

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)

**** SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ****

**FRIDAY 7TH APRIL (Easter Friday)
TO FRIDAY 21ST APRIL 2023**

**The School Office will be open on Friday 21st April
from 9.00am - 2.00pm for enrolment enquiries**

Term 2 begins on Monday 24th April, 2023

A THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL BOARD

To our Te Totara community...

The Board would like to acknowledge and thank the amazing work of the Te Totara staff. What a successful start to 2023 this has been. Our tamariki are so privileged to attend a school that cares so much for their learning and wellbeing.

To all of our families, we hope you have enjoyed this term as well. May you have a wonderful holiday break. Have fun celebrating Easter—whichever way you do this. Our hope is that it is a time of refreshment and enjoyment.

Kia noho haumarū, and we look forward to seeing you again in Term Two.

The Te Totara Primary School Board



HAPPY EASTER

Easter is an important and significant time for our Christian community with many events throughout the community during this time. Many families acknowledge the importance of Easter and celebrate together. We wish all our Te Totara families a joyous and peaceful Easter holiday.

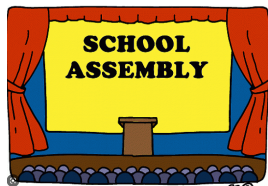
Many of our Te Totara families are also celebrating Ramadan which started on the 22nd March and lasts for approximately one month. Fasting is a key part of Ramadan within the Muslim traditions and here at Te Totara some children are fasting from dawn to dusk until Eid al-Fitr, also known as "Festival of Breaking the Fast." We hope you are enjoying this time of reflection and gratitude. Warm wishes our Te Totara whānau. "Ramadan Mubarak!". **Have a safe and happy Easter celebrating life & all its blessings.**



TT TV Episodes on You Tube

Did you know that Te Totara Primary School have their own YouTube channel? These are presented by different classes with the students sharing little snippets of what they have been learning that week. We aim to produce 5 episodes a term. You can find the link on our website or for the latest episode click here [TT TV Week 10, Term 1 2023](#)

This week's episode features **Milky Way 23 and Ra 30**.



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 **Matawhero, Ra and Marama Pods** will attend assembly and **Ra 30** will be sharing. Families from this classroom will be invited to attend via their classroom teacher.

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.



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

Available to pay/register via KINDO now:

- **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 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

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 programme 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**.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we head towards the end of Term 1, it is great to reflect on how this term has gone for us all. I am delighted to report that the staff are very pleased with our first term of learning, we are seeing great progress amongst the students and excitement for learning throughout the school.

You can feel very proud of your children and their hardworking efforts and enthusiasm for learning that they are demonstrating to us every day. We have a very settled school with a real sense of purpose that evidences our **'Growing and Learning Together'** motto. Tino pai Te Totara whānau!

Have a wonderful holiday break and enjoy the family time with your children. We have some great learning to look forward to next term.

Anne Fraser

Principal

DATES COMING UP

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
Thurs 25 May	Board Meeting at 6.30pm
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"
Thurs 29 June	Board Meeting at 6.30pm
Fri 30 June	END OF TERM 2, 2023

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



DISCO THANK YOU!

We had a terrific T-Party Disco last week. Such awesome costumes and so many laughs. The PTA would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone that volunteered their time to help us make this a successful event. Thank you to all the Te Totara students who supported us by attending the Disco and another big thanks to all the staff members who helped out on the night. The funds raised will go towards further stages of the new adventure course which is being installed on the back field.



WINNING ARTWORK

We enjoyed seeing all the artwork that was submitted for the disco. We have so many talented students and artwork received was hung around Matariki. The winners artwork is shown here and each winner received a glow toy at the disco:

- Year 2 - Hayley M, Turtle
- Year 3 - Anzella B, Ticket
- Year 4 - Aella O-M, Taylor Swift
- Year 5 - Sophie M, Tuis
- Year 6 - Jessica P, Turtle



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 **Wednesday 3rd 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.

What is the PTA?

PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association. It's a group of parents and families associated with Te Totara whose aim it is to bring the school children and school community together, to fundraise and coordinate fun activities for the children and community.

What kind of skills are required to be part of the PTA?

The PTA requires a diverse range of skills. Some examples include:

- * Organisation and planning skills
- * Communication or written skills
- * Physical lifting or transporting purchases for events to the school.

All kinds of skills are welcome and needed to make the PTA successful. This helps share responsibilities and load across more people.

What are the perks of being part of the PTA?

Meet other parents and make new connections and friends. Gain a great insight into the workings of the school. Seeing the smiling faces of the children at events.

What can I do to help?

You can take on an executive role, attend meetings as a committee member or help out at events, such as selling drinks at Disco's, Ice-block Days or to help plan other fun fundraising events. The PTA would love to meet you, find out what you have to offer to help the school community come together and have some fun.

How much time is involved?

As much or as little as you are able to give to the PTA. If you take on an executive position, you will be required to attend the majority of the meetings (approx 8 x one-hour meetings per year). The PTA also needs plenty of people to help at events.

What happens at the AGM?

The AGM is where the Committee decides who will be on the executive team for the following year (Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Communications Officer). These people liaise with the school around how the money will be spent e.g. new playground, tennis court roof, new picnic tables, new gardens and also ensures that the school community are kept informed about PTA events, like discos and ice block days.

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>



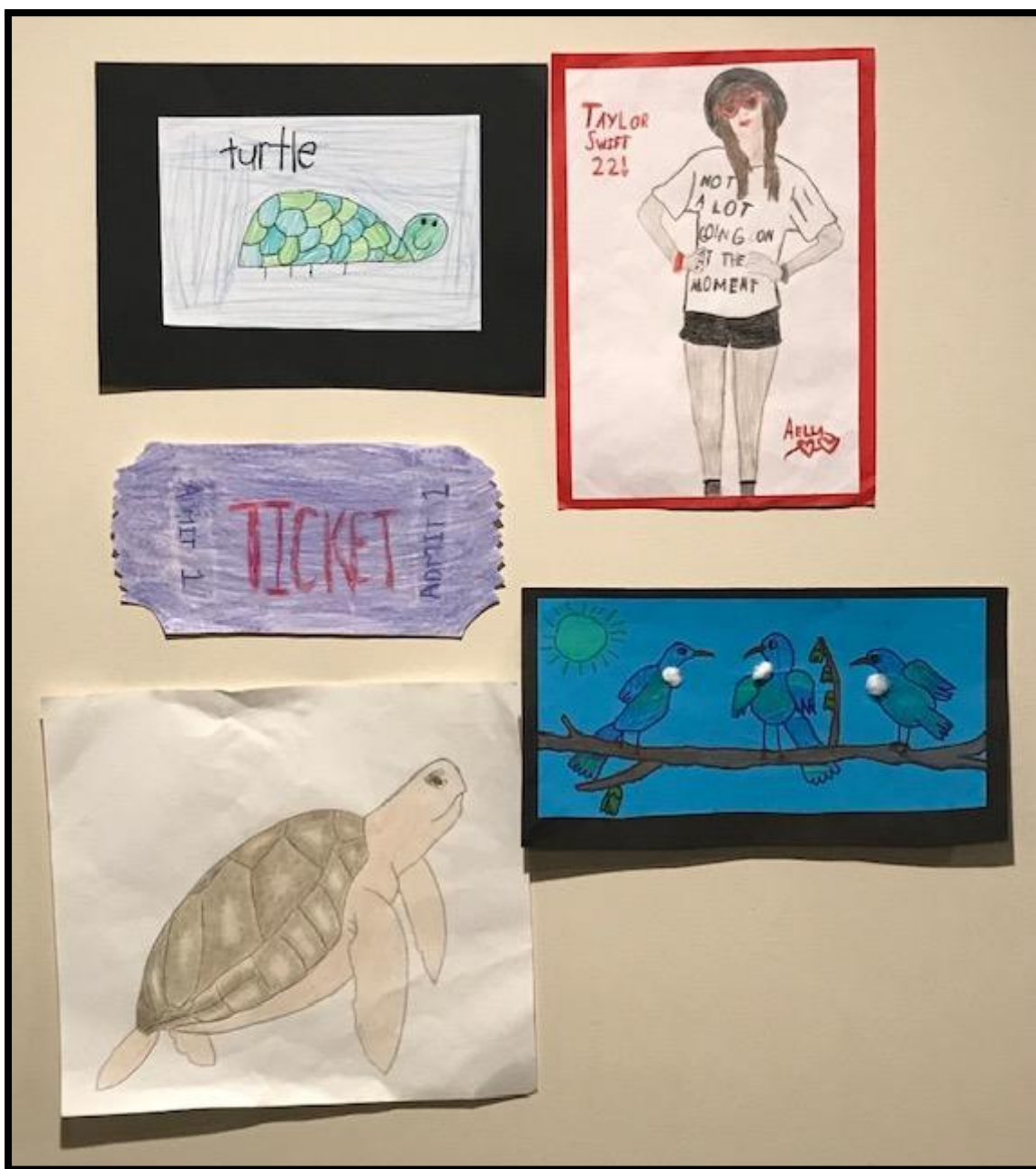
HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The PTA wishes you and your family a well-deserved Easter Break. If you are heading away for the holidays, be safe and we will see you back in term 2.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PTA Meeting Wednesday 3rd May @ 7.30pm (Staff Lounge)

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.**



CAMBRIDGE 25TH APRIL 2023
Cycling
FESTIVAL



- ★ KIDS' STREET RACES - 10 AND UNDER
- ★ TWO-UP TAG TEAM RELAY - 11-13 YEAR OLDS
- ★ ALL COMERS TAG TEAM RELAY - ALL AGES, MIN 8 YEARS OLD
- ★ DUAL SLALOM RACING - ALL AGES
- ★ AWESOME BMX SHOW



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