

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

BALLOONS OVER TE TOTARA

On Tuesday 14th March before school started we had a surprise visit from some hot air balloons! Some very lucky children (and adults) even got a ride on the Tiger!



FOOD AT SCHOOL - ALLERGIES

We have children at our school who are highly allergic to dairy products and nuts and exposure to these foods could potentially be life threatening to them. We have procedures in place for 1:1 support for these children to ensure their safety. At present we will continue to carry on with our normal food eating programme, but we have to carefully plan school events/learning area celebrations etc.

With this in mind, please don't be offended if any kind offers of food to the school are scrutinised. Please ensure all lunch boxes or food containers are clearly named to prevent any accidental sharing of wrong lunches. We do not encourage the bringing of food to school for birthdays for the class e.g. cakes, lollies, chocolates etc. *Thank you for your understanding of this matter.*

LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSION BOOKINGS

BOOKINGS OPEN NOW

School finishes at 2.00pm Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd March

Learning Plan Discussions will take place on **Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd March, 2023** for all students except Room 37.

Room 37 only - Tuesday 21st March 3.15pm-5.15pm & Wednesday 22nd March 2.15pm - 5.30pm

We have arranged **15 minute time slots** for the discussion, there will be a change over bell so that everyone is aware of timings. If you have more than one child, you might like to have a break between each interview. To ensure the smooth running of our Learning Plan Discussions, we would be grateful if all our parents/caregivers kept to the timetable. There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress on:

Tuesday 21st March, 2023 - ROOM 37 ONLY

3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm, 5.00pm & 5.15pm

Wednesday 22nd March, 2023 (All rooms)

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm, 5.00pm, 5.15pm & 5.30pm

Thursday 23rd March, 2023 (Except Room 37)

2.15pm, 2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm (*teachers break between 5.00pm-5.30pm*) 5.30pm, 5.45pm, 6.00pm & 6.15pm

How do I book a time?

To make an appointment time for your child/ren, please use our online booking system

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz – our school code is **x9t8d**

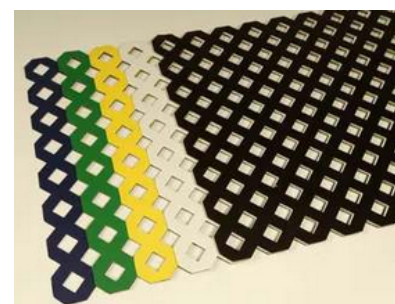
Bookings close on Monday 20th March, 2023 @ 3.00pm. Sorry, we will not be able to accept bookings after this date/time.

PLEASE NOTE:

School will finish at 2.00pm both Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd March for ALL students. Students will need to be collected at 2.00pm - Thanks.

JUNIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION - CARDBOARD TRELLIS NEEDED

Our Arts Committee is looking for some cardboard trellis to use as part of the backdrop for our Junior production in Term Two. If you have access to any or know where we can get some from, please contact Mrs McLaughlin: bridgetm@tetotara.school.nz



ICE BLOCK DAY TOMORROW

The last Ice Block Day for Term 1 will be held tomorrow Friday 17th March. Please remember to give your \$2.00 to your teacher in the morning.

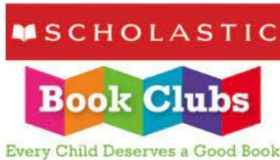
DATE:	Friday 17 March 2023
TIME:	After Eating for Learning lunch time
COST:	\$2.00 per Ice Block
FLAVOUR:	Lemonade only
WHERE:	Outside Matariki Hall

PARENT TRAVEL SURVEY

As part of our Te Totara Transport Week follow up, the Hamilton City Council is asking parents to complete a survey that will provide the Council with baseline data for the School Travel Plans moving forward. There is a prize draw for those who complete the survey which closes on March 24th. Click the below link:

[Te Totara Primary School – Parents](#)





SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER - ISSUE NO. 2

This week your child was given a Scholastic Book Club catalogue. These orders close at **9.15am on Friday 24 March 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](https://www.scholastic.co.nz/LOOP)
2. Through the Scholastic LOOP app
3. In person using EFTPOS at the school office.

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

TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD Casual Vacancy for a Parent Representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the School Board for an elected parent representative.

The Board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the Board to hold a by-election should be sent to: melissapearguyan@gmail.com by: **Friday 24th April, 2023**



Melissa Guyan

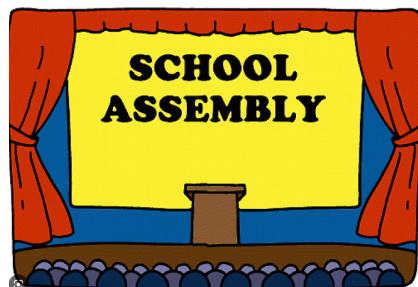
Presiding Member (Chairperson)
Te Totara School Board

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

If your child will be away from school then please let us know by either:

- **School App** - send an "Absentee" notification
Go to the App store on your Apple or Android device and search "School Apps NZ" to download the App to your phone or tablet and then add "Te Totara".
- **Phone** the school on **(07) 853-0039** (press 1)
- **Text** the School Office on 027 207-4466 with name, details and reason for absence. Please note that we do not send a reply to text messages.

We would appreciate any absence messages **before 9.00am**.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held in the **Matariki Hall at 2.00pm**. Students from **Matawhero, Ra and Marama Pods** will attend assembly and **Marama 15** will be sharing. Families from this classroom will be invited to attend via their classroom teacher.

OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS PERIOD FOR 2023

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available on our school website by clicking the following link: www.tetotara.school.nz

The Board has determined the following places are likely to be available to out-of-zone students from 2023 onwards. Enrolment period: **1st July - 15th December, 2023**:

20 places for Year 0 students

3 places for Year 3 students

3 places for Year 4 students

The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

For students seeking enrolment within the above enrolment period, the deadline for receipt of out-of-zone applications is **3.00pm on Friday 21st April, 2023** and should be emailed to: receptionist@tetotara.school.nz

Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for this year. Students who live in the home zone are entitled to enrol at the school.

Applications from out-of-zone students will be processed in the following order of priority:

- a) **First priority** must be given to students who have been accepted for enrolment in a special programmes run by the school and approved by the Secretary of Education*.
** This priority is not applicable at this school because the school does not run a special programme approved by the Ministry of Education*
- b) **Second priority** must be given to any applicant who is the sibling of a current student of the school.
- c) **Third priority** must be given to any applicant who is the sibling of a former student of the school.
- d) **Fourth priority** must be given to any applicant who is a child of a former student of the school.
- e) **Fifth priority** must be given to any applicant who is either a child of an employee of the Board of the school, or a child of a member of the Board of the school.
- f) **Sixth priority** must be given to all other applicants.

If the number of out-of-zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot supervised by a Justice of the Peace, a Practising Lawyer or a Police Officer in accordance under Section 11G (1) of the Education Act 1989.

If a ballot for out-of-zone is required, it will be held on **Monday 8th May, 2023**. Parents will be informed of the outcome by **Wednesday 10th May, 2023**.

2023 FEES & DONATIONS PAID VIA KINDO

Fees have now been loaded onto KINDO for 2023. 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.

- **Yrs 3&4 and Yrs 5&6 Future Ferns Netball \$53.00 (Terms 2&3)**
 - **Cut-off date is 3.00pm Wednesday 29th March 2023 @ 3.00pm**
- **Yrs 1&2, Yrs 3&4 and Yrs 5&6 Miniball \$43.00 (Term 2 only)**
 - **Cut-off date is 3.00pm Thursday 30th March 2023 @ 3.00pm**
- **Aquatics** (added to your KINDO account when your child's class is swimming)
- **Voluntary School Donation** (\$120.00 first/only child / \$60.00 each sibling)
- **Mathletics/Mathseeds \$20.00**

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.



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

Pacers TBA
Comets Roman Flutey and Waldi Schoonwinkel
Rockets TBA

DATES COMING UP

Fri 17 March Ice Block Day
Wed 22 March Learning Plan Discussions - **School Finishes at 2.00pm**
Thurs 23 March Learning Plan Discussions - **School Finishes at 2.00pm**
Thurs 30 March Board Meeting at 6.30pm
Fri 31 March School Disco: T-Party Theme
Year 0-2 5:15 - 6.00pm
Year 3-4 6:15 - 7.00pm
Year 5-6 7:15 - 8.15pm
Thurs 6 April 3.00pm END OF TERM 1, 2023
Mon 24 April TERM 2 BEGINS



PINK SHIRT DAY COMING SOON FRIDAY 19TH MAY, 2023

Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness.

It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected, regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, religion or cultural background.



IS IT BULLYING?

When someone says or does something **UNINTENTIONALLY** hurtful and they do it once, that's **RUDE**

When someone says or does something **INTENTIONALLY** hurtful and they do it once, that's **MEAN**

When someone says or does something **INTENTIONALLY** hurtful and they **KEEP** doing it - even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset - that's **BULLYING**

Te Totara
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Growing and Learning Together

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

ICE BLOCK DAY

Our last Ice Block day for Term 1 will be held tomorrow Friday 17th March. Hopefully the sun will shine so you can cool down with a yummy icy treat.

Thank you for your continued support of the PTA fundraising events.

DATE: Friday 17 March 2023
TIME: After eating for learning
COST: \$2.00 per Ice Block
FLAVOUR: Lemonade only
WHERE: Outside Matariki Hall



TIME TO DISCO

The PTA is **Thrilled** to be hosting a **T-Party** Disco on Friday 31st March, 2023.

T is for **Te Totara, Teacher, Tiger, Turtle, T-Rex...** Too many options to mention. Come dressed as your favourite **T** for a **Totally Terrific Disco**. Dress up is optional. The PTA will be selling snacks, drinks and glowsticks on the night. A price list will be published closer to the event.

Date: Friday 31st March, 2023
Time: 5:15pm - 6pm (Year 0-2)
6:15pm - 7pm (Year 3-4)
7:15pm - 8:15pm (Year 5-6)
Entry: \$2.00 per student

*Please note: **ENTRY** to the Disco is through the main doors into Matariki Hall. **PICK-UP** will be via the side doors into the carpark. The collecting adult will need to come to side doors, as no children will not be able to leave without an adult.*

PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED. Mrs Stewart has sent a link via Seesaw to the parents/caregivers of Milky Way and Ra students. The link will take you to a form asking for volunteers to help out at the upcoming School Disco. We currently do not have enough volunteers so if you are able to assist can you please complete the form as soon as possible. If there are any other parents/caregivers who wish to help, please click on this link and complete the form. <https://forms.gle/FJWLPAFYy8eYkcf9>

T-PARTY DISCO ART COMPETITION

Does your child love art? The PTA would love to have some T-Art to display at our T-Party Disco. There will be a box in the foyer of Matariki from Monday 27th until Thursday 30th March, for your artwork to go in. Please remember to put your name and year level on the back. There are glow toys up for grabs for the best artwork. This will be based on disco session year levels with winners announced in each disco session. Students must be there to claim their prize.

ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP

Your VIP Upgrade Awaits - Get a Multi City Membership when you purchase any Single City Membership. For a limited time only, between **8.00pm, Tuesday 28 th February and 2.00pm, Monday 27 th March 2023 NZST**, we are rolling out the red carpet to give you a bonus Multi City upgrade on any Single City 3, 12 or 24 month Membership purchased.

Unlock access to thousands of discounts on the best restaurants, events and experiences across 20 cities for as little as \$29.99.* (**Based on the price of a 3-month Single City Membership purchase.*) From delicious dinners and adventure-fuelled activities, to family holidays and tranquil spa sessions, a Membership to The Entertainment App will provide you with VIP access to play, dine and save across Australia and New Zealand.

Buy now to ensure you don't miss out on this VIP offer! If you use the link below to make your purchase you will be supporting Te Totara PTA as 20% of the purchase price will be donated back to us. We thank you for your continued support.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Ice Block Day	Friday 17 th March
T-Party Disco	Friday 31 st March
	5:15pm - 6pm (Year 0-2)
	6:15pm - 7pm (Year 3-4)
	7:15pm - 8:15pm (Year 5-6)

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.**



YOUTHTOWN
SINCE 1932

HOOKED ON HOCKEY

Here is a programme you don't want to miss! We've got hockey sessions across the day, balanced with fun team building challenges, arts and crafts, science experiments, a bit of cooking and maybe even a new sport to try your skills at.

Each day will feature a hockey-specific session, lead by our pro Waikato representative hockey coaches, in the morning. In the afternoon, we will split into age groups, to learn skills, develop confidence, and make new friends.

FOR AGES: 5-13
COST: \$60 PER DAY

APRIL HOLIDAYS
17TH-21ST APRIL

FROM 7:30AM TO 4:30PM
Gallagher Hockey Centre,
Queens Avenue,
Innes Common, Hamilton

Bring lunch, snacks, water bottles, your sport shoes, hockey sticks, shin guards, mouthguards, and a willingness to give things a go! Don't worry if you don't have a stick, we will have one you can borrow.



www.youthtown.org.nz | @youthtownnz | 0800 004 566



KELLY SPORTS

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

CONTACT
KIM & MARK INNES

WAIKATO@KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ
07 839 9017

BOOK ONLINE AT
KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ



**SOUTHWELL
SCHOOL**



Rototuna New World Scholarship

Applications are now open for a prospective student entering Year 7 in 2024.

This scholarship provides support to a student whose financial situation may not allow them to attend Southwell School. The Scholarship is tenable for the duration of the successful student's education at Southwell School in Years 7 and 8. The value of the scholarship is \$5000 per annum.

Applications close 30 July 2023.

Enquiries to registrar@southwell.school.nz