



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## THURSDAY 5TH MAY, 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,

A very warm welcome back to Term 2 at school. I hope you had a great holiday with your children, we certainly loved the sunny autumn days. It was wonderful to see the students return to school settled and happy to be back. They are enjoying being back on our normal morning tea and lunchtime bell times with all their friends. Thank you so much for continuing to encourage our Year 3 - 6 students to be wearing masks inside our buildings. This is an important protection for the health of staff and students.

It was also fantastic to be able to welcome our families back onto the school grounds and into the classes. Thank you for following the requirements of my Website, Seesaw and Facebook messages from last Friday 29 April regarding all the Term 2 protocols, including the wearing of masks onsite and particularly inside our buildings for our families.

We were very stretched in terms of staff last term and being able to keep all classes running everyday whilst we had Covid in the school. I was thrilled we managed to do this in Term 1 however if we get a major 'second wave outbreak' or a lot of winter viruses we will not be able to operate all classes everyday in Term 2 as we have been able to. This is why I ask that we are all maintaining a very cautious approach by mask wearing and staying away from the site if unwell. Covid is still in the community, in fact unfortunately five staff members had Covid across the holiday period. We certainly need to put the health of our staff as a top priority to allow uninterrupted learning as much as possible. It is about 'a community of care' that looks after each other in a preventative manner so we can maintain school and our planned events this term. Let's keep working together in a positive way around this.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you next Thursday at our Art Exhibition (please see below for more information about this.)

*Anne*

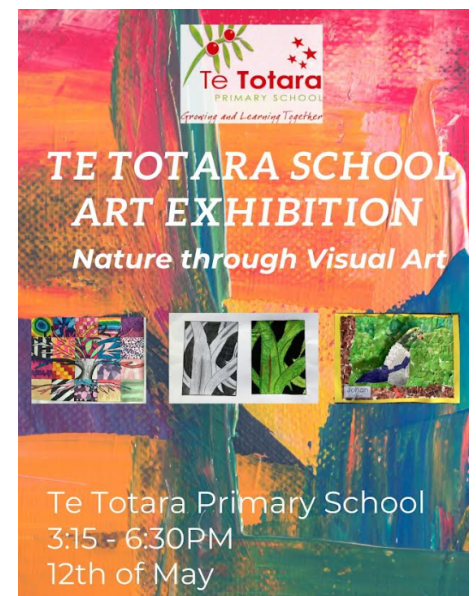
### ART EXHIBITION THURSDAY 12TH MAY 3.15-6.30PM

The Te Totara Art Exhibition is open for parent and whanau viewing on Thursday 12th May 3:15pm - 6:30pm. We do ask that you wear a mask during your visit for health and safety reasons.

The artworks will be displayed in the main pod areas of each block and you are encouraged to have a look at not only your child's art but other areas of the school as well.

Our theme for this exhibition is Nature Through Visual Art. Each team has selected a whakataukī as inspiration for their theme and there will be a wide range of media and techniques on display. Each class will have a description of their process alongside the display for you to see the development of the artwork.

We look forward to seeing you and your whanau next Thursday between 3:15 and 6:30pm.



## 2022 SCHOOL TERM DATES

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

## TWO RAW SISTERS

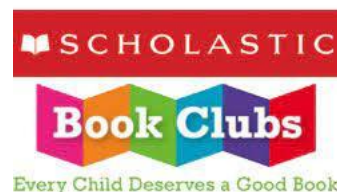


As part of our Healthy Eating Unit with the Life Education Van we are lucky enough to be able to have the Two Raw Sisters come and work with our Year 6 students this term. They are also hosting a workshop for parents on the 18th May 2022. If you are interested in attending this workshop please read the information below and sign up with the link provided. There is a cost of \$119 per person for this workshop. For more information, please see our community notices at the end of this newsletter.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER - ISSUE NO. 3

This week your child was given a Scholastic Book Club catalogue. These orders at **9.15am on Friday 13th May 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.**



## VOLUNTEER REQUIRED FOR LIBRARY

Our school requires a volunteer to assist when classes are visiting the library. Their job is to issue and return books for our students, freeing up classroom teachers to help students with book selection. As this is a school position we will need you to complete a police check and require a CV and two referees. This would be on **Fridays from 9.00am - 11.50am**.

Working in the library is a lovely way to get to know our school community better. It comes with free coffee, plenty of books to read, and air-conditioning! If you are interested in finding out more, please email Michelle Simms, our Library Manager: [michelles@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:michelles@tetotara.school.nz)

## DATES COMING UP

Thurs 12 May	Art Exhibition 3.15pm - 6.30pm (Families are welcome into school)
Fri 20 May	Pink Shirt Day
Wed 25 May	BOT Meeting at 6.30pm
Fri 3 June	Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 6 June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Wed 22 June	Te Totara X Challenge (postponement Tues 28th June)
Fri 24 June	Matariki Celebration Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 8 July	TERM 2, ENDS @ 3.00pm

*Anne Fraser*  
Principal



## TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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Please 'like' our Facebook page to ensure you keep in the news loop: [www.facebook.com/TTPTA](http://www.facebook.com/TTPTA)



### PTA MEETING

The next PTA meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 18th May at 7:30pm** in the Teachers Lounge. Turn right as you enter into Matariki. All parent and caregivers of children at Te Totara Primary School are invited to attend. This will be our last meeting before the AGM, so if you would like to become involved in the PTA this is a great way to find out what we do. Hope to see you all there!

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.**

## Grow Waikato

**Building and Construction -**

**Residential**

**Monday 16th May**

**Wintec City Campus - The Atrium  
5pm to 6pm**

**With guest speakers:**

**Lale Ieremia - Waikato Housing Initiative**

**Clive Morgan - Waikato District Council**

**Blair Bowcott - Hamilton City Council**

**Liz Stolwyk - Waipa District Council**

**Mark Rawson - Kāinga Ora**



Hosted by **Jamie Strange**  
MP for Hamilton East



WAIKATO COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC  
TE KURA WAIATA O TE HAPORI O WAIKATO

Enrolments are now open for Term Two 2022 at the Waikato Community School of Music. The first session is on Saturday 7th May. The school caters for all ages (3 to retired) and ability levels, offering group-format and one-to-one music tuition in a range of instruments. Group-format class fees range from \$45 to \$110 per term (7 lessons in Term Two) depending on student age and the instrument chosen. The enrolment fee for an instrument class includes participation in as many of our ensembles as the student wishes. Enrolment in ensembles only is also an option. One-to-one classes can aid in preparing for exams and earning NCEA credits.

Class times are between 8:00am and 2:00pm on Saturdays during primary school terms. WCSM is located on the University of Waikato campus in Hillcrest. (Note that all those aged 12 or over on University premises must be vaccinated, including students, parents, caregivers and tutors. Those age 8 or over should wear a mask).

Contact us via our website [WCSM](http://WCSM) or on 07 838 4611.

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HELLO!

We are Rosa and Margo, also known as Two Raw Sisters. 3 time best selling authors and passionate cooks.

Life Education Trust NZ, 5 + A Day, and Two Raw Sisters are working together to educate tamariki about eating vegetables and fruit as part of a balanced diet. We will be visiting your children's school, plus over 60 other schools around the country, hosting workshops that complement Life Education's Healthy Harold programme. In each workshop, we'll inspire students to get into the kitchen and create tasty dishes with fruit, vegetables and grains.

At night we will be hosting workshops for parents and the public, and we would love for you to come along! In each session we will share our practical, fun approach to food and nutrition, focusing on...

- building you and your child's lunchbox
- the benefits of making in bulk and in advance
- tips and tricks on saving time in the kitchen
- the best places to shop for ingredients
- cost-effective healthy eating for the whole family
- substituting ingredients to use what is at home and in season
- how to make five recipes from one
- inspiration to get creative in the kitchen.

All eaters are welcome at our workshops. By plant-based we don't mean *only* eating plants, we simply mean eating delicious + nutritious unprocessed, wholefoods. We encourage you to base your meals around the vegetables + fruits you have available, then add your chosen protein. We look forward to inspiring you!

two raw sisters

### NZ Workshop Tour 2022

Christchurch - 29 March	Blenheim - 26 May
Hokitika - 4 April	Napier - 14 June
Timaru - 6 April	Gisborne - 15 June
Wellington - 2 May	Invercargill - 21 June
Hamilton - 18 May	Auckland - 4 July
Nelson - 24 May	

The adult workshops cost \$119 and include a recipe booklet to take home.

For more information + to book online visit:

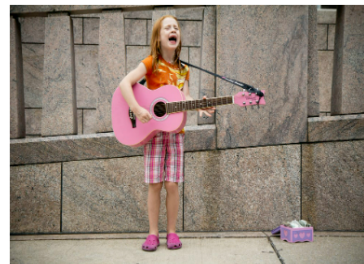
[www.tworawsisters.com/nz-workshop-tour](http://www.tworawsisters.com/nz-workshop-tour)

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and a giraffe

LIFE EDUCATION  
Learning with Harold

5+ADay  
CLASSROOM TOUR

MUSIQHUB  
PLAY SMART



Aaaaaand... We're BACK!

With the continued easing of restrictions it's now even easier to get your kids into learning an instrument at your school!

MusiqHub stands apart because we have professional musicians tutoring a wide range of instruments: Guitar, Ukulele, Drums, Piano, Voice, Violin, Recorder

Better tutors, better content, better get involved...

Carl Watkins  
E: [carl.watkins@musiqhub.co.nz](mailto:carl.watkins@musiqhub.co.nz)  
Ph: 027 288 0568

LAST CHANCE TO JOIN UP FOR TERM 2 2022!

Jitterbugs  
DANCE  
LESSONS  
LIMITED SPACES!!

Monday (Rotorua Junior High School Dance Studio)  
• 3:40 Jitterbugs Seniors (by selection only)  
• 4:10 MimJam (girls & boys aged 3 - 5½) (3 Spaces)  
• 4:35 Jitterbugs Advanced (by selection only)  
• 5:05 Senior Hip Hop (girls aged 9-14) (4 Spaces)

Tuesday (Flagstaff Fitness - now called Common Ground)  
• 3:35 Jitterbugs Junior (girls aged 5 ½ - 7) (4 Spaces)  
• 4:10 Jitterbugs Junior Plus (girls aged 7 - 8) (4 Spaces)  
• 4:40 Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls 8 - 14) (5 Spaces)

Wednesday (Flagstaff Fitness - now called Common Ground)  
• 3:30 Jitterbugs Mimi's (girls aged 3 - 5½) (1 Space)  
• 4:00 Jitterbugs Junior (girls aged 5 ½ - 7) (3 Spaces)  
• 4:30 Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls 8 - 14) (2 Spaces)

Every term the kids learn two dances and get to go on stage and present these to friends and family at a show. Outfits/t-shirts are provided for the show. COST \$115 for one kid. \$224 for two kids  
Email Jolie at [jitterbugsdancelessons@outlook.com](mailto:jitterbugsdancelessons@outlook.com) or check out the jitterbugs dance lessons facebook page or website for more info