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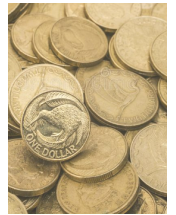
TE TOTARA MUFTI DAY - FRIDAY 3RD MARCH

**** TOMORROW ****



Te Totara will be holding a **Mufti Day tomorrow** to help support the flood victims from Cyclone Gabrielle. We feel that it is important to show our children how we can support our wider communities, families and friends in their time of need.

Children can come to school wearing Mufti clothing (*no school uniform*) and **donate a gold coin**; there will be Student Leaders positioned at the front gate, Orion gate and near the bike racks from 8.30am to collect your donation. **We encourage our children to wear red and white, which are the Red Cross colours, if they have it. Please do not go out and buy new clothing for this event, what you have at home will be perfect.**



All donations will go to the New Zealand Red Cross who will distribute funds to help victims of Cyclone Gabrielle.

If you would like to read more about the work that the Red Cross does, please go to www.redcross.org.nz

Thank you for your support.

CYCLE SAFETY

Our transport week last week provided some great learning for our Tamariki around being safe on the way to and from school. One of the big learning points was around wearing helmets when riding a bike. This is hugely important from a safety point of view. In New Zealand, cycle helmets must be worn, meet an approved Standard and be securely fastened. **Please make sure your children are wearing their helmets and they are correctly fitted whenever your child is on their bike.**

LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSION BOOKINGS

BOOKINGS OPEN 9.00AM TOMORROW - FRIDAY 3RD MARCH, 2023

School finishes at 2.00pm Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd March

Learning Plan Discussions will take place on **Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd March, 2023** for all students except Room 37.

Room 37 only - Tuesday 21st March 3.15pm-5.15pm & Wednesday 22nd March 2.15pm - 5.30pm

We have arranged **15 minute time slots** for the discussion, there will be a change over bell so that everyone is aware of timings. If you have more than one child, you might like to have a break between each interview. To ensure the smooth running of our Learning Plan Discussions, we would be grateful if all our parents/caregivers kept to the timetable. There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress on:

Tuesday 21st March, 2023 - ROOM 37 ONLY

3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm, 5.00pm & 5.15pm

Wednesday 22nd March, 2023 (All rooms)

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm, 5.00pm, 5.15pm & 5.30pm

Thursday 23rd March, 2023 (Except Room 37)

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm (*teachers break between 5.00pm-5.30pm*) 5.30pm, 5.45pm, 6.00pm & 6.15pm

How do I book a time?

To make an appointment time for your child/ren, please use our online booking system

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz – our school code is **x9t8d**

An electronic confirmation can be sent to you via email upon completion of your booking, **please don't forget to include your email address and select "email" under Parent Bookings** when you have booked an interview time.

If you are unable to access the internet, please phone the school (07) 853-0039 ext. 858 and leave a message with the time slot that you would prefer and Marise will collate these.

We will endeavour to give you the time as close as we can to your preference. If we are unable to assist we will go by first in first served. Please **do not** make arrangements directly with classroom teachers.

Who should come?

We encourage the student, and family members who have an interest in learning, to come along and discuss this with the teacher.

What will the format be?

The discussion is a general one about how the learner is progressing, areas of strength and also discussing next steps in learning and how this can happen.

Bookings close on Monday 20th March, 2023 @ 3.00pm. We will not be able to accept bookings after this date/time.

PLEASE NOTE:

School will finish at 2.00pm both Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd March for **ALL** students. Students will need to be collected at 2.00pm - Thanks.

TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD

Casual Vacancy for a Parent Representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the School Board for an elected parent representative.

The Board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the Board to hold a by-election should be sent to: melissapearlguyan@gmail.com

by: **Friday 24th April, 2023**

Melissa Guyan

Presiding Member (Chairperson)

Te Totara School Board



CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS OR FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES?

Just a little reminder that if your family circumstances have changed or your details i.e. phone, address, email etc; to please advise the School Office on 07 853-0039 or email stephy@tetotara.school.nz so we can update your records accordingly.

We encourage our families to please check your contact details are current through the Parent Portal at www.atschool.co.nz using the User ID and Passwords that were emailed to you at the end of 2022.

If you do not have access to a computer, you are welcome to check your details with the School Office on (07) 853-0039.

TRANSPORT SAFETY WEEK

Transport Safety Week has been loads of fun and lots of learning for our students. Working alongside Hamilton City Council we have had all sorts of exciting transport initiatives happening at school:

- Road safety puppet shows
- Ruben the Road Safety Bear visiting and performing
- Year 6 students have been out on their bikes with the Kids on Bikes team run by Hamilton City Council
- WOW (Walk or Wheel) Wednesday where students who got active coming to/from school went in the draw to win some awesome prizes (check out the picture of some of our winning students). These students were rewarded with ice blocks and popcorn on their journey home. This was much appreciated by our students!



We noticed a considerable less amount of cars out the front and the students had a great time. We hope more of our families can continue this great option to get to/from school.



MEASLES

Are you and your whānau protected from measles?

With people travelling overseas again, there's a risk that someone with measles could unknowingly bring the disease back to Aotearoa.

Measles spreads easily and quickly, usually between people who are unimmunised or only partially immunised. It can be serious and life threatening. In the 2019 measles outbreak in Aotearoa more than 30% of the people infected had to be admitted to hospital.

The best protection against measles is the free MMR vaccine. It will protect you and your whānau, and prevent the virus from spreading.



You will be protected against measles if you:

- had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine
- had measles before
- were born before 1 Jan 1969

If you're unsure if you or your tamariki have had any or both doses of the MMR vaccine, check by calling your GP or hauora provider. Alternatively, check your Plunket Well Child Tamariki Ora book. If you're still not sure, be safe and get immunised – there are no safety concerns with having an extra dose. MMR vaccines are free at your local health provider and many pharmacies.

As measles still occurs in many countries, if you're travelling overseas these holidays it's especially important to be immunised to prevent the risk of being unknowingly infected and causing an outbreak in Aotearoa on your return.

More information about the measles vaccination can be found here:

[Measles vaccination – Ministry of Health](#)

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.

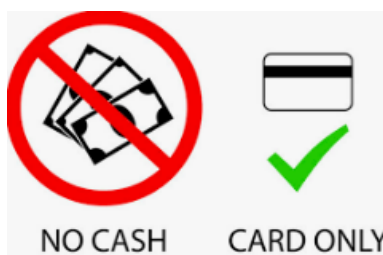
The Board will look at the number of enrolments, the level of projected student growth and determine how many spaces for out-of-zone students are available for the upcoming enrolment period of **1st July 2023 - 15th December, 2023**. This will be completed early May, allowing for lots of time for families 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.

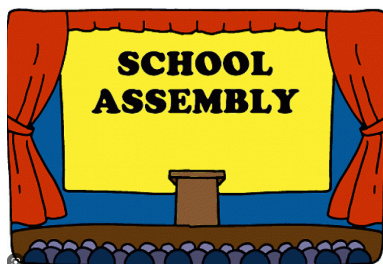
NO CASH ACCEPTED THROUGH SCHOOL OFFICE

We will no longer accept cash payments through the School Office.

- Scholastic Books (Book Club) can be ordered and paid online through LOOP
- Pre-loved School Uniform - paid by EFTPOS only
- After School Care - paid by Internet banking or EFTPOS only
- School Donation, Mathletics/Mathseeds, Lost Library Books, School Camp, Aquatics fees etc are to be paid through KINDO



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SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm**. Students from **Orion & Earth Pods** will attend assembly and **Earth 35** will be sharing. Families from this classroom will be invited to attend via their classroom teacher.



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

Comets Luca Kaukau (last week); Ethan Sun (this week)
Rockets Kera McLean (last week); Dazzlen Edwards (this week)

2023 FEES & DONATIONS PAID VIA KINDO

Fees have now been loaded onto KINDO for 2023. 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)
- **Voluntary School Donation** (\$120.00 first/only child / \$60.00 each sibling)
- **Mathletics/Mathseeds \$20.00**
- **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.

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DATES COMING UP

Fri 3 March	Muffi Day (no school uniform) GOLD COIN DONATION for Red Cross to support victims of Cyclone Gabrielle
Wed 15 March	PTA Meeting in Staff Lounge at 7.30pm (all welcome)
Thurs 16 March	Cluster Swimming Sports
Fri 17 March	Ice Block Day
Wed 22 March	Learning Plan Discussions - School Finishes at 2.00pm
Thurs 23 March	Learning Plan Discussions - School Finishes at 2.00pm
Thurs 30 March	Board Meeting at 6.30pm
Fri 31 March	School Disco: T-Party Theme Year 0-2 5:15 - 6.00pm Year 3-4 6:15 - 7.00pm Year 5-6 7:15 - 8.15pm
Thurs 6 April	3.00pm 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



ICE BLOCK DAY

Thank you for supporting our Ice Block day last Friday, even with the rain we still sold over 550 ice blocks. Many thanks to **Amaanat, Tamaryn, Tanya, Mohammed and Wayne** who came along to help out. It was great to have some new faces come and join us.

Our last Ice Block day for Term 1 will be held on Friday 17th March. Hopefully the sun will shine so you can cool down with a yummy icy treat.

We need 2-3 more helpers at the sales table on this day, so if you are able to assist for an hour from 12.15pm please email us on pta@tetotara.school.nz or send us a message through our Facebook page. **Thank you to the parents that have already volunteered. We appreciate your support.**

DATE: Friday 17 March 2023
TIME: After eating for learning
COST: \$2.00 per Ice Block
FLAVOUR: Lemonade only
WHERE: Outside Matariki Hall



TIME TO DISCO

The PTA is **Thrilled** to be hosting a **T-Party** Disco on Friday 31 March. **T** is for **Te Totara, Teacher, Tiger, Turtle, T-Rex...** Too many options to mention. Come dressed as your favourite **T** for a **Totally Terrific Disco**. Dress up is optional. The PTA will be selling snacks, drinks and glowsticks on the night. A price list will be published closer to the event.

Date: Friday 31st March, 2023
Time: 5:15pm - 6pm (Year 0-2)
6:15pm - 7pm (Year 3-4)
7:15pm - 8:15pm (Year 5-6)
Entry: \$2.00 per student

We need parent helpers to make this event a success so if you are able to assist us please email: pta@tetotara.school.nz.

ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP

Save on the things you love to do with an entertainment membership. If you use the link below to make your purchase you will be supporting Te Totara PTA as 20% of the purchase price will be donated back to us. We thank you for your continued support.

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

PTA MEETING

We invite all parents and caregivers of Te Totara 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. *We will be in from 7pm to pack lollies for the Disco.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

IPTA Meeting - Wednesday 15 March

Ice Block Day - Friday 17 March

T-Party Disco - Friday 31 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.**



Contact Stacey to learn more
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.