

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora o te whanau,

As I said in last week's newsletter I would give you an indication of what our return to school in Term 2 will look like. Discussions have been held with school leadership and Board of Trustees. We looked at areas of risk and thought carefully about ways to ensure we could minimise this.



With the Covid Omicron outbreak moving past its peak in a highly vaccinated population, we can move back to some of our more normal community functions. We still need to be mindful that Covid will still be around and also the usual 'ills and chills' of winter will be with us, such as colds, flu and the RSV virus that can be quite nasty for some children. We will also be following all Ministry of Education and Public Health advice. We are hoping to return in the 'Orange Covid traffic light' setting.

To that effect the following guidelines are what we are planning for the start of Term 2:

- Our school gates will be open from 8:15am to 3:15pm each day for our students to come into school. (Students who need to arrive earlier or stay later need to be enrolled at Before or After School Care.)
- We will be welcoming our families back into the school grounds at the drop-off and pick-up times, however we will be asking you to please wear face masks to protect our learners and staff at this time, with winter viruses and Covid still circulating.
- If any family members are unwell with any winter colds or virus, then we ask that you drop off your child at the school gate, until you are well again.
- There will be one morning tea break and one lunch break for our staff and students.
- Mask wearing inside for our staff and Year 3-6 students will remain for as long as we are directed to, by the Ministry of Education.
- Some community events which will include whanau will be able to occur e.g. Art Exhibition on Thursday 12th May 2022 from 3.15pm-6.30pm and the Te Totara X Challenge in Week 8.
- Other events will slowly return. School assemblies will begin after Queen's Birthday weekend when we see how everything is going and what protocols we need to put into place.

We will take care to be safe with our events by opening up slowly to some that are inside and carry larger numbers and more risk. We have done so well this year in keeping the school learning areas running smoothly with our regular and guest teachers. Everything will be closely monitored and if anything changes we can be 'nimble' and respond by either tightening things up or allowing more interactions. If Public Health Orders change via Government and Ministry of Education guidelines then we will need to follow these at the time.

I will confirm these arrangements via our school app, website and Facebook page at the end of the holiday break.

Learning onsite is our main focus to keep our well being high and our learners happy. We currently have over 90% of our learners back in our classrooms.

Let's keep moving forward together, thank you so much for your trust in us.

Anne
Principal

RAMADAN

Marhaba (welcome in Arabic)

Ramadan, the Islamic faith's holy month, started on Saturday, April 2nd. This is one of the most important times of the year for Muslim families. During this month, practicing Muslims will observe a strict fast from dawn to dusk. This special time will last 30 days and end at sundown on Sunday 1st May, 2022.

Ramadan's beginning and end is determined by something really quite beautiful: the sighting of the new moon. For a short time at sunset as the new moon moves away from the sun, a super slim crescent will be visible. Muslims call it the "Shawwal Moon". "Shawwal Moon" is the start of Eid al-Fitr, also called the "Festival of Breaking the Fast." It's a special holiday celebrated by Muslims across the world, and involves all kinds of events.

Some of our wonderful Te Totara families are celebrating Ramadan. We hope you are enjoying this time of reflection and gratitude. Warm wishes for our Te Totara whanau. "Ramadan Mubarak!"



WELCOME TO PETE LAWRENCE - ASSISTANT CARETAKER

Hi everyone, my name is Pete Lawrence. I have lived in New Zealand for 21 years, originally living near Portsmouth in the UK. I am married to Tanya. We have one son who has just finished school. I am also the Secretary of Melville United Football Club. My hobbies are some of my favourite things. I love all things Lego, have a passion for football and love hiking. I've spent 40 years in the supermarket industry recently retiring from my 24/7 role. I am now looking forward to a change of direction. I am excited to have this job as it is inside and outside and will keep me active. I look forward to meeting you all and having some fun.



2022 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.



HOCKEY TERMS 2&3 (Years 1-6 students)

Cut-off date for registration is Friday 8th April @ 3.00pm

NETBALL TERMS 2&3 (Years 3-6 students ONLY)

Cut-off date for registration is Friday 8th April @ 3.00pm

MINIBALL TERM 2 ONLY (Years 1-6 students) TBA

Cut-off date for registration is Wednesday 7th April @ 3.00pm

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.

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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 emailed to: receptionist@tetotara.school.nz.

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 Kairav Stringer

Thunders TBA

Green The whole team are players of the day, great effort from all the team!

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 14 April

END OF TERM 1, 2022 @ 3.00pm

Mon 2 May

TERM 2, BEGINS

Thurs 12 May

Art Exhibition 3.15pm - 6.30pm (*further details to follow*)

Thurs 26 May

BOT Meeting at 6.30pm

Fri 3 June

Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

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

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

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Should you wish to support the PTA while we are unable to run fundraising events you can purchase an Entertainment Membership. Memberships run for 12 months from the date of activation and are packed full of valuable 2 for 1 and up to 50% off offers. **Currently when you purchase a Single City Membership, you can choose between a BONUS \$10 Macpac or \$10 Supercheap Auto eGift Card. Purchase a Multi City Membership and you can choose between a BONUS \$30 Macpac or \$30 Supercheap Auto eGift Card.**

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>



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.**

KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

CONTACT
KIM & MARK INNES

WAIKATO@KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ
07 839 9017

BOOK ONLINE AT
KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ

The advertisement features a vibrant green background with a photo of two children playing on a grassy field. One child is lying on their back with a colorful ball, while the other stands behind them with arms raised. The Kelly Sports logo is in the top left, and contact information is at the bottom.

COVID-19 Vaccination Vaccination Event

Saturday 9 April - 10am to 3pm

Pukete School, 100 Pukete Road, Hamilton

Free vaccinations for all tamariki aged 5-11 years.

No bookings necessary, all walk-ins welcome

**Supermarket vouchers for the earlybirds
and ice-blocks for all who receive a vaccination!**

**THE BIG
BOOST**



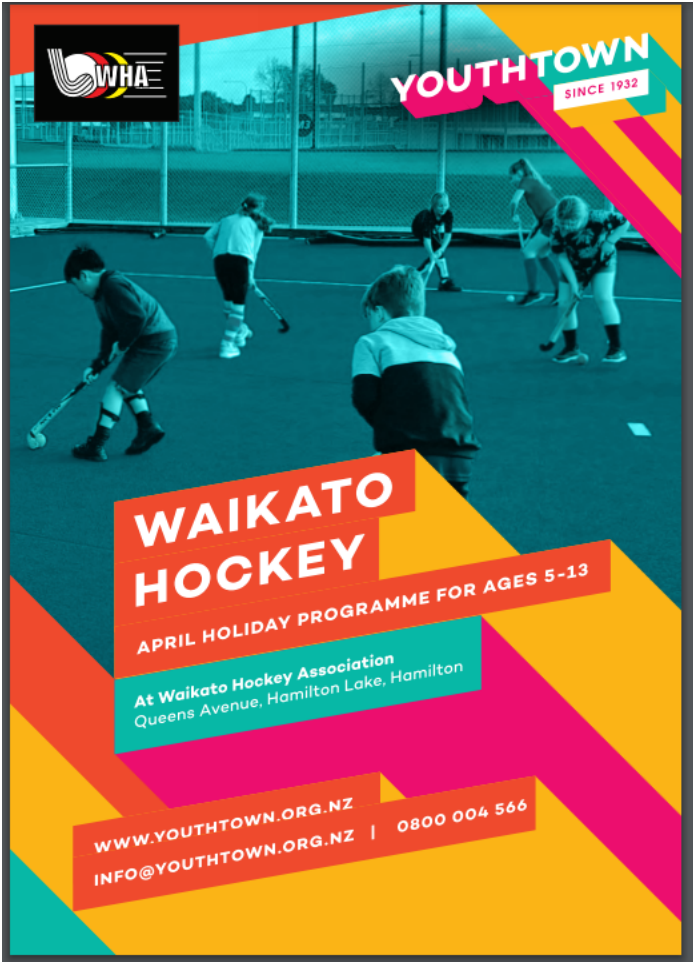
Learn to Dive - Waikato Diving Club

Waikato Diving (Springboard & Platform) are running Learn to Dive session at WaterWorld commencing Term 2, 2022.

Sessions will be run on a Tuesday or Wednesday for 40 minutes between 4.00pm and 5.30pm, or on a Saturday morning.

Diving teaches fitness, water confidence and safety, learning to meet and conquer challenges, friendship and a team spirit without the team environment of some other sports. It is also an Olympic Sport (for those planning ahead).

Divers need to be confident in water and ideally at least 7 years old. To register your interest or find out more information please email: waikato.diving.ww@gmail.com or txt / call Danny on 0276002201



WHA **YOUTHTOWN** SINCE 1932

WAIKATO HOCKEY

APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME FOR AGES 5-13

At Waikato Hockey Association
Queens Avenue, Hamilton Lake, Hamilton

WWW.YOUTHTOWN.ORG.NZ
INFO@YOUTHTOWN.ORG.NZ | 0800 004 566



FOOTBALL CONNECT

YOUTHTOWN SINCE 1932 **NEW ZEALAND FOOTBALL FOUNDATION**

FOR AGES 10-13

Join in with your mates for some **FREE** serious football fun with our Superstar Coaches! → **FREE LUNCH** each day!

Sign up for our two-day school holiday programme, and you can also register for the 10 week programme to be coached on Thursdays. Our Youhtown and Melville United AFC coaches will teach you the basic football skills, whilst having a heap of fun. **FREE** of cost. How good is that! → **PLUS** receive a **FREE** football!

At **Melville United AFC**, Gower Park, 49 Alison Street, Hamilton 3204

April holiday programme: Tuesday 26th – Wednesday 27th | 9am – 3pm
Term Two 10 week programme: Starts Thursday 5th May | 4pm – 5.30pm
July holiday programme: Dates TBC

BOOK NOW! WWW.YOUTHTOWN.ORG.NZ
Limited spaces - don't miss out!

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Are you wondering what fun, exciting, productive holiday program your child can attend this holiday? Something that is new and popular with kids all around? At Logiscool we offer amazing holiday programs, such as Roblox and Minecraft. We also provide a program where your child can become a Junior Designer. Coding is part of the future so let us help your child to dig deep into their creative minds and join in the fun! Check out our website for more details! At Logiscool, coding is COOL!! www.logiscool.com




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LIONS CLUB

Our motto is “We Serve”

Lions are ordinary men, women and young people from all walks of life.

We are united in our desire to make a difference by contributing our personal time and talents to help other people. In New Zealand 9,500 members belong to 350 clubs. We are community volunteers who roll up our sleeves to help in all kinds of ways. In terms of our contribution on projects, it is estimated Lions Clubs contribute more than \$100 million each year for charitable organisations here and in the Pacific Islands. We are proud that every dollar raised from the public goes to the cause. We do not take a percentage of the money for our own purposes. This makes us distinctly different from other charities and fundraisers and entirely NFP. East Hamilton Lions Club has an annual book fair which raises money that goes back directly into our local community.

If you are interested in helping us fulfil our pledge to serve the community in various ways, please give us a call. We are a small and friendly club who would like to have new members join us. It is not a lot of work when shared. We meet for a dinner meeting on the second Monday of the month and a business meeting on the fourth Monday.

If you are interested in joining us or require more information, please phone one of the contacts below. Also, feel free to come to a dinner meeting to meet with us.

Glenys Morrow 021 141 5066
Maurice Roper 021 051 7412
Cheryl Blackburn 021 549 674