



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER, 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)

THANK YOU TO THE PTA FOR THE DISCO!

On behalf of our school I want to thank our wonderful P.T.A. very much for organising and hosting the 'Jungle Jam' Disco last Friday night. This was a fabulous community event with lots of fun being had by our children, dressed up as jungle animals, insects and explorers! Check out the great pictures in the PTA News section below.

The many families who were helpers on the night were much appreciated to ensure everything went smoothly and the children enjoyed the light treats they could buy. The funds raised will be going towards an exciting new confidence course project which is being designed for the outside perimeter of our back field. I know our children will love challenging themselves with various activities spaces across this area.

More to follow on the Confidence Course design soon.

Anne

"HAVE A GO" ATHLETICS DAY FOR YEARS 0-2 ONLY WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER, 2022

With our Year 0-2 students, we are developing and sharing their skills through a fun activity based event called the 'Have a Go' Day. They will be rotated around the following activities: Sprints, Parachute, Long Jump, Egg and Spoon, Cricket Ball Throw and High Jump.

The Matawhero Team and Neptune 28 and 27 will start at 9.10am, finishing at 11.50am. Orion Team, Satellite & Neptune 24 and 25 will start at 12.00 lunchtime, finishing at 2.30pm.

Have a Go Day Information:

- Children may arrive at school in their house colours; they can remain in their house colour clothes for the whole day
- Check with your classroom teacher if you are unsure which house your child is in
- Sports shoes are optional; children may wish to compete in bare feet
- Te Totara bucket sun hats are compulsory
- Plenty of lunch and water are important
- If the weather is not looking good we will postpone it to the following week (Wednesday 16th November).

If 'Have a Go' day is postponed, it will be notified on our Facebook page at 7.30am or via our school website at 8.00am.

TE TOTARA SCHOOL HOUSES

- Te Totara School has four houses, all named in line with our STARS theme and space expeditions:
- "Apollo, Challenger, Discovery and Mercury"
- Children are placed in houses when they arrive at school. New Entrants with family members already at school will be placed in the same house.
- We are able to use the houses for different school events and happenings e.g. Athletic Sports.
- Houses provide our children with leadership responsibilities and provide good natured competition.
- There are colours for each house (see below). The classroom teacher will advise your child which house they belong to.
- There are Lead Teachers looking after each house
- Students will be meeting in house groups beforehand
- If you are unsure of your child's School House, please check with their classroom teacher

HOUSE COLOURS

Apollo	Yellow
Challenger	Blue
Discovery	Green
Mercury	Red



MINDFULNESS4DOGS

BANISH THE BITES: FREE SEMINAR
Monday 14th November, 2022
in the Matariki Hall @ 6.30pm

Did you know last year in New Zealand over 20,000 dog bite-related incidents were reported to ACC, 1500 were from the Waikato alone? More worryingly around one-third of those were attacks on children under 12 years old. Most people would assume that this would be due to children approaching strange dogs, but what's really disturbing is that over 70 percent of those attacks were from dogs that lived in the family household.

If you have dogs in your family then you need to join us for our free event on **Monday 14th November from 6.30pm-7.30pm at the Te Totara School Matariki Hall**. There will be time for questions afterwards. Find out how you can learn simple tools to help keep your children safe when interacting with your dog. **Join Darran and the Mindfulness4dogs Team**, and guest **Patricia from Dog Mindz**, and help 'Banish the Bites'.

Our lovely Te Totara support dog Milo and his owner, our librarian Michelle Sims, work with Darren to help our students learn how to interact with Milo.

BANISH THE BITES

Free Evening

Monday, 14 November
6:30 PM

Te Totara Matariki / Hall

 MINDFULNESS4DOGS



Learn simple tools to help keep your children safe when interacting with your dog.

Run by Darran Rowe, professional canine behaviourist and dog trainer for over 18 years. President of the Association of Professional Dog Trainers NZ.

PLANNING FOR 2023 CLASSES

We are beginning to plan for 2023 and are looking at next year's classes for our students. The process for organising classes includes:

- Looking at the school structure, the staff and how we can best cater for our students
- Teachers reflecting on their students' strengths and needs
- We consider students' needs and ask them for five names of their friends
- Parents have an opportunity to contribute by emailing Jo Stewart, Deputy Principal, any factors to consider

Due to possible staff changes, it is best to consider the type of teaching style, curriculum needs or learning environment that you may be thinking of for your child, rather than asking for a specific teacher. If you would like to do this, please email Jo Stewart, Deputy Principal, by tomorrow **Friday 4th November, 2022** at: dp@tetotara.school.nz

YEAR 6 LEAVERS – DESTINATION SCHOOL FOR 2023

Many of our Year 6 families have already enrolled at an Intermediate School/High School for 2023 and have received confirmation of acceptance.

If you haven't already done so.... it would be much appreciated if you could advise Marise in the School Office of your decision on Ph: 853-0039 ext. 858. As you can imagine, these schools have a huge amount of applications to process and are keen to receive Enrolment Applications in advance.

If you haven't made a decision yet, please also let us know.

STUDENTS LEAVING TE TOTARA AT THE END OF YEAR

If you have not already notified us and are planning to leave our school at the end of 2022 (*other than Year 6 students*), it would be appreciated if you could please urgently advise us by emailing Marise Crow at: receptionist@tetotara.school.nz

If you have a child coming to Te Totara in the near future, we would love to have an Enrolment Form - it would be very much appreciated and certainly help with our future planning.

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.

Please Note: Aquatics will be charged after your child's class has had their lessons.

- **Fairfield Gully BioBlitz Day** (selected students only) registrations close Tuesday 8th November @ 3.00pm
- **2022 Yearbook Early-bird special of \$20.00** (until 31st Oct)
- **2022 School Camp \$180.00** (Years 5&6 Students only)

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.



OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS - TO BE PAID THROUGH KINDO

As at today's date, the following amounts are still outstanding:

Lost Library Books	\$719.50
Mathletics/Mathseeds	\$4,565.00
Voluntary School Donation	\$34,098.00
2022 School Camp	\$5,930.00

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The online one stop school shop

We would really appreciate all outstanding fees being paid by the end of the school year. Voluntary School Donation payments can be made at the beginning of the year or throughout the year; the funds will be used for resources and activities for all the children.

Any queries regarding your invoice, please email Wendy Bulloch, our Business Manager at wendyb@tetotara.school.nz

2023 SCHOOL TERM DATES

- Term 1** **Wednesday 1st February - Thursday 6th April** (10 weeks)
(Term officially starts on Tuesday 31st January however, this will be a 'Teacher Only Day' so students start on Wednesday 1st February, 2023).
Public Holiday: Monday 6th February (Waitangi Day)
- Term 2** **Monday 24th April – Friday 30th June** (10 weeks)
Public Holiday: Tuesday 25 April (ANZAC Day)
Teacher Only Day: Friday 2nd June (no school)
Public Holiday: Monday 5th June (King's Birthday)
- Term 3** **Monday 17th July – Friday 22nd September** (10 weeks)
Our Mid-Term Break - Monday 21st August (no school)
- Term 4** **Monday 9th October – Friday 15th December 2023** (10 weeks)
Teacher Only Day - Friday 20th October (no school) - to be confirmed.
Public Holiday: Monday 23rd October (Labour Day)

2022 YEARBOOK ORDERS ORDERS THROUGH KINDO ONLY \$25.00

Our wonderful school Yearbook is currently being put together, it's a great record of the years' learning and events and includes over 100 full colour pages.

Children love reading the pages and do so for many years. Yearbook orders are placed through KINDO and close on

Tuesday 15th November, 2022 @ 3.00pm. Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.

Please note: If you have Grandparents or friends who wish to order their own copy of the Yearbook, this must be ordered through KINDO and combined with your family order.

LOOK BACK ON MEMORIES OF 2022

ORDER YOUR 2022 YEARBOOK

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**ORDER NOW ON KINDO!
\$20*
\$25 FROM NOV 1**

Te Totara
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Growing and Learning Together

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **4 November 2022 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm**. Students from **Matawhero Pod** will attend assembly and will be sharing. Families from these classrooms will be invited to attend via their classroom teachers.

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

If you are a Coach or Manager, please email the POD by **Wednesday 1pm** to stephy@tetotara.school.nz

Touch

Tigers	Kera McLean
Rockets	TBA
Pacers	Louis Marquand & Xander Tantrum
Stormers	Ciaran Senar



DATES COMING UP

Mon 7 Nov	Bike Safety Week - Year 6 students only
Wed 9 Nov	Year 0-2 Have A Go Day
Mon 14 Nov	6.30pm Mindfulness 4 Dogs: Banish the Bites Free Seminar in the Matariki Hall
Wed 16 Nov	PTA Meeting at 7.30pm in- Staff Lounge Year 0-2 Have a Go Day postponement day
Fri 18 Nov	PTA Iceblock Day
Mon 21 Nov	9.00am Volunteers Morning Tea
Tues 22 Nov	School Athletics Day
Thurs 24 Nov	Postponement date for Athletics
Thurs 24 Nov	Board Meeting at 5.30pm
Wed 30 Nov	Year 6 Leavers Dinner
Mon 5 Dec	School End of Year Celebration
Thurs 8 Dec	Fairfield Cluster Athletics
Fri 9 Dec	PTA Ice Block Day
Thurs 15 Dec	3.00PM - END OF SCHOOL YEAR

ICE BLOCK DAY
\$2 each
After eating for learning
outside Matariki
**Friday 18
November**

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

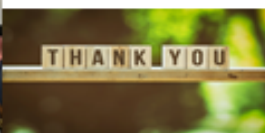
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JUNGLE JAM DISCO

The Jungle Jam Disco was held last Friday night and it was a huge success. We raised just over \$2700. Thank you to the students who came along and danced the night away. You all looked awesome in your amazing costumes. A HUGE thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that gave up some, or all of their evening to help out. There are far too many to list, but thank you again because without you the discos could not have taken place. A special thank you to Mrs Fraser and Mrs Stewart for all the support you have given the PTA throughout the organisation and running of the disco.



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**Friday 18
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An illustration of three ice blocks: one blue, one yellow and white striped, and one light blue.

ICE BLOCK DAY

Let's celebrate the warmer weather with a yummy ice block.

When: Friday 18 November at lunchtime (after eating for learning)

Cost: \$2.00 per ice block (lemonade flavour only)

Where: Outside Matariki

If you are able to assist the PTA with selling the ice blocks for an hour on this date from 12.15 pm please email the PTA at pta@tetotara.school.nz

ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP

Seize the opportunity quickly and enjoy some amazing offers. Currently when you purchase a Single City Membership you received a BONUS UPGRADE to a

Multi City Membership, saving \$50.

If you use the link below, 20% of every membership purchased goes to support Te Totara Primary School PTA.

<https://subscribe.entertainmentnz.com/fundraiser/15502m5>



PTA MEETING

The next PTA meeting will be on **Wednesday 16 November at 7:30pm**. Feel free to join us, everyone is welcome. It is located in the staff lounge.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PTA Meeting	Wednesday 16 November at 7.30pm
Ice Block Day	Friday 18 November
Ice Block Day	Friday 9 December

Your PTA Committee: *Kerri, Adelle, Navreet, Kerry & Angelique*

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.**



Give it a Go @ Hamilton BMX

DATES:

Wed 9th Nov & Wed 16th Nov,
3:45 pm – 4:45 pm

Sat 19th Nov, 1 – 4pm

Riders Ready?.....Watch the gate.....Beep Beep.....Let's GO!!

Come and try the Hamilton BMX track at
our 'Give it a Go' session



Where? Minogue Park on Moore Street, off Forest Lake Road

What to bring? Your bike, helmet, long sleeved shirt, long trousers, closed shoes, gloves (if you can), drink bottle & a whole heap of enthusiasm!

Who for? All ages that can move on two wheels – Strider / Balance bikes OR pedal bikes! Family, friends, ALL welcome!



Hamilton BMX Club night starts at 5:15pm on Wednesdays,
you are welcome to stay and watch or join in.

For more information regarding BMX or our 'Give it a Go' sessions contact:
Sonja Rennie 021 172 9578 or hamiltonbmx@xtra.co.nz