

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)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a fantastic evening we shared with our families last night with our 'Meet the Teacher' evening. It was a great feeling to meet so many families, positive and happy with the start to their children's year, on such a lovely sunny evening. It was also great to see our families reconnecting with each other after the holiday break.

Thank you for taking the time to meet your child's teacher and begin this important partnership in your child's school life. You should now know how your child's day looks at Te Totara, the way the curriculum and focus areas are structured daily for learning success and what you can do to assist at home. If you were unable to join us last night, the teachers are putting their presentations onto their class Seesaw portal for your information. Do make time to pop in and say hello with them soon.

The relationship between teachers, caregivers and the students is ongoing throughout the year with Learning Plan Interviews later this term and again in Term 3. This is another vital discussion time to focus on learning achievement. We will have more information about these in newsletters closer to the booking time.

In terms of daily communication a smile, a wave and a friendly greeting connects and uplifts everyone in our community. Teachers also use Seesaw, our online portal to share learning and important information. Please check that regularly, we love to get feedback on your child's learning.

If you have any questions, worries or concerns please don't hesitate to phone or email your teacher who will make an appointment to sit down to offer tautoko (support) and guidance. Our most important focus is to ensure your children are feeling safe, happy and are making positive progress here in our Te Totara school whanau.

**Waiho i te toipoto,
kaua i te toiroa.**

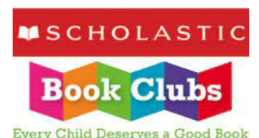
**Let us keep close
together, not far apart.**

Ngaa mihi

Anne Fraser - Principal

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER - ISSUE NO. 1

This week your child was given a Scholastic Book Club catalogue. These orders close at **9.15am on Friday 17th February, 2023.**



Please Note: We DO NOT ACCEPT CASH at all. This means you will have three options to order your scholastic books:

1. **Through the Scholastic Book Club website - scholastic.co.nz/LOOP.**
2. **Through the Scholastic LOOP app**
3. **In person using EFTPOS at the school office.**

If we receive any orders with cash from students, we will return them home with the student.

2023 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.**

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The online one stop school shop

- **Aquatics** (added to your KINDO account when your child's class is swimming)
- **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.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are delighted with the large numbers of students who look really great by wearing their uniform in the correct manner. For your information the school uniform expectations are below:

ALL students are expected to arrive at school and leave from school in their correct Te Totara Primary School Uniform, including footwear.

- Uniforms are to be worn clean, neat and tidy. Please clearly name your uniform items.
- Students are encouraged to take pride in their school uniform and to wear it well.
- Hair is to be off the face, tied back if longer than the bottom of the collar, and be the natural hair colour.
- Nail polish and cosmetics are not permitted.
- Second hand uniforms may be available. Please see the School Office for details.
- Variations in relation to the Human Rights Act may be negotiated with the Principal.
- All pupils are encouraged to use sunscreen at home before school and expected to wear the regulation school hat while outdoors. No hat – play in the shade (Terms 1 & 4).
- All uniform items should be clearly named.
- Extras for warmth such as polyprops or singlets, must be plain black.
- Plain black school sandals in summer (Terms 1&4) OR plain black school shoes in the winter (Terms 2&3). No other colours on the sandal or shoe, just plain black.
- **Any hair accessory is to be plain and of a single school uniform colour – red, white, black, green**



JEWELLERY

Items of jewellery can be easily lost or damaged at school. They may also cause injury to the wearer or other students. **For safety reasons items of jewellery are NOT to be worn.** The school accepts no responsibility in the case of loss, damage or injury.

However, students may wear:

- One small earring stud per ear.
- A watch.
- A necklace of religious or cultural significance – to be worn underneath clothing.
- A Medical Identification Tag as required.



For a full description of our Uniform Expectations for our school uniform, please check the noticeboard in the School Office or the school website. If you have any queries, please contact me at principal@tetotara.school.nz

NAMING OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please, please, please can you make sure all items of **school uniform are clearly named**. If an item of clothing is found out on the fields it can not be returned unless it is named.

ROUTINE VISION & HEARING CHECKS IN SCHOOL

Monday 20th February, 2023 @ 9.00am

Information Sheet on Vision and Hearing Checks in School



Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects.

Which children are routinely checked?

- Children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check
- Children absent from previous visit, require retests or follow up In special circumstances, parents, teachers or others may request a vision or hearing check

If any parents/caregivers do not want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.

SCHOOL LUNCH SERVICE

We are excited to continue our school lunch service at school. Our supplier is "Lunch Orders" who are based in Hamilton.



School Lunch Orders are now open for 2023.

Just a quick reminder to update your child's classroom number for 2023 on their website so their yummy lunch can be sent to the right place! To update go to "My Account" and then select "Family Details".

2023 SCHOOL TERM DATES

- Term 1** **Wednesday 1st February - Thursday 6th April** (10 weeks)
Public Holiday: Monday 6th February (Waitangi Day)
- Term 2** **Monday 24th April – Friday 30th June** (10 weeks)
Public Holiday: Tuesday 25 April (ANZAC Day)
Teacher Only Day: Friday 2nd June (no school)
Public Holiday: Monday 5th June (King's Birthday)
- Term 3** **Monday 17th July – Friday 22nd September** (10 weeks)
Our Mid-Term Break - Monday 21st August (no school)
- Term 4** **Monday 9th October – Friday 15th December 2023** (10 weeks)
Teacher Only Day - Friday 20th October (no school) - to be confirmed.
Public Holiday: Monday 23rd October (Labour Day)

DATES COMING UP

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| Mon 20 Feb | Routine Vision & Hearing Checks by WaiKids (see above information) |
| Thurs 16 Feb | Board Meeting at 6.30pm |
| Fri 24 Feb | PTA Ice Block Day - \$2.00 per ice block |
| Wed 15 March | PTA Meeting in Staff Lounge at 7.30pm (all welcome) |
| Fri 17 March | Ice Block Day |
| Thurs 6 April | END OF TERM 1, 2023 |
| Mon 24 April | TERM 2 BEGINS |

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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

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



WELCOME BACK

The PTA would like to welcome you back to another year at school. We are planning some fun events for this year so give us a like and keep an eye out on our Facebook Page to stay in the loop: www.facebook.com/TTPTA

ICE BLOCK DAY

To celebrate the start of the year the PTA will be selling Ice Blocks at school. We hope to see many smiling faces coming to buy an Ice Block.

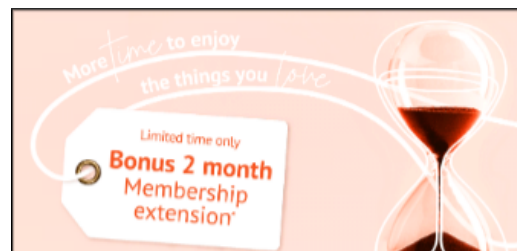
If you are able to assist from 12:15pm for an hour on the day with selling, please email us: pta@tetotara.school.nz.

DATE: Friday 24 February 2023
TIME: After eating for learning
COST: \$2.00 per Ice Block
FLAVOUR: Lemonade only
WHERE: Outside Matariki Hall



ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP

Support the PTA and save on everything you love to do. Buy any 12 or 24 month Entertainment Membership and receive **two extra months for free**. 20% of each purchase comes back to the PTA. Make your purchase today at <https://subscribe.entertainmentnz.com/fundraiser/15502m5>



PTA MEETING

We invite all parents and caregivers of Te Totara students to join us for our next PTA meeting. This is an opportunity to meet new people and get involved in the activities we host. We will meet in the Staff Lounge (turn right when entering Matariki) on Wednesday 15th March at 7:30pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ice Block Day – Friday 24 February
PTA Meeting - Wednesday 15 March
Ice Block Day - Friday 17 March

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 INLINE HOCKEY CLUB

MUSTER

SIGN UP FOR 2023

MONDAY 13TH & TUESDAY 14TH FEB
FREE SCRIMMAGES - ALL SKILL LEVELS

PLAY WITH S.P.I.R.I.T.

- SPORTSMANSHIP - POSITIVITY - INTEGRITY - RESPECT - INCLUSION - TEAMWORK -

www.hamiltoninline.co.nz

The poster features a central image of an inline hockey player in a white and black jersey with the number 20, holding a stick. To the right, a smaller image shows a player in a red jersey falling. The background is grey with a large red circle behind the main player. There are decorative elements like red arrows and a grid of dots.



Build a new home in Rototuna Village

with us...

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TO TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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The advertisement shows a modern, single-story house with a grey exterior and a large window. The background is a blue sky with clouds.



Contact Stacey to learn more
027 225 0405
staceys@generation.co.nz

Please make sure that you mention a connection to Te Totara Primary School so that the \$5,000 donation from Generation Homes can be allocated to our school. This offer is open to all Te Totara friends, staff, parents, grandparents etc. Thank you for your support.



LAST CHANCE TO JOIN UP FOR TERM 1 2023

Jitterbugs

DANCE LESSONS



Monday (Rototuna Junior High School Dance Studio)

- 3.40 Jitterbugs Seniors (by selection only) **FULL**
- 4.10 MiniJam (girls & boys aged 3 - 5½) **8 Spaces**
- 4.35 Jitterbugs Advanced (by selection only)
- 5.05 Senior Hip Hop (girls aged 9- 14) **3 Spaces**

Tuesday (Flagstaff Fitness - now called Common Ground)

- 3.40 Jitterbugs Junior (girls aged 5 ½ - 7) **3 Spaces**
- 4.10 Jitterbugs Junior Plus (girls aged 7 - 8) **FULL**
- 4.40 Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls 8 - 14) **2 Spaces**

Wednesday (Flagstaff Fitness - now called Common Ground)

- 3.30 Jitterbugs Mini's (girls aged 3 - 5½) **4 spaces**
- 4.00 Jitterbugs Junior (girls aged 5 ½ - 7) **FULL**
- 4.30 Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls 8 - 14) **1 Space**

LESSONS START 7 FEB 2023 (MONDAY SESSIONS START 13TH FEB)

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: \$120 for one kid, or \$230 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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