



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## THURSDAY 9TH JUNE, 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)

Kia ora Te Totara whanau

We are starting to see a lift in winter illnesses, including Covid in some of our classes at the moment. This situation is being closely monitored day-by-day.

In one instance in a Year 5/6 class last week, we asked that the students who were able to wear masks last term resume wearing them, until there was a decrease in the winter illnesses that we were seeing. This may have to happen in other classes as we go on through the winter. Please respond in your usual positive manner if this happens in your child's class.

It is currently very difficult to get enough guest teachers to teach classes when our teachers are away. We are very much trying to keep our fantastic workforce and your children safe and healthy in these instances. It is very important to us to have a teacher with every class, every day. Many of the schools around us have had to do 'year levels off site' due to a lack of staff to teach them. We are being very proactive in trying to avoid that, so we certainly value your support when we ask for it.

Just a reminder to our families around mask wearing protocol in the school grounds. In the guidelines for this term we have asked you to **please wear face masks to protect our learners and staff at this time**, with winter viruses and Covid still circulating. Due to our large student and parent population we need to be very cautious around this. If any family members are unwell with any winter colds or virus, then we ask that you drop off your child at the school gate, until you are well again.

Working together, we can get through the winter illness season by using all our best defenses to stay healthy and look after our staff and students.

Thank you

*Anne*

## **LEARNING PLANS ONLINE ON FRIDAY 17TH JUNE, 2022 (NEXT WEEK)** **ACCESS THESE THROUGH THE PARENT PORTAL**

A Learning Plan for each student will be uploaded to the online Parent Portal on **Friday 17 June 2022**. However, if your child started at school in Term 2 you will not receive a Learning Plan yet.

We will send you an email on Friday 17th June by 1.00pm 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. Please check your spam or junk folder for this email if you do not receive it.

**You can download a copy of the Learning Plan from the Parent Portal and save it to your computer. If you do not receive an email with login codes, please contact Marise Crow by email at [receptionist@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:receptionist@tetotara.school.nz)**

The work involved in developing these Learning Plans is immense and reflects our goal of developing a personalised plan for each student. Much thought and consideration has gone into these Learning Plans. We have managed to include a lot more of each child's comments and goals, to ensure they have an increased sense of ownership of their Learning Plan.



We strongly advise that you:

- Go through the Learning Plan with your child
- Look especially at the "Where To Next" and "Goals set by Student, Parent and Teacher" sections and incorporate these into supporting learning at home.

**It is important that we hold the correct email address for you to be able to send the link, please feel free to contact the School Office if you wish to check this (07) 853-0039. For our separated families, please ensure we hold both caregiver email addresses on file.**

If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the School Office on (07) 853-0039 and we will arrange for a printed copy of the Learning Plan for your family.

## LEARNING PLAN CHANGES

There have been some changes to the Learning Plans this year. Our modified Learning Plans now have a table for each of the Reading, Writing and Mathematics Curriculum areas. The table has green coloured boxes to indicate where children are expected to be working at, according to the New Zealand Curriculum Levels at the Mid-Year and End-of-Year assessment points.

Reading													
NZ Curriculum Levels	Year 0	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
	End	Mid	End	Mid	End	Mid	End	Mid	End	Mid	End	Mid	End
At NZC Level 4													
Early NZC Level 4													
At NZC Level 3													
Early NZC Level 3													
At NZC Level 2													
Early NZC Level 2											★		
At NZC Level 1													
Within NZC Level 1													
Beginning NZC Level 1													
Pre NZC Level 1 (Informed by Te Whariki)													
<b>Comment:</b>													
<b>Next Steps:</b>													

The placement of a red star on the graph indicates where your child is presently working at. Each table is followed by Comment and Next Step boxes for your information.

*\*Please be aware that every child is on their own learning pathway and the most important consideration is that they are making steady progress through the curriculum.*

English as a Second Language (E.S.O.L) students' Learning Plans do not have the green progress line; they use the English Language Learning Progressions.

A 'Reach For the STARS' continuum has also been added into the Learning Plans. Teachers place a red star on the continuum where your child is presently working, in regards

### Reach For the STARS

Smart Decisions	With Support	★	Independent
Trying Our Best	With Support		★
Always Learning	With Support	★	Independent
Respectful	With Support		★
Self Managing	With Support		★

to each of our STARS. This continuum relates to your child's year level only. For instance, Year 1 expectations of independence in Smart Decisions will be different to the expectations of independence in Smart Decisions of a Year 6 student.

In our Junior Learning Plans we have added the Better Start Literacy Testing Data. Better Start Literacy is a new Reading Programme being taught in all Year 1 classrooms and also in Room 3. The other Year 0 teachers begin their BSLA training soon. The testing data will be added to these tables over the course of the year. On each box there is a proficiency level which means when the proficiency score has been reached this test will not be repeated.

On all Learning Plans there are **blue hyperlinks** which you can click on that will take you to an explanation of that particular section or word. Please do not hesitate to contact Jo Stewart, Deputy Principal via email: [dp@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:dp@tetotara.school.nz) if you have any questions regarding these changes.

## PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE



\$5.00 per item - CASH ONLY

WEDNESDAY 15TH JUNE 2022

OUTSIDE MATARIKI HALL

8.15am - 9.15am

2.30pm - 3.15pm



Winter jackets, shirts, skorts, shorts and beanies



GRAB A BARGAIN!!!



## 2022 BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Board of Trustees elections are coming up in September 2022 and we wanted to give everyone plenty of opportunity to think about standing for the Board.

### What is a school Board of Trustees?

Almost all state and state integrated schools in New Zealand have a board of trustees. School board membership includes parent representatives, a staff representative, a student representative (where there are students above Year 9) and the Principal. Your Board may also include other types of trustees.

### Who can become a trustee?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can put their name forward to be on a school board during the Board of Trustee elections.

### What do Trustees do?

The Board is accountable to its parents and community and for student progress and achievement. Here are some specific things a board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and plans for the school and monitors the school's progress against them.
- Monitors and evaluates student progress.



Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member

  
**SCHOOL BOARD  
ELECTIONS**

- Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Maori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special learning and behaviour needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfils the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance.

### What skills do trustees need?

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences around the table to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing of the school's performance are in place.

### What help do school Trustees get?

New Zealand School Trustees Association provides free advice around employment and governance, support and resources. NZSTA also provides a variety of professional development opportunities for trustees.

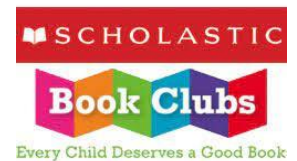
The below link provides further information as to what being a school Board Member entails:

[Community Member Guide to the Role of the School Board of Trustees](#)

**\*\* In preparation for the BOT online elections, please ensure the school holds email addresses for each caregivers/parents on file. Contact the School Office on 07 853-0039 to check. \*\***

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER

A reminder that Scholastic Book Club orders close at **9.15am on Friday 17th June, 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.**



*Would you like to find out more about Autism?*

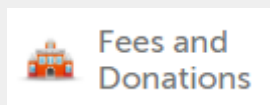
*Do you think your child might have some Autistic traits?*

*Some of our staff will be attending this hui (meeting) and it is also open to parents and/or caregivers to attend.*

## 2022 FEES & DONATIONS PAID VIA KINDO

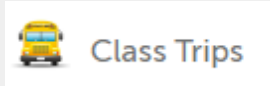
Fees have now been loaded onto KINDO. This online system allows you to pay for our school's fees (**Mathletics/Mathseeds, Voluntary School Donation, Lost Library Book Costs etc**) and is also the **ONLY** way to register/pay for your child for sports teams. **Please Note: Aquatics fees will be charged after your child's class has had their lessons.**

**kindo.**  
The online one stop school shop



Fees and Donations

- **2022 SCHOOL CAMP Y5&6 - \$180.00 PER STUDENT**  
**Marama Team - Monday 26th Sept to Wednesday 28th Sept**  
**Milky Way Team - Wednesday 28th Sept to Friday 30th Sept**



Class Trips

- **OTOROHANGA KIWI HOUSE - THURSDAY 16TH JUNE, 2022**  
**NEPTUNE CLASSES ONLY - \$10.00 PER STUDENT**  
**Registrations Close: Monday 13th June, 2022 @ 3.00pm**

**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 SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

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

### Hockey

Strikers	Shay Torr-Williams 28/5
Blue	TBA
Red Sticks	TBA
Red	TBA
Lions	TBA

### Netball

Meteors	Harper Gardiner
Magics	TBA
Comets	Tamarcia Adam-Whitiora
Invaders	Chandni Patel
Ferns	Harper McMurray
Shooters	TBA

## Rototuna Junior High School

### Information Evening for 2023 Enrolments

#### Thursday 16 June 2022 - 6.45 pm

Prospective students and whānau are all welcome, please come along to Te Rangimārecura (Large Theatre) at 6.45 pm - full tours of the school will be held on our Open Day in Term 3 (date to be confirmed).

TE KURA NUI O  
**ROTOTUNA**  
HIGH SCHOOLS

We would appreciate if masks were worn for this event

## DATES COMING UP

Mon 13-17 June	Book Week
Wed 15 June	PTA AGM @ 7.30pm + PTA Meeting
Fri 17 June	Pyjama Day
Wed 22 June	Te Totara X Challenge (postponement Tues 28th June)
Fri 24 June	Matariki Celebration Public Holiday <b>- SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Fri 8 July	TERM 2, ENDS @ 3.00pm
Mon 25 July	TERM 3, BEGINS @ 8.55am

*Anne Fraser*

Principal

# TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: [pta@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:pta@tetotara.school.nz) [www.facebook.com/TTPTA](http://www.facebook.com/TTPTA)

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



## PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The current PTA invites you all (parents and caregivers of students of Te Totara Primary School), to come along to our Annual General Meeting. As a formality of the meeting we do need to elect a Committee for the next year, so if you are interested in becoming the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary or Communications Officer please check out our Facebook page for further details on the positions. If you wish to be part of the PTA as a member only we would love to meet you, so please come along. Please send a message via our Facebook page or email the PTA at [pta@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:pta@tetotara.school.nz) if you wish to put your name forward for a position or discuss further.

A promotional poster for the PTA Annual General Meeting. The top half has a green background with a pattern of grass blades. On the left is a small graphic of a plant with two red circles. The text 'JOIN Te Totara PTA PRIMARY SCHOOL' is centered. Below this, on a light green background, is the text: 'Come along to the AGM, Wednesday 15th June 2022 at 7:30pm Staff Lounge (turn right as you enter into the Hall)'. The bottom half of the poster is a darker green background with white text: 'Time needed, approximately 8 x 1hr meetings per year. A little bit more time is required to assist with event planning. Bring a friend and socialise at the same time. Meet new people while organising fun and exciting fundraising activities. No special skills required. We will utilise what skills you bring. Visit our Facebook Page for more details'.

## I'D LIKE TO JOIN THE PTA BUT I DON'T HAVE TIME?

We hear this a lot from people. The PTA isn't as much of a time commitment as you think. Meetings are approximately 1 hour long and are held roughly 8 times a year. A bit more time is required for event planning, but the events we are likely to hold over the next year will be smaller and won't need large amounts of planning time.

## WANT TO SEE YOUR FRIENDS ON A REGULAR BASIS?

Join the PTA with another school parent and you will be able to catch up with them on a more regular basis, all while organising fun and exciting fundraising activities for our school community.

## WHAT DOES THE PTA DO?

- Does your child like playing in the Galaxy on a wet day? They do. The PTA contributed funds when the artificial grass courts were covered.
- Does your child like the playground by Matariki? Great. The PTA fundraised to provide this and also the shade sail overhead.
- Do you like seeing the new friendship garden between the Staff Lounge and Orion block? Wonderful. The PTA provided the funds to the School to enable this to be developed.
- Has your child played with the Lego Spike Education sets in their class? They have, awesome! The money they raised in the Spellathon last year funded these sets.

## DO I NEED ANY SPECIAL SKILLS?

No. 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.

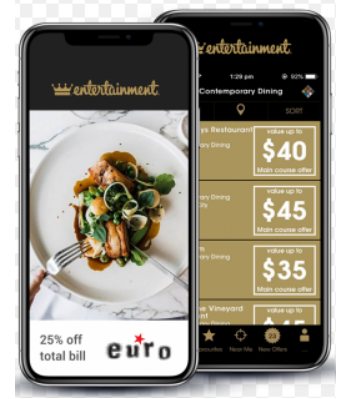
All kinds of skills are welcome and needed to make the PTA successful. This helps share responsibilities and load across more people.

## WHAT 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.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

If you want to SAVE BIG now is the time to purchase an entertainment membership. A 12 month membership is packed full of valuable 2 for 1 and up to 50% off offers at places like Leap, KFC, The Coffee Club, Timezone, Hoyts, Hamilton Zoo, Bowl and Social, ConfineEscape Rooms & Vivo Hair.



Support Te Totara Primary School PTA by using the following link to purchase your Entertainment Membership. Remember 20% of the purchase price goes back to Te Totara Primary School PTA

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

PTA AGM – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm

PTA Meeting – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June, following AGM

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.**

**MATARIKI**  
Journey Through The Stars

Seven stars, seven locations,  
seven amazing opportunities  
to learn and celebrate.

Activities include  
Stargazing ★ Painting ★ Movies ★ Traditional Maaori kite making  
Seed growing ★ Entertainment ★ and so much more!

**FREE EVENTS!**

30 May - 17 July

Te Whare o Te Ata

Hamilton City Libraries and Te Whare o Te Ata

Register on our website for updates or follow our Facebook/Insta

Get connected, get protected

**Whānau Ora  
Vaccination Event**

**Saturday 11 June - 10am to 2pm**  
Pukete School, 100 Pukete Road, Hamilton

Free COVID-19 vaccinations for everyone aged 5-plus.  
Free Flu, and MMR vaccinations 3-plus for measles, mumps and rubella.  
Free Boostrix vaccinations against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough for 11-years-olds, and pregnant women in 2nd and 3rd trimesters.

**50 x \$50 Grocery Vouchers to give away for the first 50 immunisations!**

If you have any questions, we're here to answer them.

immunise their best protection

**FLU 2022**

PROTECT AGAINST MEASLES

Waikato District Health Board