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Kia ora o Te Totara whaanau

It has been quite a challenging week with Cyclone Gabrielle impacting on families, community and our country. It seems in Hamilton we were spared the worst of the weather and despite a sleepless night on Monday we all got through. Our thoughts are with those in the badly affected parts of our country and to those of you worried about family members who are dealing with the effects of the cyclone.

A big 'thank you' for your response to the School App and Facebook messages we sent keeping you up-to-date with what was happening at school.

We were able to remain open during Monday and Tuesday with close supervision of our students who felt safe and cared for by our staff. We continued teaching and learning as usual. With the more extreme wind and rain coming in mid afternoon on Monday I was able to send a message allowing an earlier pick-up time just after 2.00pm onwards. That certainly managed the school pick up very well and the school site (apart from After School Care) was totally cleared by 3:20pm. A fantastic response. Thank you so much to our wonderful staff, students and families for the calm and caring response to the situation. We certainly have a 'Community of Care' at Te Totara.

Anne Fraser

Principal

*** IMPORTANT NOTICE ***

WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH, 2023 SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 12.30pm TEACHERS UNION MEETING

On Wednesday 1st March, Teachers have a Union Meeting which they are required to attend if they are part of the Teachers Union.

Due to the large number of staff involved in this meeting we will not be able to operate as usual. Therefore, children will **need to be collected at 12.30pm** on this day.

After School Care will be available for those children who are normally enrolled from 12.30pm until 5.30pm.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Most of Hamilton's Primary and Intermediate schools are taking this action. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me on (07) 853-0039



Anne Fraser (on behalf of Te Totara Primary School Board)

TRANSPORT WEEK

Next week our classes will be focusing on Transport Week. The Hamilton City Council staff will be working in the school for the week.

Our Year 6's will be learning about bike safety skills through the Kids on Bikes Programme. Reuben the Road Safety Bear will be visiting our Year 0-4 children and there will be a **Walk or Wheels Wednesday on 22nd February**. Children who are spotted walking, biking, skating or scootering to or from school on that day will receive a ticket to enter the spot prize draws. Please make sure that your child wears the correct safety gear, i.e. helmets etc.



Prizes in the draw include:

1 x \$40 Torpedo7 Gift Card

2 x Family Hamilton Zoo passes

Ice cream vouchers

5 x Pak n Save gift cards

3 x Single Zoo passes

Popcorn and Ice Blocks at the end of the day.

SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2023

Enrolment Period of 1st July, 2023 - 15th December, 2023

The Board is looking to accommodate, if possible, younger siblings and children of staff in the 2023 school year. To help determine this, we urgently need to have OUTZ Enrolment Forms into the School Office to help with this process. Please complete a form for each child, which is available online from our school website by clicking on the following link: www.tetotara.school.nz or by visiting the School Office.

The Board will look at the number of enrolments, the level of projected student growth and determine how many spaces for out-of-zone students are available for the upcoming enrolment period of **1st July 2023 - 15th December, 2023**. This will be completed early May, allowing for lots of time for families to know what is happening. Further information around the number of out-of-zone spaces to be released will be communicated via the school newsletter over the next few weeks.

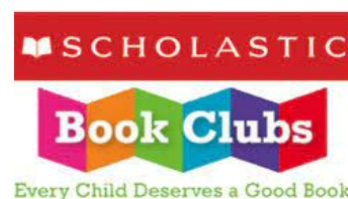
Please return the completed OUTZ Enrolment Form, including the relevant documentation, to the School Office by Thursday 16th March, 2023.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER - ISSUE NO. 1 CLOSSES TOMORROW

Just a reminder that the Scholastic Book Club Orders close tomorrow at 9.15am on Friday 17th February, 2023.

Please Note: We DO NOT ACCEPT CASH at all. This means you will have three options to order your scholastic books:

1. **Through the Scholastic Book Club website - scholastic.co.nz/LOOP.**
2. **Through the Scholastic LOOP app**
3. **In person using EFTPOS at the school office.**



SPARE ITEMS OF CLOTHING/SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR OUR SICK BAY

Can you please help.... we are desperately in need of some clean spare uniform for our sick bay. In particular, we need girls and boys underwear, Te Totara skorts and black shorts. If you are happy to donate any of these items of clothes, especially Te Totara shorts, we would really appreciate it. Please drop them into the School Office. **Over the past few weeks we have handed out quite a lot of our spare uniform clothing, we would really appreciate those items being returned to the School Office as soon as possible after they have been washed. Many thanks.**



2023 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.

- **Aquatics** (added to your KINDO account when your child's class is swimming)
- **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.



SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM - TERM 1

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 – red, white, black, green.**



JEWELLERY

Items of jewellery can be easily lost or damaged at school. They may also cause injury to the wearer or other students. For safety reasons items of jewellery are not to be worn. The school accepts no responsibility in the case of loss, damage or injury.

However, students may wear:

- a) One small earring stud per ear. NO hoops or sleepers.
- b) A watch.
- c) A necklace of religious or cultural significance – to be worn underneath clothing.
- d) A Medical Identification Tag (Medic Alert) if required



SENSE IN THE SUN

During the summer (Terms 1&4), all pupils are encouraged to put on sunscreen at home before school and expected to wear the regulation school hat while outdoors.



Our Sun Sense Policy is: No hat – play in the shade

CONGRATULATIONS TO KENZIE HUMPHREY

On Saturday the 4th of February, our Year 4 student, Kenzie Humphrey, represented Te Totara at the North Island Primary and Secondary Schools Dog Agility Championships in Cambridge. Kenzie had a very successful day coming away with 2nd place in the Primary Agility and 3rd in the Jumpers event with dog Kanye (pictured). A highlight for her was coming away with 3rd in the Open event which was also against the high school students. For this event they all were assigned a random and unfamiliar dog. Kenzie was given a super border collie called Limit and she handled the dog so well to get a clear round and a place.



For those unfamiliar with the sport of dog agility, it involves a course of various obstacles such as jumps, tunnels, seesaw and weave poles. As a handler you have to run very quickly, give the correct commands at the right time and keep your dog's attention. It is lots of fun and you can do it with any size or breed of dog.

UNWELL CHILDREN WHO NEED TO GO HOME

Our Administration team and teaching staff act in the very best interests of your child and their well-being is paramount. When children arrive at the School Office, and depending on the situation, most of the children are offered a rest in our Wellness Room and re-assessed before a phone call home; often they return to their classroom.



We understand many of our families have work commitments however, if you are phoned by the school to collect your child from school due to illness, it would be appreciated if you could arrange for their collection **as soon as possible**. **For the privacy of other students, the School Office staff will collect your child from the Wellness Room when you arrive.**

If your child is sick, please keep them at home until they are well. If your child has diarrhoea or vomiting we ask that they do not return to school unless they are well and have had **no further diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours prior to returning – these bugs can be highly contagious.** Thank you for your assistance.

ROUTINE VISION & HEARING CHECKS IN SCHOOL

Monday 20th February, 2023 @ 9.00am

Information Sheet on Vision and Hearing Checks in School



Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects.

Which children are routinely checked?

- Children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check
- Children absent from previous visit, require retests or follow up In special circumstances, parents, teachers or others may request a vision or hearing check

If any parents/caregivers do not want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 16 Feb	Board Meeting at 6.30pm
Mon 20 Feb	Routine Vision & Hearing Checks by WaiKids (see above information)
Fri 24 Feb	PTA Ice Block Day - \$2.00 per ice block
Wed 1 March	Teachers Union Meeting - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12.30PM
Wed 15 March	PTA Meeting in Staff Lounge at 7.30pm (all welcome)
Fri 17 March	Ice Block Day
Wed 22 March	Learning Plan Discussions
Thurs 23 March	Learning Plan Discussions
Thurs 6 April	END OF TERM 1, 2023
Mon 24 April	TERM 2 BEGINS

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

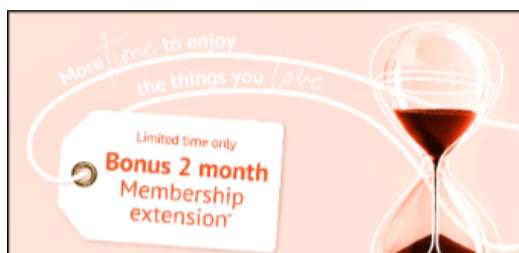
EMAIL: pta@tetotara.school.nz www.facebook.com/TTPTA

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



WELCOME BACK

The PTA would like to welcome you back to another year at school. We are planning some fun events for this year so give us a like and keep an eye out on our Facebook Page to stay in the loop: www.facebook.com/TTPTA



ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP

Support the PTA and save on everything you love to do. Buy any 12 or 24 month Entertainment Membership and receive **two extra months for free**. 20% of each purchase comes back to the PTA. Make your purchase today at

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

ICE BLOCK DAY

To celebrate the start of the year the PTA will be selling Ice Blocks at school. We hope to see many smiling faces coming to buy an Ice Block.

We still need parent helpers so if you are able to assist from 12:15pm for an hour on the day with selling, please email us: pta@tetotara.school.nz.

DATE: Friday 24th February, 2023
TIME: After eating for learning
COST: \$2.00 per Ice Block
FLAVOUR: Lemonade only
WHERE: Outside Matariki Hall



PTA MEETING

We invite all parents and caregivers of Te Totera students to join us for our next PTA meeting. This is an opportunity to meet new people and get involved in the activities we host.

We will meet in the Staff Lounge (turn right when entering Matariki) on Wednesday 15th March at 7:30pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ice Block Day – Friday 24 February

PTA Meeting - Wednesday 15 March

Ice Block Day - Friday 17 March

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.**



**FIRST KICKS
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AGES 4-6 YEARS OLD


**SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY
3.00 - 4.00pm**

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027 225 0405
staceys@generation.co.nz

Please make sure that you mention a connection to Te Totara Primary School so that the \$5,000 donation from Generation Homes can be allocated to our school. This offer is open to all Te Totara friends, staff, parents, grandparents etc. Thank you for your support.



9:45am - Meet at Main Carpark for rider briefing
10am – Group Rides Start
12pm – Groups return to BBQ Area

Ph/Text Heidi for more information – 027 341 2228 or
contact by email Heidi.lj.07@gmail.com
*Please advise if your child has any special needs so that
they can be grouped with extra adult support if required*

www.temiromtbclub.co.nz

KIDS MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDES **SATURDAY, 11TH FEB – 1ST APR 2023**

Te Miro MTB Park, Waterworks Road, Te Miro
Approx 15 mins from both Morrinsville and Cambridge

- Recommended Age 8 to 15 (Adults welcome to join the ride)
- Under 8's must be accompanied by riding, walking or running adult
- Bring a drink bottle/camelbak & any medication you may need
- Bikes must be suitable for off road use & in good working order
- Helmets and shoes compulsory (No exceptions)
- No cost for the rides but donations & new members are welcome
- Stay after the ride for a sausage sizzle and drink – Cash Only
- Rides are on rain, hail or shine
- Parents accept full responsibility for child's health & safety during rides



HOLIDAY WRITING WORKSHOP

Learn the **secrets** of writing
great stories
from an
award-winning
author

- 3 day writing camp for ages 9-14
- 1 day workshop for ages 7-10



Meet your presenter:

Brian Falkner

The award-winning author of 21 novels including Brainjack, Northwood, and the Katipo Joe series



"I loved meeting other young authors and learning awesome techniques that will help my writing."
Gabriella (14)

"It made writing easier for me and explained aspects of stories I didn't really understand."
Anna (12)



Andy Griffiths says...
"I wish this camp had been around when I was a young writer!"



Where: Southwell School
200 Peachgrove Rd, Claudelands, Hamilton
When: 18 Apr to 20 Apr 2023

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