



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## THURSDAY 12TH 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)

### \*\* ART EXHIBITION TONIGHT \*\*

#### THURSDAY 12TH MAY FROM 3.15PM-6.30PM

The Te Totara Art Exhibition is open for parent and whanau viewing tonight, Thursday 12th May 3.15pm - 6.30pm. We do ask that you wear a mask during your visit for health and safety reasons.

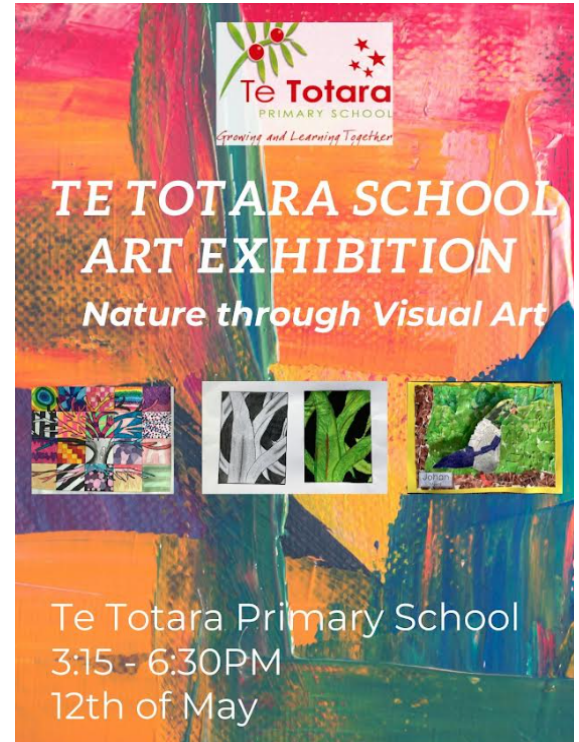
The artworks will be displayed in the main pod areas of each block and you are encouraged to have a look at not only your child's art but other areas of the school as well.

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 tonight between 3.15pm and 6.30pm.

Mrs Fraser has to put in her apologies for the Art Exhibition tonight. Unfortunately her husband has just tested positive for Covid so their household is in isolation over the next week.

She is very upset to have missed the opportunity to reconnect with everyone tonight and also to have seen the student's wonderful artwork. The staff will take lots of photos to share with her. We wish her and Mr Fraser all the best at this time.



### PINK SHIRT DAY (MUFTI DAY) - FRIDAY 20TH MAY, 2022

Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against bullying, after another student was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In Aotearoa, Pink Shirt Day aims to create schools, workplaces and communities where all people feel safe, valued and respected.



Our school will be supporting Pink Shirt Day on Friday next week. **Students are welcome to come to school wearing mufti clothing (not school uniform) wearing something pink e.g. t-shirt, ribbon or something similar to support Pink Shirt Day.**

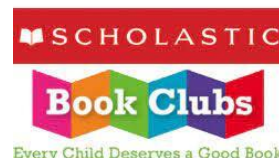
**Please note: There will be NO collection of money for this day.**

More information about "Pink Shirt Day" can be found at [www.pinkshirtday.org.nz](http://www.pinkshirtday.org.nz) Pink Shirt Day is led by the Mental Health Foundation.

**"Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!"**

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER - CLOSES TOMORROW

A reminder that Scholastic Book Club orders close at **9.15am tomorrow, 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.**



## \*\* SCHOOL CLOSED \*\* - TEACHER ONLY DAY ON FRIDAY 3RD JUNE, 2022

This is a reminder about the **Teacher Only Day** that is occurring on **Friday 3rd June, 2022**. This day and the one in October this year was approved by our Board of Trustees and have been on our school calendars since the beginning of this year.

This Teacher Only Day is professional development for our teaching staff with all the other schools in our Rototuna / Chartwell/ Fairfield Cluster area.

We very much appreciate your understanding around the **school being closed on Friday 3rd June**. This date was chosen as it is the Friday before Queens Birthday weekend with a public holiday on Monday 6th June, 2022. We are sure you will enjoy the slightly longer break for your family.

## FINDING OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING

We have many ways of keeping up-to-date regarding events that are happening at school:

Online school calendar: [Online School Calendar](#)

School App: [Download the School App](#)

School Website: [Te Totara Website](#) this has the option to translate the newsletter into other languages

Weekly notices: [Weekly Notices](#)

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/TeTotaraPrimarySchool230374533681330/>

We have a great team at school who keep these all updated in real time.



## CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS OR FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES?

Just a little reminder that if your family circumstances have changed or your contact details i.e. phone, address, email etc; to please advise the School Office on 07 853-0039 or email [receptionist@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:receptionist@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](http://www.atschool.co.nz) using the User ID and Passwords that were emailed to you at the end of 2021.

If you have recently joined our school, you will be emailed a User ID and Password for the Parent Portal the day our Learning Plans go online - **Friday 17th June, 2022** (*it is crucial we have an email address on file for each parent/caregiver*).

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

## TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

If you are a Coach or Manager, please email the POD to [stephy@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:stephy@tetotara.school.nz).

### Hockey

Strikers Ana Greenwood

Red Aarav Dutt

## DATES COMING UP

**Thurs 12 May** Art Exhibition 3.15pm - 6.30pm  
(Families are welcome into school)

Wed 18 May	PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm in Staff Lounge
Fri 20 May	Pink Shirt Day - Muffi Day (no money collection)
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
Mon 13-17 June	Book Week
Fri 17 June	Pyjama Day
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
Mon 25 July	TERM 3, BEGINS @ 8.55am

*Anne Fraser*  
Principal

## TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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### INVITATION TO THE NEXT PTA MEETING

The next PTA Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm in the Staff Lounge (turn right as you enter into the Matariki Hall). All staff and parents/caregivers of pupils of Te Totara Primary School are automatically "Members" of the PTA and are therefore welcome to attend.

This is our last committee meeting before the AGM in June, so if you would like to come along and see how you can help our school and how the PTA contributes to our school community, then the PTA invites you to attend. We hope to see you there!

### UPCOMING AGM

The PTA AGM will be held in June and as our Chairperson and Treasurer are stepping down from their positions at the AGM we are on the lookout for new members who would like to join us. If you would like further information on the positions available, please email the PTA at: [pta@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:pta@tetotara.school.nz)

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PTA?

Are you interested in joining the PTA? If so, keep an eye on this newsletter to find out when the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held, (usually mid-year). All parents/caregivers are invited along to find out about the PTA and what it does for our children at Te Totara. The PTA is in need of some new members this coming year, so please have a think about how you can help our school and how the PTA contributes to our school community.

### What is the PTA?

PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association. It's a group of parents and families associated with Te Totara whose aim it is to bring the school children and school community together, to fundraise and coordinate fun activities for the children and community.

### What kind of skills are required to be part of the PTA?

The PTA requires a diverse range of skills. Some examples include:

Organisation and planning skills

Communication or written skills

Physical lifting or transporting purchases for events to the school.

All kinds of skills are welcome and needed to make the PTA successful. This helps share responsibilities and load across more people.

### What are the perks of being part of the PTA?

Meet other parents and make new connections and friends  
Gain a great insight into the workings of the School  
Seeing the smiling faces of the children at Events

### What happens at the AGM?

The AGM is where the Committee decides who will be on the Executive Team for the following year (Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Communications Officer). These people liaise with the school around how the money will be spent e.g. new playground, tennis court roof etc and also that the school community are kept informed about PTA events, like Discos and Fun Runs.

### What can I do to help?

You can take on an executive role, attend meetings as a committee member or help out at events, such as selling drinks at Disco's, Ice-block Days or to help plan other fun fundraising events. The PTA would love to meet you, find out what you have to offer to help the school community come together and have some fun.

### How much time is involved?

As much or as little as you are able to give to the PTA. If you take on an executive position, you will be required to attend the majority of the meetings (approx 8 x one hour meetings per year). The PTA also needs plenty of people to help at events.

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Should you wish to support the PTA while we are unable to run fundraising events you can purchase an Entertainment Membership. Memberships run for 12 months from the date of activation and are packed full of valuable 2 for 1 and up to 50% off offers.

**Currently when you purchase a Single City Membership, you can choose between a BONUS \$20 Farmers or \$20 Sephora eGift Card. Purchase a Multi City Membership and you can choose between a BONUS \$40 Farmers or \$40 Sephora eGift Card.**

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>

### UPCOMING EVENTS

PTA Meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7:30 pm  
PTA AGM – June. Date will be advised soon

**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**



**Speak UP**  
**STAND TOGETHER**  
**STOP BULLYING**  
KŌRERO MAI, KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA

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**FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022**