

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 17TH MARCH, 2022

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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 o te whanau,

“Top of the morning to you !”

It is wonderful to see all the students and staff in green clothing today and having fun as we celebrate a special date for the Irish people.



We don't usually celebrate this particular day, however it was a chance to be a little different, listen to some Irish music, have some laughter and fun and lift our spirits in this challenging time. It has also been great to see the Hot Air Balloons in the clear autumn skies this week, which always brings a smile to our faces.

It is important to remember that we are doing very well at the moment. We have felt the impact of Covid a little more as we are now in the peak weeks, however we are still maintaining over 75% of our students at school, happily learning with the teachers and guest teachers we have. All programmes are operating and the students are coping very well.

We have been putting photos of some of the day-to-day happenings at school on our Facebook page so do regularly check in and see what we have been up to.



The Life Education caravan is currently in our school, down by our Matawhero block. There is a flag up by the drop-off zone whilst it is here. It is an exciting, interactive mobile classroom which focuses on giving the students experiences to promote wellbeing and healthy living. The topics we have chosen to focus on with this visit are about Nutrition and Healthy Eating. The caravan is here for 3 weeks accompanied by our Life Educator, Amy who delivers fabulous lessons to the students. All classes are rostered through the caravan for two sessions.

I hope you enjoy hearing about their learning from the students.

Anne

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

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

- **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".
- **Phone** the school on **(07) 853-0039** (press 1)
- **Text** the School Office on 027 207-4466 with name, details 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.**



Your child is Covid 19 Positive

If your child tests positive for Covid 19, please email our Anne Fraser at principal@tetotara.school.nz immediately or send a notification via our School App.

Please include the following information:

- 1) Name of child/ren and class number/s
- 2) Date of positive Covid test
- 3) Date Covid symptoms first began (if different than covid test date)
- 4) The last day they attended school

How to work out your 7 days of self-isolation



start over if you test positive

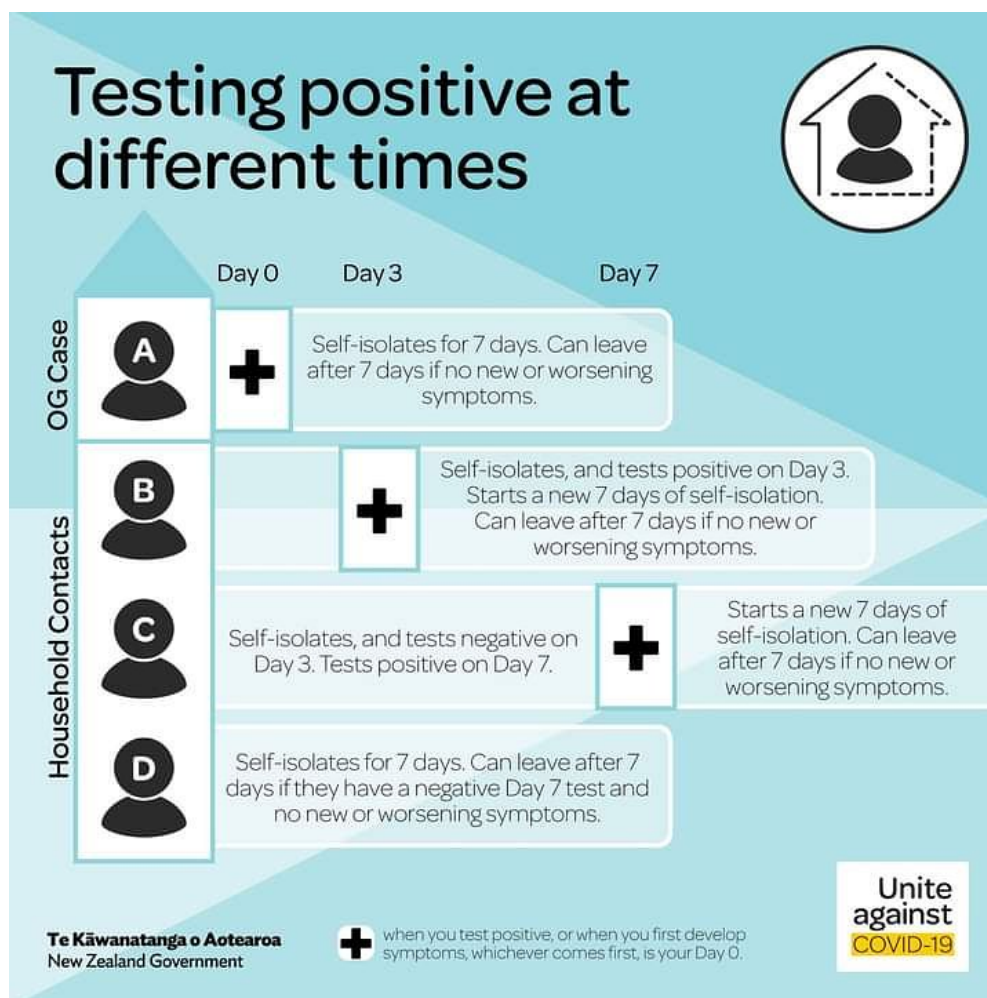
Find out what you need to do if:	you are positive for COVID-19	you are a Household Contact (living with a positive case)*
Day 0	The day you test positive or start experiencing symptoms, whichever is earliest.	Your Day 0 is the same Day 0 as the first positive case in your household.
Day 3	-	Take a Day 3 test today, or sooner if symptoms develop. If it's positive, start a new 7 days of self-isolation.
Day 7	-	Take a Day 7 test today, or sooner if symptoms develop. If it's positive, start a new 7 days of self-isolation.
After	After 7 days, as long as you are free of COVID-19 symptoms, you will be free to leave self-isolation.	After 7 days, as long as you have a negative Day 7 test result and no COVID-19 symptoms, you will be free to leave self-isolation.

* Some people who are Household Contacts and critical workers may be able to still go to work through the Close Contact Exemption Scheme. See our website for more information.

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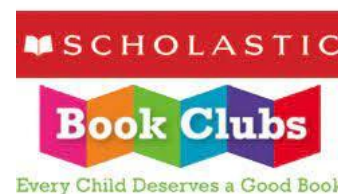
Updated 12 March 2022

Unite against COVID-19



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER - ISSUE NO. 2

This week your child was given a Scholastic Book Club catalogue. These orders close on **Friday 25th March, 2022**. Please return the completed order form with the money into the School 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. **Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.**



OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2022

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available on our school website www.tetotara.school.nz

The Board has determined the following places are likely to be available to out-of-zone students from 2022 onwards. Enrolment period: **1st July - 15th December, 2022**:

- 20 places for Year 0 students** (whose 5th Birthday falls within the above enrolment period)
- 5 places for Year 2 students**
- 1 place for a Year 3 student**
- 6 places for Year 5 students**

The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

For students seeking enrolment within the above enrolment period, the deadline for receipt of out-of-zone applications is **3.00pm on Monday 25th April, 2022** and should be addressed to:

Te Totara Primary School, PO Box 28134, Hamilton 3256

Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year. Students who live in the home zone are entitled to enrol at the school.

An OUTZ Application Form and the order of priority for OUTZ applications can be found on our school website www.tetotara.school.nz under "Enrolment".

If the number of out-of-zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot supervised by a Justice of the Peace, a Practising Lawyer or a Police Officer in accordance with Section 11G (1) of the Education Act 1989.

If a ballot for out-of-zone is required, it will be held on **Monday 9th May, 2022**. Parents will be informed of the outcome by **Wednesday 11th May, 2022**.

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

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

CRICKET

Superstars

Ethan Bishop

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 31 March

BOT Meeting at 6.30pm

14 Mar - 4 Apr

Life Education Van on site

Tues 12 April

Art Exhibition (format to be confirmed)

Thurs 14 April

END OF TERM 1, 2022 @ 3.00pm

Mon 2 May

TERM 2, BEGINS

Thurs 26 May

BOT Meeting at 6.30pm

Mon 6 June

Queens Birthday Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED

Fri 24 June

Matariki Celebration Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED

Fri 8 July

TERM 2, ENDS @ 3.00pm

Anne Fraser

Principal

St Patrick's Day at Te Totara



St. Patrick's Day