



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER, 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 e Te Totara whanau

We certainly are dealing with some very challenging, unsettled weather at the moment. I am very glad we went ahead with our Senior Athletics on Tuesday and moved through the events swiftly before the rain came in the afternoon. We had a great morning with students trying their best and achieving some great results in the events.

The end of the year is getting very close now with only three weeks to go. These are very busy weeks with a few events coming up that we have shared in this newsletter. We very much hope that the weather is more settled as we move into December, particularly for our Annual Celebration (details below) which all students attend. Preparations are well underway for a great evening.

Ngaa mihi nui

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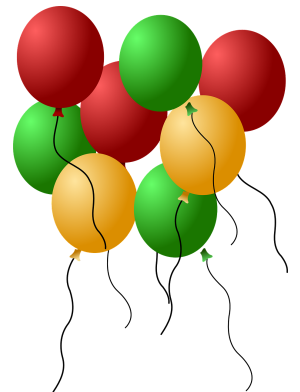
END OF YEAR CELEBRATION - MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER AT 5.45PM

First postponement date: Tuesday 6th December, 2022

Second postponement date: Monday 12 December 2022

This is our annual event to celebrate another great year at Te Totara. We actually haven't had our end of year celebration since 2020 due to Covid. Here is some information to help make it a special event:

- It is a school event, so children need to be in a **clean and tidy uniform** and will be together as a school and are under the control of school staff.
- Please leave your child with us; we will take care of them.
- Students will need to stay through the whole event.
- There will be very limited parking available at the school car park and none in the turning bay.
- It will be best to find a car park on a nearby street and walk.
- It is like a concert in a park so bring a picnic, a rug to sit on, something to eat and drink and enjoy a variety concert.
- We use the hill behind Ra and Earth as outdoor stages where children perform.
- Toilets are open in the Ra and Earth blocks.
- Pre-schoolers are welcome to use the playground away from the performers so they don't distract from the performance.
- Other children not involved in the school are asked to be respectful and if they want to play, then the court area is a good place. There are likely to be over 2500 people at the event so we strongly advise walking to the event.
- Please **NO umbrellas** as it blocks the view of people behind. Low set chairs only are advisable if needed.
- **NO dogs** are allowed on our school grounds.
- We will have a "Paparazzi" section at the front for parents/caregivers of those performing to use to get a good photo.



- If the weather is not good, we will postpone it to Tuesday 6th December 2022, same time or Monday 12th December if still not fine.
- Notifications will be put on the school Facebook page, school app and the website.
- The event is weather dependent, so may be cancelled at the last moment, but we will do our best to let everyone know as early as possible.
- At the end of the event we will need to stagger people leaving due to Health & Safety, so please be prepared to wait a little time. Announcements will be made by our Principal to ensure everyone moves off safely.

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.



YEAR 6 LEAVERS SUPPER - RSVP REMINDER WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER, 2022

This will be a night to remember..... our Year 6's are leaving us for new adventures.

Please bring a plate of finger food to share for supper. Adults, please bring your own beverages and drinking vessel. Paper plates and cups for the supper will be provided.

Unfortunately, due to limited space, 2 parents/caregivers only - no siblings please. We are really looking forward to this special evening!

Please return your RSVP slip to the Office Mooloo Box by Thursday 24th November.



TALENTS OF THE PACIFIC ACADEMY (TOPA) TAMAITI PASIFIKA CELEBRATION COMPETITION

Kia Orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Ni sa bula

On Friday representatives from our Te Totara Topa group attended the Launch of the [Talents Of The Pacific Academy - TOPA - Tamaiti Pasifika Celebration Competition](#). An initiative founded for our Primary and

Intermediate School Students to take the stage and share their talents and celebrate their cultures!

We are very proud of our Tamariki who got on stage and introduced our school in front of 500 excited students, their families and school staff from across the City. We are looking forward to participating in the five different categories in 2023. This will be a wonderful opportunity to showcase our Tamariki in Dance, Speech, Music, Science & Technology and Design.

A big thank you to the lovely parents who came to watch and support our Tamariki. Fantastic effort from our Topa Te Totara Stars!



PARENT PORTAL - LEARNING PLANS

Available online @ 3.00pm Friday 2nd December, 2022

Rather than send home a hard copy of the report, you can download a copy from the Parent Portal and save it to your computer. On Friday 2nd December, you will receive an email from our SMS providers (eTap) to 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.

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. 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.

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 will be charged after your child's class has had their lessons.

- **Fairfield Cluster Athletics (Years 4-6 Selected Students only)**
Cut-off date for registrations is: **3.00pm Wednesday 30th November**
- **2022 School Camp \$180.00 (Years 5&6 Students only)**

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.



OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS - TO BE PAID THROUGH KINDO

As at today's date, the following amounts are still outstanding:

Lost Library Books	\$922.50
Mathletics/Mathseeds	\$3,900.00
Voluntary School Donation	\$31,033.00
2022 School Camp	\$7,145.00

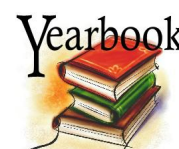
We would really appreciate all outstanding fees being paid by the end of the school year.

Voluntary School Donation payments can be made at the beginning of the year or throughout the year; the funds will be used for resources and activities for all the children.

Any queries regarding your invoice, please email Wendy Bulloch, our Business Manager at wendyb@tetotara.school.nz

2022 YEARBOOK

These will be delivered to the school early December, we will let you know via the newsletter when they will come home with your nominated child.



STUDENT STATIONERY FOR 2023

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

We know getting ready for the first day back at school can be a challenge for parents and kids. That's why we've teamed up with OfficeMax to make your back to school shop super easy.

If you order in December 2022, you'll go in the draw to WIN 1 of 5x \$1000 cash prizes — plus, you'll get a FREE A4 Magnetic Whiteboard Family Organiser*.

You can choose to receive your order straight away or in January.



OfficeMax
MySchool

Beat the rush and order back to school stationery now!

Class lists are ready to shop at

myschool.co.nz

The banner features a circular image of three children in school uniforms running happily. The OfficeMax MySchool logo is in the top left, and the promotional text is in the top right. The website URL is in a blue box at the bottom right.

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 2023 and follow the instructions on the website.

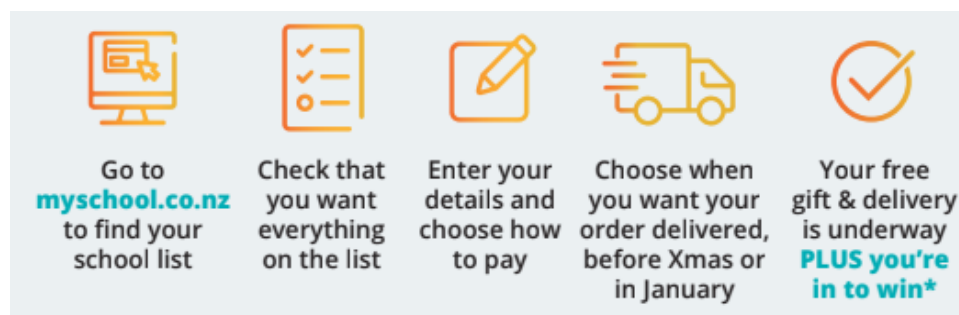
Please note: You do not need a Student ID, please leave this field blank. If you have a 5-year-old new entrant starting in Term 1, 2023 your child will be classified as a Year 1.

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.
- **Pay now or in easy installments** - internet banking, credit cards, debit cards or pay in 6 weekly, interest-free payments with Layby* * **Terms & Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details**
- **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 \$60.00**
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.
- **Beat the back to school rush** - avoid busy shopping malls and traffic queues by shopping online from the comfort of your home so your child starts the school year with the correct stationery supplies.
- **School Rewards** —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.

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

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the School Office on 07 853-0039.



The diagram consists of five icons in a row, each with a corresponding text box below it. The icons are: a computer monitor, a checklist, a notepad with a pencil, a delivery truck, and a checkmark in a circle.

- Go to myschool.co.nz to find your school list
- Check that you want everything on the list
- Enter your details and choose how to pay
- Choose when you want your order delivered, before Xmas or in January
- Your free gift & delivery is underway **PLUS you're in to win***

Please ensure you have placed your online order no later than **Thursday 12th January, 2023** to ensure delivery before school starts on **Wednesday 1st February, 2023.**

Please ensure your child/ren have all their school stationery items before Term 1 begins.

STUDENTS LEAVING TE TOTARA AT THE END OF YEAR

If you have not already notified us and are planning to leave our school at the end of 2022 (*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 near future, we would love to have an Enrolment Form - it would be very much appreciated and certainly help with our future planning.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE - 2023 BOOKINGS OPEN

Bookings for 2023 are now open! All bookings must be made online by going to the School website then clicking on 'Enrol Now' on the Before and After School Care page. Once registered and logged in you will be able to make all your 2023 bookings. Please feel free to contact Katrina on 027 8530032 or afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz if you have any questions or issues making your booking. Alternatively you are welcome to pop in to see Katrina at ASC in the Matariki Hall on a Wednesday or Friday afternoon.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held on **24th November 2022 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm**. Students from **Matawhero, Orion and Neptune Pods** will attend assembly for special Class Awards. Families from these classrooms will be invited to attend via their classroom teachers.

OUR LOST PROPERTY BIN IS FULL AGAIN!

Please check out our lost property bin. The **BIG YELLOW bin** is located outside the Earth building. Please check to see if any items belong to your family as all unclaimed items (other than school uniform) will be donated to charity.

We ask ALL families to please check your child's uniform on a weekly basis to ensure they are wearing their own uniform, rather than someone else's.

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

Touch

Games cancelled this week

Tigers	TBA
Rockets	Nate Fletcher (Last week's game)
Tigers	TBA
Pacers	TBA
Stormers	TBA
Leopards	TBA



DATES COMING UP

Thurs 24 Nov
Wed 30 Nov
Fri 2 Dec

Board Meeting at 5.30pm
Year 6 Leavers Supper
RJHS Orientation Day
(ONLY for Y6 students who's enrolment has been confirmed by RJHS)

Mon 5 Dec
Tues 6 Dec
Thurs 8 Dec
Fri 9 Dec
Mon 12 Dec
Thurs 15 Dec

School End of Year Celebration
Postponement date for End of Year Celebration
Fairfield Cluster Athletics
PTA Ice Block Day
Back up postponement date for End of Year Celebration
3.00PM - END OF SCHOOL YEAR

Wed 1 Feb

TERM 1, 2023 begins for school students

SENIOR ATHLETICS DAY PHOTOS



TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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

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ICE BLOCK DAY THANK YOU

Thank you for supporting our Ice Block Day last Friday. It was great to see so many smiling faces enjoying an icy treat. Also a big thank you to Lisa, Karolina and Mohammed who volunteered their time to help out as sellers. The funds raised will be going towards an exciting new confidence course project. More information on this project will be provided as it is finalised by the school.

UPCOMING ICE BLOCK DAY

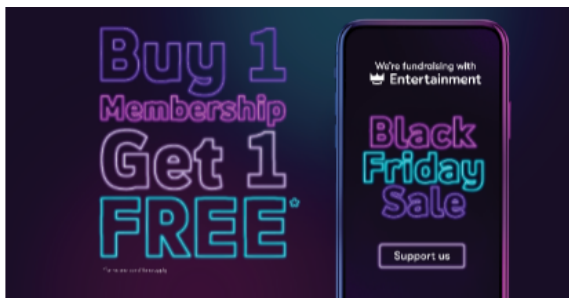
We have one more Ice Block day coming up on Friday 9th December. If you are able to assist the PTA with selling the ice blocks for an hour on this date from 12.15 pm please email the PTA at pta@tetotara.school.nz

- When:** Friday 9 December at lunchtime
(after eating for learning)
- Cost:** \$2.00 per ice block (lemonade flavour only)
- Where:** Outside Matariki



ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP

BLACK FRIDAY SALE! For the first time ever, when you support our school's fundraising with a purchase of an Entertainment Membership from us between 8.00pm, Thursday 24th November and 8.00pm, Monday 28th November you will receive a second membership FOR FREE. Yep, that's double the fun, double the dining, and double the savings!



This year's Entertainment Membership is packed with hundreds 25% off or 2 for 1 offers from all your favourite local restaurants, takeaways, attractions, shopping and more. Plus, for only \$69.99 you only need to use your membership twice and you'll save what you spent on it. So order now to get double the savings!

Most importantly, 20% of every Entertainment Membership purchased through this link <https://subscribe.entertainmentnz.com/fundraiser/15502m5> goes directly towards supporting our school's fundraising!

Thank you so much for your support.

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

Ice Block Day Friday 9th December

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.**

HAMILTON MUSICAL THEATRE'S
PRODUCTION OF

Disney
FROZEN JR.

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
KRISTEN ANDERSON-LOPEZ & ROBERT LOPEZ

BOOK BY
JENNIFER LEE

BASED ON THE DISNEY FILM WRITTEN BY JENNIFER LEE
AND DIRECTED BY CHRIS BUCK AND JENNIFER LEE.

DIRECTOR:
TONI GARSON

MUSICAL DIRECTOR: **JONTY CLIMO** CHOREOGRAPHER: **TESS BENSEMAN**

TICKETS FROM:
ITICKET.CO.NZ
JANUARY 17 - 21, 2023
RIVERLEA THEATRE

HMT HAMILTON MUSICAL THEATRE
By Fairfield Theatre Company LICENSED EXCLUSIVELY BY MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL (AUSTRALASIA).
ALL PERFORMANCE MATERIALS SUPPLIED BY HAL LEONARD AUSTRALIA. **ITICKET**

SWIMSAFER WEEK
Want swimming lessons??
Sign up for lessons between the 21st Nov - 5th Dec and
get ½ price till the end of Term 1*



WHERE ARE YOU SWIMMING THIS SUMMER?

Fairfield Swim Club in Hamilton is a large friendly and family focused swimming club which welcomes swimmers of all ages and abilities.

- Catering for Learn to Swim to competitive swimmers
- Highly qualified coaching team
- friendly, family environment

Contact us now for your assessment:
fairfieldswimclub@gmail.com

Or call Freya at 0211055911 to get more info

WWW.FAIRFIELDSWIMCLUB.CO.NZ

* Offer valid for new members only (not currently enrolled)
* 1/2 Price valid for commitments through till the end of Term 1

KELLY SPORTS DECEMBER 2022 - JANUARY 2023
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
AT WAIKATO



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