

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), Geia sou (Greek), Mbote, Jambo (Congolese), Konnichiwa (Japanese), Hola (Spanish), Annyeonghaseyo (South Korea) Israel Shalom (Hebrew)

** JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS **

MONDAY 11TH JULY TO FRIDAY 22ND JULY, 2022

**The School Office will be open on Friday 22nd July
from 9.00am - 2.00pm for Enrolment enquiries**

School Begins on Monday 25th July at 8.55am

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.
- 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 links provide further information as to what being a school Board Member entails:

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

[Becoming a Board Member](#)

[Kōrari Programme](#)

Kōrari - A programme that provides you with governance training to help you understand the role of school boards of trustees.

2022 Election Timeline

Main Roll Closes	Wednesday 13th July
Nominations Called by	Friday 15th July
Supplementary Roll Closes	Monday 1st August
Nominations Close	Wednesday 3rd August
Invitation to Vote	Wednesday 10th August
Election Day	Wednesday 7th September
Declaration of Result	Tuesday 13th September
New BOT in place	Wednesday 14th September

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

NEW LOOK PARENT PORTAL

- Mid-Year Learning Plans

At the end of last year our Parent Portal was updated to the new user-friendly version.

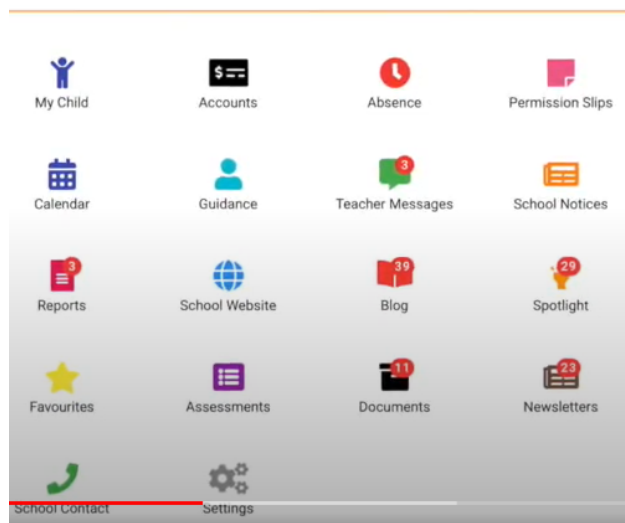
Mid-Year Learning Plans - we sent an email on Friday 17th June to those families **who have not previously logged into the Parent Portal** with instructions on how to do this. Once you have logged-on, we recommend you change your password.

Having trouble logging in.... if you are unable to login using your previously saved User ID & Password as it says **“pupil has left”** please call the School Office and we will email you a link to your child who currently attends Te Totara. Once you login again using your new User ID codes, you will be able to view profiles for other siblings who are current students.

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

LOCKDOWN TRIAL HELD YESTERDAY

Yesterday morning, we had an unannounced Lockdown Trial for teachers and students to test and make sure our systems worked well. It is important that we check our Lockdown procedures every 6 months to ensure the wellbeing of all should we ever be in a real Lockdown situation. We were delighted with what happened, everyone reacted in a very appropriate manner. We are so proud of the calm and settled way the students are, just following the directions of their teachers (even the six ‘guest teachers’ we had in our school.) After the Lockdown practise Mrs Fraser messaged everyone through our Te Totara School App to advise we had just finished a Lockdown practise.



HOW WE CONTACT YOU IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AT SCHOOL

We will use social messaging, including Facebook, the School App and website. Also, we may phone if necessary, so it is a good idea to make sure you keep your contact details up-to-date. It is important that you follow any directions given, especially around rushing to school if you hear of an emergency. This can cause congestion, confusion and stress. Please note that in a real incident that NZ Police will take control of access to and from the school, while we look after our children.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER WANTED

Our school library is in need of a volunteer on Tuesdays from 9am-12pm. We need help with issuing and returning books for classes. Full training is given. If you are interested please contact our Library Manager, Michelle Simms - michelles@tetotara.school.nz. Volunteering at the library is a great way to get to know more of our school staff and students.



LIBRARY OPEN TO PARENTS

The library is open to parents/caregivers every Friday during term time, from 8.15am to 9am. You are welcome to borrow up to six books for each child.

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

Hockey

Strikers	No game
Blue	TBA
Red Sticks	TBA
Red	TBA
Lions	TBA

Netball

Meteors	Zeppelin Bingham
Magic	ChrisMari Du Plessis,
Comets	Hannah Soori
Invaders	18/6 - Kristy Masters 25/6 - Caitlyn Addison
Ferns	Lily Taylor
Shooters	TBA

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 30 June

BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm

Fri 8 July

TERM 2, ENDS @ 3.00pm

Mon 25 July

TERM 3, BEGINS @ 8.55am

Tues 2 Aug

Photolife Class & Individual Photos

Wed 3 Aug

Photolife Class & Individual Photos

Wed 3 Aug

PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm

Wed 10 Aug

Photolife Groups & Cluster Sports Photos

Fri 26 Aug

Cancer Society Daffodil Day

Anne Fraser

Principal

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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

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NEXT PTA MEETING

The next PTA Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 3rd August at 7.30pm** in the Staff Lounge. All parents and caregivers of students of Te Totara Primary School are able to attend, so please book this date in your diary today! We would love to have you join us. We will also be discussing and finalising our next events to be held in Term 4.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next PTA Meeting – Wednesday 3rd August at 7.30pm

Your PTA Committee: *Kerri, Adelle, Navneet, 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.**



ICAS, AMC & Otago Maths exam papers for practice

- ✓ **ICAS Maths, English, Science, DigiTech, Writing & Spelling papers:** 2010-2018 papers A to J available for school years 3 – 12.
- ✓ **Australian Maths Competition (AMC):** 2004-2020 Papers for years 4 – 12. All those ICAS and AMC test papers come with answers.
- ✓ **Otago Maths Problem Challenge Competition:** Books 1 - 6 for years 6 – 8.

Each of these 6 Otago maths books contains **all competition questions with fully worked solutions**. They provide invaluable resources, not only as preparation for new Problem Challenge competitions (such as Otago Maths, ICAS, AMC, WaiMaths, Kiwi Maths Competition), but also for training problem-solving skills at levels from school Years 5 to 9. All 6 books are unused in original good as new condition.

I will email more details and some free papers to parents/students who are interested in these materials, please send an email to me: ruthhtang@gmail.com

Thank you, Ruth Tang

