

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 Te Totara families

We are enjoying the first full week back at school for quite a while. The students are happy to be back with their friends in class, it is great to see them working hard for their teachers and sharing fun activities.



With only three weeks until the end of the year we are looking at our usual end of year arrangements and are starting to make decisions over these. Most of our usual traditions that are with the students are able to go ahead, although they will be altered to maintain the Health and Safety considerations of this Covid time.

Unfortunately, our big Celebration event involving all students and families in the form of the evening picnic and performance will not be able to take place this year. We are very sorry to have to cancel this, however each year we host between 2000-3000 people on our field, so it is a major event. It is just too risky to host that many people this year.

I will continue to update you all with some of the events for the students that we are able to safely have. As families won't be able to attend we are looking at using video to share these with you all.

The focus is on getting through with our learning, celebrating successes in appropriate ways and allowing everyone to have a well-earned, happy summer break.

Nga mihi
Anne Fraser - Principal

NEW LOOK PARENT PORTAL Learning Plans

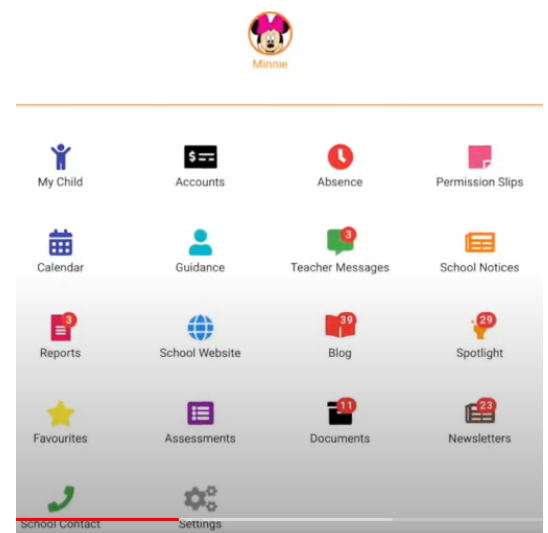
Our Parent Portal has been updated to the new user-friendly version. Due to Covid19 restrictions, we have made the decision to upload your child/s Learning Plans to the Parent Portal on Friday 3rd December, 2021 rather than send home a hard copy of the report. You can download a copy from there and save it to your computer.

We will send you an email on Friday 3rd December, using the email address we have on file, this will contain your User ID and Password details for the Parent Portal. Once you have successfully logged-in, we recommend you change your password.

It is very important that we hold the correct email address for you, feel free to contact the School Office if you would like to check this (07) 853-0039.

Moving forward, this will be the format we will continue to use as it also helps to reduce our carbon footprint by using less paper.

Please note: We will not send home a hard-copy of the Learning Plan sent home on Friday 3rd December, 2021 as we have done in the past. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the School Office on (07) 853-0039 and we will arrange for a hard-copy for your family.



STUDENT STATIONERY FOR 2022

Order your child's stationery now and avoid the rush!

We've teamed up again with OfficeMax to make getting school ready faster. You'll find your child's school stationery list **online by visiting:**

www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara (click on the link)

Simply select your child's year level in 2022 and follow the instructions on the website.

OfficeMax have introduced Laybuy*, so you can pay in 6x weekly, interest-free instalments - and still get your order right away. * Terms & Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details.

Buying through OfficeMax MySchool also earns "School Rewards" for our school which we can redeem for much needed educational supplies, equipment for our classrooms or to help those students in need.

OfficeMax MySchool makes Back to School easy for you with these great benefits:

- **Order the easy way** - online at myschool.co.nz/tetotara OR call the OfficeMax My School Team on Freephone 0800 724 440 from Monday to Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm.
- **Price Match Promise** - shop with confidence, if you find a lower price OfficeMax will match it. Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details.
- **Free Delivery - for orders over \$46.00**
Choose delivery to your home or workplace. Receive your order during the holidays, straight to your door at a time that suits you. See myschool.co.nz for delivery windows.
- **Save valuable holiday time** - avoid busy shopping malls and traffic queues by shopping online from the comfort of your home so your child starts the year with the correct stationery supplies.
- **Pay now or in easy instalments** - internet banking, credit/debit card or pay in 6 weekly, interest-free instalments with Laybuy* * Terms & Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details

Many of our families used this online system last year and will be familiar with the ordering process. This website is available from today for ordering at: www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara

Step-by-step instructions on how to order student stationery for 2022 will be placed on our website under the "Newsletters" tab. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the School Office on 07 853-0039.

*Please note: You do not need a Student ID, please leave this field blank. **If you have a 5-year-old new entrant starting in Term 1, 2022 your child will be classified as a Year 1.***

Please ensure you have placed your online order no later than **Friday 14th January, 2022** to ensure delivery before school starts on **Wednesday 2nd February, 2022.**

Please ensure your child/ren have all their school stationery items before school begins.

ROTOTUNA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAY - CANCELLED

CANCELLED: Rototuna Junior High School Orientation Day on Monday 6th December (Week 8). Due to the uncertainty of COVID levels and the need to keep a large number of visiting students safe while on-site, we are regrettably cancelling our new student Orientation Day. Whilst this will be disappointing for our newly enrolled students and their whaanau, our new students will still have the opportunity to spend two days with us at the beginning of the 2022 year to orientate themselves to our setting and get to know our systems and their advisory teachers before the rest of the school returns after the Christmas Break.



Becky Somerville

Tumuaki Tuarua - Deputy Principal

Rototuna Junior High School

2021 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.**



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.

TE TOTARA BUCKET SUN HATS - COMPULSORY TERM 4, 2021

From the beginning of Term 4 **ALL** children will need to wear their Te Totara Primary School Red Bucket Hat when outside. These can be purchased through Direct Group, 6 Latham Court, Hamilton (off Kahikatea Drive) Phone (07) 847-6664. We also have a limited selection of pre-loved sunhats at the office for \$5.00 to purchase. **Our Sun Sense Policy is: No hat – play in the shade.**

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE - ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR 2022

New enrolments for our Before and After School programme for 2022 is now open online. This is held in our Matariki Hall. Times are between the hours 7.30-8.30am and 3.00- 5.30pm. For more information and how to book, please visit: [Te Totara Before and After School Care](#)

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

School Lunch orders have resumed this week. Order online as normal.



FIRST CREDIT UNION - SCHOOL BANKING TERM 4

First Credit Union school banking will not be resuming in Term 4. They will resume in Term 1, 2022. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact your nearest branch.

STUDENTS LEAVING TE TOTARA

If you have not already notified us and are planning to leave our school at the end of 2021 (*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 future, we would love to have an Enrolment Form - it would be very much appreciated and certainly help with our future planning.

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

If you are a Coach or Manager, please email the POD to stephy@tetotara.school.nz.

CRICKET

Green Jahan Moore, Zayne Sebastian, Ruan Bosman, Rishik Puvvula & Yuvraaj Verma
Red Ashton Furcy and James Walker

DATES COMING UP & CANCELLATIONS DUE TO COVID ALERT LEVELS

- Tues 30 Nov** Revised Year 6 Leavers Celebration - *Details to follow*
Thurs 2 Dec Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea
~~Mon 6 Dec~~ ~~RJHS Orientation Day~~
Mon 6 Dec End of Year Celebration - *to be reviewed, unlikely under this Alert Level*
Tues 7 Dec Postponement Date - End of Year Celebration (as above)
~~Wed 8 Dec~~ ~~Fairfield Cluster Athletics~~
Tues 14 Dec End of Term 4 - School Finishes at 3.00pm

Wed 2 Feb Term 1, 2022 Begins

Ngā mihi,
Anne Fraser
Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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

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SPELL-A-THON FUNDRAISER: SPONSORSHIP COLLECTION

We are into the final days of collection Spell-a-thon sponsorship. To be eligible for the LEGO prizes on offer, students must return their sponsorship money by this Friday 26 November 2021. The sponsorship form and all money collected can be returned, in a sealed envelope, to the **Green PTA Box in the School Office**. Many thanks to all the students who have already returned their sponsorship money.

PRIZES... LEGO, LEGO and more LEGO.

Prizes for each pod. As previously mentioned there was also a special prize for the person with the highest overall sponsorship. Due to Covid-19 we will now randomly draw this prize.



What are we fundraising for?

Any money raised by the PTA in this Spell-a-thon will be put towards the purchase of LEGO® Education SPIKE™ Prime Sets for our school. These LEGO SPIKE™ Sets are the go-to-STEAM learning tool. They combine colourful LEGO building elements, easy-to-use hardware, and an intuitive drag-and-drop coding language based on Scratch. Students will be able to design and build robots, dynamic devices and other interactive models. SPIKE Prime helps students learn essential STEAM and 21st century skills needed to become the innovative minds of tomorrow...while having fun!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Should you wish to purchase an entertainment book the free Multi City upgrade is back. When you purchase a **\$69.99 Single City Membership**, you will be upgraded to a **Multi City Membership valued at \$119.99 for FREE!** That's a \$50 saving!

Purchase your Membership using the following link and 20% of the purchase price will go back to Te Totara Primary School PTA.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/15502m5>

Your PTA committee: **Shelley, Julyan, Rilesh, Kerry & Kerri**