

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)



REMINDER:

T PARTY DISCO ON TOMORROW NIGHT!

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LIBRARY OPEN FOR PARENTS

Due to Good Friday, our library will be open for families on **Thursday 6th April** (next week), from 8.15am-9.00am. Parents/caregivers are welcome to take out **six books per child**. It's a great opportunity to top up with books for your children over the holidays.



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: melissapearlguyan@gmail.com by: **Friday 24th April, 2023**



Melissa Guyan

Presiding Member (Chairperson)

Te Totara School Board

We are noticing a few tummy bugs and viruses going around at the moment. Just a reminder that if your child has had diarrhoea or vomiting they cannot return to school until it has been 48 HOURS since those last symptoms. These bugs can be highly contagious. Thanks for your understanding.



TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

As part of our Te Totara School Charter regarding the objective of 'Growing Whanau Community Engagement', the Board invites your feedback on our policies.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 30th March, 2023**. Policies up for renewal at this meeting are:

- **Classroom Release Procedure**
- **Digital Citizenship Policy**
- **Social Media Policy**
- **Student Behaviour Policy**

Policy Review – May 2023

The following policies are to be reviewed at the **May** Board meeting, scheduled for Thursday 25th May. There is no April Board meeting.

- **Appointments Policy**
- **Staff Leave Policy**
- **Valuing Diversity - Equal**
- **Opportunities Policy**
- **Attendance Policy**

NOTE: All Te Totara Primary School Policies & Procedures are available for your information on our school website under the "School Board" red quick link tab from the home page.

If you have any feedback on these policies please email jos@tetotara.school.nz

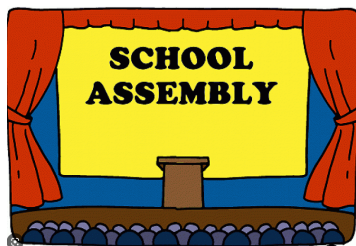
Ngā mihi nui

Alex Williams, Maninder Singh and Jo Stewart

School Board Policy Sub-committee

LEAVING TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL AT THE END OF THE TERM?

If your child/ren are leaving our school at the end of this term, please email Marise Crow at: receptionist@tetotara.school.nz advising of the school you have enrolled at for Term 2. We will make arrangements to forward your child's Student Records directly to that school.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's and next week's assembly will be held **in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm on THURSDAY**. This week students from **Neptune & Milky Way Pods** will attend assembly and **Neptune 27** 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 Term 3, 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, SPORTS REGISTRATIONS & 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.

kindo.
The online one stop school shop

Please Note: Aquatics will be charged after your child's class has had their lessons.

Available to pay/register via KINDO now:

- **Yrs 3&4 and Yrs 5&6 Future Ferns Netball \$53.00 (Terms 2&3)**
- Cut-off date is 3.00pm Thursday 30th 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
- **Yrs 1&2 \$56.00, Yrs 3&4 and Yrs 5&6 \$60.00 Hockey (Terms 2&3)**
- 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.

CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS OR FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES

Just a little reminder that if your family circumstances have changed or your details i.e. phone, address, email etc; to please advise the School Office on 07 853-0039 or email receptionist@tetotara.school.nz so we can update your records accordingly.

We encourage our families to please check your contact details are current through the Parent Portal at www.atschool.co.nz using the User ID and Passwords that were emailed to you at the end of 2022.

If you have recently joined our school, you will be emailed a User ID and Password for the Parent Portal the day our Learning Plans go online - Friday 9th June, 2023 (it is crucial we have an email address on file for each parent/caregiver).

If you do not have access to a computer, you are welcome to check your details with the School Office on (07) 853-0039.

DATES COMING UP

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
Tues 25 April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 19 May	Pink Shirt Day
Fri 2 June	Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 5 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 20 June	Junior School Production - "How Does Your Garden Groove"
Wed 21 June	Junior School Production - "How Does Your Garden Groove"



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



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6:15pm - 7pm (Year 3-4)
7:15pm - 8:15pm (Year 5-6)

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Thank you to all the parents that volunteered to help at the Disco. We appreciate your time and look forward to having a great event with you all.

DISCO PRICE LIST

- ★ Drinks \$2 each
- ★ Chips \$2 each
- ★ Lolly Bags \$2 each
- ★ Flashing light/glow toys \$3 each
- ★ Glow Sticks 3 for \$1

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PTA?

Are you interested in joining the PTA? If so, keep an eye on this newsletter to find out when the Annual General Meeting will be held, (usually mid-year). All parents/caregivers are invited along to find out about the PTA and what it does for our children at Te Totara. The PTA is in need of some new members this coming year, so please have a think about how you can help our school and how the PTA contributes to our school community. More information about the PTA will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

Our next meeting will be on **3 May at 7:30pm** in the Staff Lounge (turn right when entering Matariki). Invite a friend and come along to see what it is all about.





ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP

Save on the things you love to do with an entertainment membership. 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

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)
PTA Meeting	Wednesday 3 May at 7.3-pm (Staff Lounge)

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.**



OWL FARM
Providing knowledge.

Public Open Day

Saturday, 1 April 2023
10am–2pm

FREE ENTRY

Visit a working dairy farm!
Watch cows being milked! (11am–12.30pm)
Visit the wetland area! (Tours at 11am and 12.30pm)
Games, giveaways, food and much more!
Great for the whole family!
www.owlfarm.nz



TE MIRO
MTB CLUB

Te Miro Twister

XC Mountain Bike Race

2nd April 2023

2.5km Suitable for Littlies or Beginners

LOCKERBIE
ESTATE

(Proudly Sponsored By Lockerbie Estate)
or Choose From: 7km, 14km or 21km (Approx)
E-Bike Classes Available in 14 and 21kms
Plenty of Awesome Spot Prizes
Sausage Sizzle and Drinks for Sale
Please Bring Cash
For More Information and Course
Maps go to: temiromtbclub.co.nz
Entries Open Now. Click on the Link to Register
<https://my.raceresult.com/233344/>



KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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

ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR TERM 2 2023

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)
- 4.35 Jitterbugs Advanced (by selection only)
- 5.05 Senior Hip Hop (girls aged 9– 14)

Tuesday (Flagstaff Fitness – now called Common Ground)

- 3.40 Jitterbugs Junior (girls aged 5 ½ – 7)
- 4.10 Jitterbugs Junior Plus (girls aged 7 – 8)
- 4.40 Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls 8 – 14)

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

Lessons start Monday 1st May 2023.

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