

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 14TH APRIL, 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)

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School finishes on Thursday 14th April 2022 at 3.00pm

Term 2 begins on Monday 2nd May 2022.

The School Office will be open on Friday 29th April 2022
from 9.00am – 2.00pm for enrolment enquiries.

Kia ora o te whanau,

Whew, we have got to the end of one of the toughest terms of my long teaching career. For the first time after lots of cautionary measures Covid moved amongst us, impacting students, families and staff. It has been very hard for us all dealing with uncertainty, frustration, rescheduling, restrictions and possibly fear as well.

Thank you for the way you have supported your children by keeping things as normal as possible for them, answering their questions, giving them extra time, space and love. They carry all of our anxieties and I have been so impressed at the resilience and joy your children have shown each day at school, as we have done the very best we could to keep it a safe, happy, learner focused and 'normal as possible' environment for them. It is a remarkable feat that we have managed to remain open everyday with all classes operating as normal throughout the Omicron outbreak.

I am enormously proud of our staff here, every day they show their commitment to providing the very best learning opportunities to your children, even while being faced with uncertainty about their own families and personal safety. They are tired and these holidays are needed.

Enjoy some rest yourselves with your children over the next two and a bit weeks as well. As I said in last week's newsletter, I am so hoping that the peak of Omicron has passed, and that we can get back to having events and seeing our families again. We have missed the 'face to face' so much.

Me te mihi nui mo a koutou maanakitanga - in appreciation of your support.

Anne

Have a happy Easter celebrating life & all its blessings. Easter is an important and significant time for our Christian Community. Wishing all our Te Totara families a joyous and peaceful Easter holiday.



FAREWELL TO AN AMAZING TE TOTARA STAR

Late last week our wonderful teacher Craig Rodger told us that he has been 'shoulder tapped' to apply for an important role at the Velodrome in Cambridge which was his dream job.

It was an opportunity which was too good to turn down. Craig has been appointed to this position which starts after the holidays. He had not been looking to change his teaching job as he has loved being with our school family for the past 14 years however the local and national cycling organisations have been going through a much needed overhaul and this position coaching the coaches is one of these changes. He is also to be the Operations Manager at the Velodrome.

We totally understand the decision Craig has made and support him in this exciting new chapter of his life. He has done outstanding work for us particularly in the areas of Physical Education and Wellbeing, particularly over the past 3 years in implementing the Taakaro Ora model. He speaks of how what he has been developing in our school has been very useful professional growth for his new role.

Craig was farewelled by the Board of Trustees and staff yesterday in an emotional, fun and uplifting farewell. He was presented with a beautiful Pounamu from us depicting the Waikato River where it was blessed. He also received a large STAR's artwork which had the students' names signed by them inside it. A spectacular cake of his cycling outfit from one of our staff members was shared and enjoyed.

Craig asked if it was possible for him to finish up this term. He is heading to Vancouver with his family during the holiday break to reconnect with his wife's family, then he will start his new job after that.

He has spoken of some flexibility in his role so he still wants to come in to help us run our first X Challenge day in Week 8 of Term 2 and some other initiatives we have underway. Knowing Craig we are sure he will pop up again from time to time, as he will always be part of our wonderful Te Totara whanau.



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.



MINIBALL TERM 2 ONLY (Years 3-6 students ONLY)

Cut-off date for registration is Tuesday 3rd May @ 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**.

SCHOOL DONATION TAX CREDIT CLAIM FORM

For future reference, you will be able to download a copy of the tax receipt required from your "My Orders" tab of your KINDO account. Please change the record type once on the My Orders page to "Donation Receipts". You will be able to select the receipt required or opt for a tax summary for a certain time period, as the picture below:

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record type: Donation Receipts

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For your information, your donations qualify for a 33% tax credit. You can claim this rebate from the Inland Revenue Department by completing a form IR526 - "Tax Credit Claim Form for Donations Claims Only". Please click on the link: [IR526 - Tax Credit Claim Form](#)

SCHOOL BANKING - FIRST CREDIT UNION

First Credit Union School Banking will resume in Term 2, the green banking box will be just inside the School Office front door for your child to drop off.



SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR TERMS 2 & 3

At this time of the year we are noticing an increasing need for warmer clothing.

Although not compulsory we advise wearing **black under garments** i.e. singlet, long sleeve polypropylene. Also, our winter uniform requirements are plain black socks or tights and plain black shoes.

A number of students are appearing with different coloured jackets/sweatshirts.

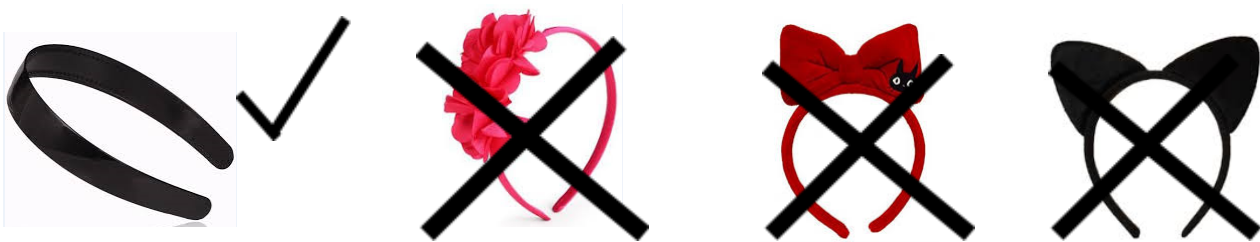
Children are asked to **wear the red Te Totara Polar Fleece top as prescribed only**.

We understand families may still be sorting their children's winter uniforms due to the stores being closed and we would appreciate it if your children could please be in the correct full winter school uniform after the school holidays.

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 – either red, white, black or green.



A reminder regarding the red Sports Polo Shirt with the words “Te Totara Primary School” printed on the back is NOT the everyday school uniform. This Sports Shirt is for children who are part of a school sports team.



SPORTS TEAM JACKET



We also have a red waterproof jacket which is an optional school uniform item.

These jackets are only to be worn to and from school. They are NOT to take place of our red school polar fleece which are to be worn in class.

If your child plays in one of our after school or weekend sports teams, the jacket may also be worn to their sports games.

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 <i>(Families are welcome into school)</i>
Fri 20 May	Pink Shirt Day
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

