van on site

Tues 12 April Art Exhibition Parents Evening 3pm - 6.30pm (to be confirmed)

Thurs 14 April END OF TERM 1, 2022 @ 3.00pm

Mon 2 May TERM 2, BEGINS

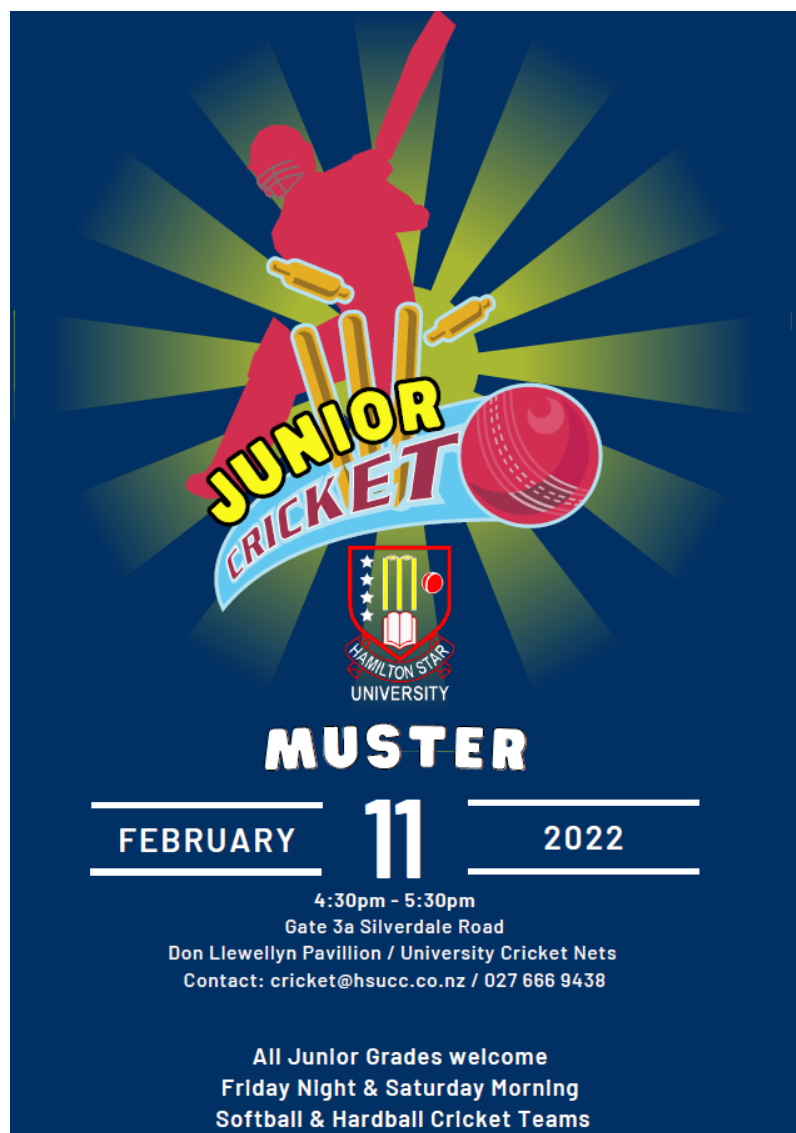
Ngā mihi,

Anne Fraser

Principal

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.**



The poster features a central graphic of a red cricket player in a batting stance, with a red cricket ball and a yellow cricket bat. The text "JUNIOR CRICKET" is written in a stylized, bold font across the graphic. Below this is the Hamilton Star University logo, which includes a shield with a book and a star, and the text "HAMILTON STAR UNIVERSITY". The word "MUSTER" is written in large, bold, white letters. Below "MUSTER" is the date "FEBRUARY 11 2022" with horizontal lines on either side. At the bottom, the text reads: "4:30pm - 5:30pm", "Gate 3a Silverdale Road", "Don Llewellyn Pavillion / University Cricket Nets", "Contact: cricket@hsucc.co.nz / 027 666 9438", and "All Junlor Grades welcome Friday Night & Saturday Morning Softball & Hardball Cricket Teams".

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The poster features a central graphic of a red and blue jersey with "Te Rapa Junior Rugby" written on it, set against a sunburst background. The text "COME ALONG Weigh In 2022" is written in large, bold, blue and red letters. Below this is the date and time: "Friday 25 Feb 5-7pm" and "Sunday 27 Feb 9-11am". The text continues: "Sign up at the Te Rapa Clubrooms on Vickery St to play ripper or tackle for Te Rapa Junior Rugby Club", "Ages: Turning 5 in 2022 up to Year 8 (note 12 yr olds will need to be vaccinated to play per NZRU)", "New players: Please bring your passport or birth certificate", "Subs: \$60 for the first child, and \$30 for each child thereafter", "Further updates and information can be found on our facebook page - Te Rapa Junior Rugby.", and "See you at Weigh-in!".

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See you at Weigh-in!



KIDS' SPEAK OUT!

No Confidence – School speeches – Bullies - a NIGHTMARE?

After School Classes: Kids find their voice and gain real-life skills.

LEADERSHIP: School Holidays 1-4 days with Certificate - Age 10+

RING: Roz 027 248 2888 www.speak4success.co.nz