

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 (Congoese), Konnichiwa (Japanese), Hola (Spanish), Annyeonghaseyo (South Korea) Israel Shalom (Hebrew)

Tena koutou katoa,

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable holiday despite the very wet winter weather. Our school fields are certainly very waterlogged and soggy at the moment, we could all do with some sunny days. It is lovely to see the daffodils that our enviro group planted last year under our big school sign, poking their heads up - it is certainly a promise that spring is on its way in a few weeks.

Thank you so much for your positive response to my letter last Sunday requesting that the Year 3-6 students who wore masks earlier in the year return to that protocol for the next 4 weeks. Again our students have immediately responded in such a 'can do' way, I am so proud of their resilience and willingness to accept a little inconvenience for the greater good. Our staff are very grateful for that level of community care for their health and wellbeing.

We have such an exciting term planned, we can now move forward with our plans with a greater feeling of confidence.

*Anne Fraser - Principal*

### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDING MEMBER (CHAIRPERSON)**

#### **What it's Like to be on the Te Totara Primary School Board...**

*I have been a board member for three years now and I wanted to share my experience. With the board elections coming up, I'm sure you are curious about what it's like to be on a school board. Some of the information out there can seem a little overwhelming, so I wanted to share my perspective in the hopes of making it less daunting.*

*Te Totara has a very strong leadership team and because the school is run with such efficient, high standards, the role of the board members is one of support as we oversee the running of the school. We do have to make decisions and cast our votes during meetings, but this job is made easy by the amount of information and guidance we are given by the senior management team.*

*Time wise, board matters average about 3 – 5 hours a month. We have a monthly, evening meeting which runs for about 1.5 – 2 hours where we are kept up-to-date on everything that is happening within the school and making sure we're on track with finances and the school charter. Prior to the meeting, we need to read through the paperwork which is sent the week before. These reports are discussed at the meeting and reading them takes me about 1 – 1.5 hours.*

*Occasionally there are extra commitments like being present at community events, attending the odd extra meeting or being involved in some interesting and relevant professional development, but generally, it's a pretty easy gig.*

*If you would like the opportunity to support Te Totara and the wonderful staff who are teaching and caring for our children, then you might like to consider joining the board. Here*

*is the nomination link: <https://tetotara.boardelections.nz/>. All you need to do is enter your details and a short paragraph about yourself and why you would be a good addition to the board. I hope this is helpful. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out and ask:*

*[melissapearlguyan@gmail.com](mailto:melissapearlguyan@gmail.com).*

*Melissa Guyan*

*Presiding Member of Te Totara Primary School Board of Trustees*



## 2022 BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

### Nomination Round

Our school will be undertaking a parent election for 5x School Board vacancies. This process started with the issuing of nomination papers to our caregiver community on Friday 15th July, 2022.

We have employed CES to undertake the election process on our behalf. This year with legislative change, our nomination form and full instruction on how to place your nomination into our own School's Election website will be emailed to you if we have your email address in our database or you will receive it by post if we don't have your email in our database.

Nomination papers will also be available at the School Office. The school will send those on to CES for processing upon receipt from candidates.

**Nominations close on Wednesday 3rd August at 12 noon. Election day is Wednesday 7th September, 2022.**



We look forward to your participation in this process.

*Wayne Jamieson*

Returning Officer

CES

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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 (12 noon)
Invitation to Vote	Wednesday 10th August
<b>Election Day</b>	<b>Wednesday 7th September</b>
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. \*\***



## **SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2023**

### **Enrolment Period of 16th December, 2022 - 30th June, 2023**

The Board of Trustees are 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 Out-of-zone Enrolment Forms into the School Office to help with this process. Please complete an OUTZ Enrolment Form for each child, which is available online from our school website by clicking the following link: [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://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 **16th December, 2022 to 30th June, 2023**. This will be completed in mid October, 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.

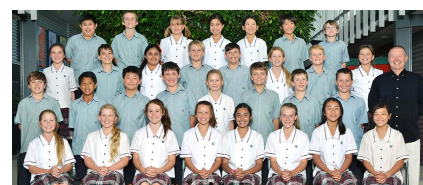
**Please return the completed OUTZ Enrolment Form, including the relevant documentation, to the School Office by 3.00pm Friday 12th August, 2022.**

## **PHOTOLIFE CLASS & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS**

**Tuesday 2nd August, 2022 – Class, Individual & Sibling**

**Wednesday 3rd August, 2022 – Class & Individual & Sibling**

**Note: Wednesday 10th August, 2022 – Groups & Sports**



Students will need to look their best, so please ensure that **ONLY** our correct school uniform is worn and that it is in a clean and tidy condition (*black school shorts/skort, red polo shirt and red polar fleece*).

Soon after Photo Day your son or daughter will bring home an online slip with their unique Shoot Key detailed on it. When you log-in your personalised Shoot Key number will display all the photographs of your child including an individual photo (*and sibling photo if you have ordered one*).

It is then an easy process for you to shop online and purchase the photographs you want. If you place your order within three weeks of receiving your Shoot Key you will receive free delivery of your order to the school.

If you order after the 3 week free delivery period, a postage & handling fee per order will apply and orders will be sent to your home.

For families who do not wish to use the Photolife online system, order envelopes will be available from the School Office soon after Photo Day.

A Photolife flyer will go home today to the eldest child in each family.

## **PHOTOLIFE SIBLINGS PHOTOS (YOU MUST PRE-ORDER)**

**Tuesday 2nd August & Wednesday 3rd August, 2022**

**in the Matariki Hall between 8.15am - 9.00am**

Photos involving **pre-schoolers/older siblings** **NOT at our school** will be taken **between 8.15am-9.00am on a first-come-first-served basis in the Matariki Hall on both days.**

**PLEASE NOTE: Students who have their sibling at our school will have their Sibling Photo taken during class time.**

**Students must be wearing the correct school uniform.**

If you wish to have a sibling photograph, please collect a **“Sibling Photo Request Form”** from the School Office and **return it BEFORE** Photo Day to the School Office. Sibling Photos can be ordered online and will be delivered to the school along with the Class and Individual photos at a later date.

PhotoLife SIBLING PHOTO REQUEST

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY PARENT OR CAREGIVER AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL BEFORE PHOTO DAY FOR PHOTOS TO BE TAKEN.

FAMILY LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

List Full Name and Room Numbers of Children to be Photographed Together - **OLDEST FIRST**

Name:	Room No:

I authorize the above detailed children to be photographed together for a Sibling Photo.

PHOTO DAY / CAREGIVER SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

After Photo Day you will receive a Shoot Key to view and purchase your Sibling Photo Pack ONLINE.

We are here to help

QR code: [QR Code]

If you have any further questions please contact us 09 262 1040 or 0800 501 040

PhotoLife www.photolife.co.nz

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE & FAMILY HOLIDAYS TAKEN DURING TERM TIME

You may be aware from recent announcements from the Ministry of Education through media coverage that there is a lot of concern with the teaching profession and education widely regarding the falling rates of school attendance. Children who have regular attendance at school experience higher levels of curriculum progress and success. There is also a direct correlation between regular attendance and positive wellbeing in our learners. The Ministry of Education's definition of regular attendance is 90% or more of days the school is open for instruction that your child is here and learning. Every day counts! Currently just over 50% of all NZ school children attain regular attendance. We know the pandemic has caused widespread disruption with the need to stay home for family contacts however, when children are well, they need to be at school.

Prior to Covid this percentage has been falling throughout New Zealand, since 2017 to be exact. This is such a concern and schools are being asked to have plans and strategies in place to increase regular attendance. Our Board of Trustees and Leadership Team have agreed this will be part of our Te Totara Charter, Strategic and Annual Plan for 2023.

From time-to-time we have families who wish to take their children out of school for a family holiday during term time. A new "G" Attendance Code has been introduced by the Ministry of Education (MOE) to keep track of these "unjustified" absences. "G" Code Definition as per the MOE: When a student is on a New Zealand or overseas holiday during the school term, the absence is unjustified. A parent's note does not provide justification.

Our school would prefer family holidays to be taken outside of term time, we have approx. 12 weeks of school holidays available each year to do so. We do appreciate there may be some circumstances beyond the control of families whereby children will need to be away during term time, in this instance simply notifying the teacher/school verbally that your family is going on holiday is not sufficient.

Our school procedure is to email the Principal with the dates your child/ren will be absent from school and the reason why. Your email will be acknowledged and as per Ministry of Education requirements the Attendance Register will be coded as a "G" during their absence from school. We regularly monitor student absence.

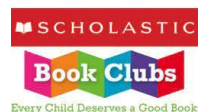
Email address for our Principal, Anne Fraser, is: [principal@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:principal@tetotara.school.nz)  
c.c. [officeassistant@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:officeassistant@tetotara.school.nz) (for the Attendance Register)

## LIBRARY VOLUNTEER WANTED

Our school library needs volunteers on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9.00am-12.00 noon**. Our volunteers 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](mailto:michelles@tetotara.school.nz). Volunteering at the library is a great way to get work experience or to get to know our staff and students better.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER - ISSUE NO. 5

This week your child was given a Scholastic Book Club catalogue. These orders at **9.15am on Friday 5th August 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.**



## 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** - No games last week due to weather conditions

**Netball**

Meteors	TBA
Magic	Morgan Wenham
Comets	TBA
Invaders	Rhylie Greenwood
Ferns	Leah Askey
Shooters	Paris Ny

**DATES COMING UP**

<b>Mon 25 July</b>	<b>TERM 3, BEGINS @ 8.55am</b>
<b>Tues 2 Aug</b>	<b>Photolife Class, Individual Photos &amp; Sibling Photos</b>
<b>Wed 3 Aug</b>	<b>Photolife Class, Individual Photos &amp; Sibling Photos</b>
<b>Wed 3 Aug</b>	<b>PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm</b>
<b>Wed 10 Aug</b>	<b>Photolife Groups &amp; Cluster Sports Photos</b>
<b>Fri 26 Aug</b>	<b>Cancer Society Daffodil Day</b>
<b>Fri 30 Sept</b>	<b>TERM 2, ENDS @ 3.00pm</b>

**Rototuna Junior High School**

**Open Day - Thursday 4 August 2022**

Junior High Tour Timings:

- 9.45 am (first tour)
- 10.00 am
- 10.15 am
- 11.30 am
- 11.45 am
- 12.00 pm
- 12.15 pm

No need to book - tours last 45 minutes

TE KURA NUI O  
**ROTOTUNA**  
HIGH SCHOOLS

We would appreciate if masks were worn for this event

**FAIRFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

**Information Evening**

Wednesday  
3 August  
6:30pm - 8:00pm

**Open Days**

Wednesday 24 August  
9:00am - 2:30pm

Wednesday 31 August  
9:00am - 2:30pm

Includes photos of students and staff.

# 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 MEETING NEXT WEEK

The next PTA Meeting will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP

Stuck for Ideas to keep the kids busy? Have a look at the savings to be made with an Entertainment membership. During the month of July you will automatically receive a 2 month extension of your Entertainment Membership. That's an extra 2 months for FREE (14 months total) to use and save with your Entertainment Membership!!!!

Please use the link below to support Te Totara Primary School PTA

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

**It's our Birthday!**  
You're invited to **CELEBRATE** life with Entertainment!  
Help promote our new campaign.  
**20% of every Membership you sell goes directly to your fundraising cause!**

Get an extra **2 MONTHS FREE**

Buy any **12 month Membership** in July and get an extra **2 MONTHS FREE\***

\*TDC's offer



## COMING EVENTS

Next PTA Meeting – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 7:30pm

**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.**

### Waikato Community School of Music

#### Saturday morning music classes

Enrolments are now open for Term Three 2022 at the Waikato Community School of Music. The first session is on Saturday 30th July. The school caters for all ages (3 to retired) and ability levels, offering group-format and one-to-one music tuition in a range of instruments. Group-format class fees range from \$45 to \$110 per term (9 lessons in Term Three) depending on student age and the instrument chosen. The enrolment fee for an instrument class includes participation in as many of our ensembles as the student wishes. Enrolment in ensembles only is also an option. One-to-one classes can aid in preparing for exams and earning NCEA credits. Class times are between 8:00am and 2:00pm on Saturdays during primary school terms. WCSM is located on the University of Waikato campus in Hillcrest.

Contact us via our website [WCSM](http://WCSM) or on 07 838 4611.

**Children aged 3 to 12  
can now get their  
FLU vaccination FREE  
at Anglesea Pharmacy**



**This winter, the Flu is worse than ever due us  
having been in lockdown.  
Bring your children in for their FREE Flu Vax**

**Anglesea  
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Hamilton  
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**ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN FOR TERM 3!!**

**Jitterbugs**  
DANCE  
LESSONS

**Monday (Rototuna Junior High School Dance Studio)**

- 3.40 Jitterbugs Seniors (by selection only)
- 4.10 MiniJam (girls & boys aged 3 - 5½) (6 Spaces)
- 4.35 Jitterbugs Advanced (by selection only)
- 5.05 Senior Hip Hop (girls aged 9-14) (5 Spaces)

**Tuesday (Flagstaff Fitness - now called Common Ground)**

- 3.35 Jitterbugs Junior (girls aged 5 ½ - 7) (5 Spaces)
- 4.10 Jitterbugs Junior Plus (girls aged 7 - 8) (5 Spaces)
- 4.40 Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls 8 - 14) (6 Spaces)

**Wednesday (Flagstaff Fitness - now called Common Ground)**

- 3.30 Jitterbugs Mini's (girls aged 3 - 5½) (3 Spaces)
- 4.00 Jitterbugs Junior (girls aged 5 ½ - 7) (4 Spaces)
- 4.30 Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls 8 - 14) (5 Spaces)

Every term the kids learn two dances and get to go on stage and present these to friends and family at a show. Outfits/t-shirts are provided for the show. Cost: \$115 for one kid, \$224 for two kids  
Email jolie at jitterbugsdancelessons@outlook.com or check out the jitterbugs dance lessons facebook page or website for more info



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