



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)

Kia ora o te whanau,

As the calendar has now turned over to December it is very clear that we are really close to the end of the school year.

Last night we hosted our annual Year 6 Leavers Supper. We have 123 Year 6 students who complete their primary schooling with us at the end of this year. Last evening's ceremony and shared food was a wonderful way to tell them all how very proud we are of their contribution to our school family, the learning they have achieved, the STAR's behaviours that were so clearly evident and to wish them all the best for their future. For their parents, caregivers and teachers this was a very proud occasion particularly for the nine students who were speakers, representing their classes in such an articulate and thoughtful way. Well done to all. Thank you so much to our families for providing the wonderful kai to share. Thank you to our Te Totara staff for all your efforts in setting up for the evening, the Matariki Hall looked very special and festive and your help to make everything run so smoothly on the night. You are all stars! ★★

The next big event is scheduled for Monday evening - our School Celebration. All details are below. We are looking forward to this fabulous annual event.

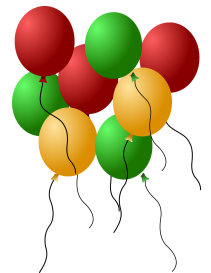
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### END OF YEAR CELEBRATION - MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER AT 5.45PM

*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. Students must be at school by 5.45pm and meet their class at the back field.** 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. You are welcome to come earlier than 5.45pm if you wish to eat with your child before the 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.

## **PARENT PORTAL - LEARNING PLANS**

**Available online @ 3.00pm tomorrow: Friday 2nd December, 2022**

A Learning Plan for each student will be uploaded to the online Parent Portal at 3.00pm on Friday 2nd December, 2022. **However, if your child started at school in Term 4 this year (or late in Term 3) you will not receive a Learning Plan yet.**

We will send you an email using our SMS provider (eTap) on Friday 2nd December using the email address we have on file, this will contain your User ID and Password details for the Parent Portal, which is linked to your oldest child currently attending Te Totara. Siblings will also be displayed on the homepage, you can switch siblings by clicking on their photo. Once you have successfully logged-in, we recommend you change your password.



**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, please contact Marise Crow at [receptionist@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:receptionist@tetotara.school.nz)** It may be that we do not have your correct email on file or it may be in your spam or junk folder - please check this first. 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.

**A REMINDER.... Please check the Parent Portal to ensure we have all the correct details on file for your child/ren including mobile numbers, home and email address. If there is a change to make, please contact the School Office on 07 853-0039.**

## **STUDENT CLASSES FOR 2023 - FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER, 2022**

**From 3.00pm on Friday 9th December 2022, the Parent Portal is where you will find your child's class for 2023. Further details will follow in next week's newsletter.**

**For those families who will not be receiving a Learning Plan for their child/ren, you are still able to log-in to the Parent Portal to see their class for 2023.**

## **WEETBIX TRYATHLON - SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 2022**

Weetbix TRYathlon time again! It is being held at the University of Waikato grounds and will be held in Hamilton on Sunday 4th December, 2022. Registrations open Tuesday 15th September.

Register online and don't forget to scroll down on the registration form and click on our "Te Totara Primary School" name so that we can hopefully win the biggest school group again!

To register, go to [Weet-Bix Tryathlon - Hamilton](#) (click the link)

There is information there about doing the TRYathlon on your own or as part of a team.

**NOTE: Entries close midday 2nd December, 2022**



## HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION SURVEY FOR PARENTS - CLOSING TOMORROW 2 DECEMBER

The Ministry of Education requires all schools to consult with their community on the school's delivery of the Health Curriculum. Please click on the link below to read the parent information regarding Health Education at Te Totara, the survey link is located at the end.

[Health and Physical Education parent survey](#)

*The survey should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.*



Many thanks for your input into this curriculum area.

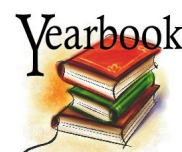
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**To Stewart**

Deputy Principal

## 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.



## MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

### All Library Books Due Back Now Please

All library books should be returned this week as we are doing our stocktake. Could you please have a good look for any library books around the house, no students should have any books at home.

### Library Open to Parents/Guardians

Just a reminder that the library is open on the last two Fridays of the term, from 8.15am-9am so that parents/guardians can borrow books for their children (provided they are returning to school next year). All books are due back after the holidays are over.



We will also be open for parent/guardian borrowing from 8.15am-9am every morning of the last week of term (12 December - 15 December).

### Library Open Dates

We are happy to confirm that our library will be open over the school holidays on these dates:

Thursday 5 January 1pm - 4pm

Thursday 12 January 1pm - 4pm

Thursday 19 January 1pm - 4pm

Thursday 26 January 1pm - 4pm

If you are staying in Hamilton then we would love to see you. It is a nice way to meet up with friends, stay cool in our lovely air-conditioned library, and take home some good books to read. In order to borrow books during the holidays, students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian, be returning to school in 2023, and have no outstanding invoices or overdue library books. We will increase our lending limits to a maximum of six books per student, and parents/guardians can also borrow up to six books for each child.

All books will be due back by Friday 10 February (the end of the first week back of school).

## 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.**



You'll find your child's school stationery list **online by visiting:**

[www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara](http://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.**

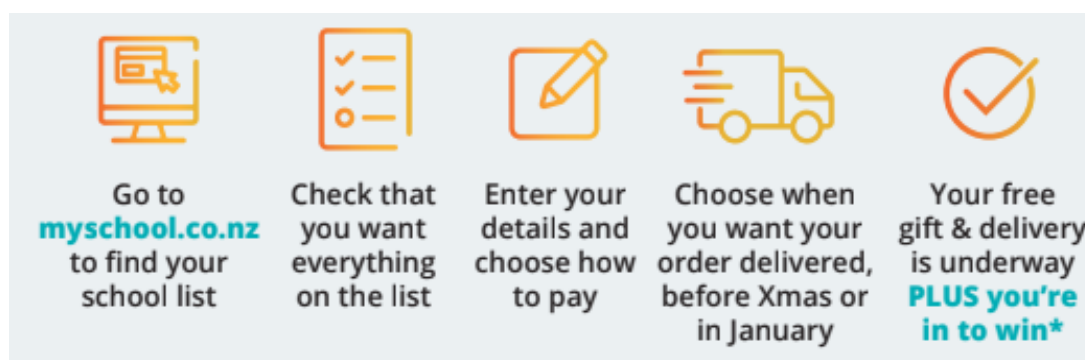
**OfficeMax MySchool makes Back to School easy for you with these great benefits:**

- **Order the easy way** - online at [myschool.co.nz/tetotara](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara)

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



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.**

## 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.

- **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.**

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The online one stop school shop



## OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS - TO BE PAID THROUGH KINDO

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

Lost Library Books	\$854.50
Mathletics/Mathseeds	\$3,755.00
Voluntary School Donation	\$30,538.00
2022 School Camp	\$6,325.00

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 [wendybulloch@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:wendybulloch@tetotara.school.nz)

## 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 [offerschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:offerschoolcare@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 **2 December 2022 in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm**. Students from **Ra and Earth Pods** will attend assembly for special Class Awards. Families from these classrooms will be invited to attend via their classroom teachers.

## 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](mailto: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.

## LEAVING TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL? CLOSE YOUR KINDO ACCOUNT

If your family is leaving our school and moving to another school that does not use KINDO for school payments, you need to close your account.

If you're not sure about the new school, log in, go to "My Details" and click on the list of schools, scrolling to find your new school. If your new school is NOT on the list, use the "close account" button on that screen.

If you are closing your account, and you have a credit balance, you have the option to spend the balance before you close your account, or you can donate the credit balance. Donation options will be provided within the myKindo Close account feature.

*If you are moving from one school to another school that uses myKindo, then you do not need to withdraw or close your account, as you can continue to use your existing account and funds at the new school.*

Click on the link for further information: [KINDO Customer Support - Account Balance Withdrawals](#)

For further support, contact the KINDO Helpdesk: **Monday to Friday 8.00am - 4.00pm - (09) 8695200 | 0508 4KINDO. [helpdesk@kindo.co.nz](mailto:helpdesk@kindo.co.nz) OR [support.kindo.co.nz](http://support.kindo.co.nz)**



## 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.**

## 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.



## 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)

### Touch

Tigers	TBA
Rockets	TBA
Tigers	TBA
Pacers	Harper Gardiner
Stormers	TBA
Leopards	TBA



## DATES COMING UP

Fri 2 Dec	<b>RJHS Orientation Day</b> (ONLY for Y6 students who's enrolment has been confirmed by RJHS)
Mon 5 Dec	<b>School End of Year Celebration</b>
Tues 6 Dec	<b>Postponement date for End of Year Celebration</b>
Thurs 8 Dec	<b>Fairfield Cluster Athletics</b>
Fri 9 Dec	<b>PTA Ice Block Day</b>
Mon 12 Dec	<b>Back up postponement date for End of Year Celebration</b>
Thurs 15 Dec	<b>3.00PM - END OF SCHOOL YEAR</b>
Wed 1 Feb	<b>TERM 1, 2023 begins for school students</b>
Mon 6 Feb	<b>Waitangi Day Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>

## 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)



### ICE BLOCK DAY

What better way to celebrate the end of Term 4 than with an ice block. The PTA will be holding their last ice block day of the year next Friday 9th December.

We are still needing a couple of parents/caregivers to help sell ice blocks so if you are able to donate an hour of your time from 12.15 pm on this day, please contact the PTA by email [pta@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:pta@tetotara.school.nz) or send us a message via our Facebook page.

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



### ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP

Make buying Christmas gifts easy and seize the opportunity quickly to enjoy some amazing offers. Entertainment is the easy-to-use App packed with incredible savings of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers, so you can save on takeaway, dining, shopping, groceries, gift cards, activities and more!

**Currently when your purchase an Entertainment Membership between 10.00pm Tuesday 29 th November and 2:00pm Monday 5 th December NZDT during our Cyber Week Sale you will receive 25% off any Entertainment Membership purchase. The 25% discount will be automatically deducted from the**



original price of the Membership you chose when you add the Membership to your cart. If you use the link below, 20% of every membership purchased goes to support Te Totara Primary School PTA

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

### 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.**



**KELLY SPORTS** DECEMBER 2022  
JANUARY 2023 **HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**  
AT WAIKATO

CONTACT  
**KIM & MARK INNES**  
WAIKATO@KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ  
**07 839 9017**  
BOOK ONLINE AT  
**KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ**

The advertisement features a photograph of three children (two boys and one girl) running on a green lawn, each holding a colorful ball. The background shows a line of trees under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the image in white and yellow.