

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), Geiá sou (Greek), Mbote, Jambo (Congolese), Konnichiwa (Japanese), Hola (Spanish), Annyeonghaseyo (South Korea) Israel Shalom (Hebrew)

## COMPETITIVE CROSS COUNTRY & X-CHALLENGE - TUESDAY 8TH AUGUST, 2023

We are hoping for a beautiful day on Tuesday 8th August as we have a fun-filled day of physical activities planned! We will be kicking off the day with the competitive Cross Country race. ***This race is for our Year 4-6 students who are hoping to compete in the Cross Country Fairfield Cluster and is optional.*** The approximate times are as follows:

9:15am	Year 6 Boys	9:17am	Year 6 Girls
9:45am	Year 5 Boys	9:47am	Year 5 Girls
10:15am	Year 4 Boys	10:17am	Year 4 Girls

### X-Challenge Race from 11:10am - 2:30pm

The X-Challenge is a fun obstacle course that will be set out on the back field. Children are encouraged to complete the course as many times as they can in their team time slot.

Obstacles will include a climbing wall, cargo net, board/plank walking, tyre run, plank walk, hula hooping, skipping and many other activities.

Children are able to wear their school House colours (see below) on the day but please be aware they are likely to get wet and dirty, so old clothes would be best. **Some warm, dry clothes to change into would be a good idea for after their turn on the course.**

Parents are warmly welcome to come and watch from the right hand side of the hill. We have booked a coffee cart for those of you who would like a hot drink while watching the fun. This will be sited at the pool end of the car park. It will be fantastic to see our families in school again cheering the children on. We look forward to seeing you there.

### X-Challenge Timetable:

11:10am - 11:30am	Year 4
11:35am - 11:55am	Year 3
12:00pm - 12:15pm	Year 2
12:20pm - 12:35pm	Year 0-1
<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	
1:35pm - 2:05pm	Year 5
2:10pm - 2:30pm	Year 6

**Note: Postponement day - Thursday 10th August**



### TE TOTARA HOUSE COLOURS

There are four houses, all named in line with our STARS theme and space expeditions:

HOUSE NAME:	COLOUR:
Apollo	Yellow
Challenger	Blue
Discovery	Green
Mercury	Red

- Children are placed in houses when they start at Te Totara Primary School. New students with family members already at school will be placed in the same house.
- We will be able to use the houses for different school events and happenings e.g. Athletic Sports, Cross Country.
- Houses will provide our children with leadership responsibilities and provide good-natured competition.
- There are colours for each house.
- There will be a Lead Teacher looking after each house.
- Students will be meeting in house groups before the event e.g. School Cross Country.
- Children are encouraged to wear an item of a colour associated with their school house.

## LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSION BOOKINGS

### BOOKINGS OPEN 9.00AM TOMORROW (Friday 4th August)

Learning Plan Discussions will take place on **Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th August, 2023**.

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:

#### Wednesday 16th August, 2023

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 17th August, 2023

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](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) – our school code is **x4pjt**

An electronic confirmation can be sent to you via email upon completion of your booking, **please don't forget to include your email address and select "email" under Parent Bookings** when you have booked an interview time.

If you are unable to access the internet, please phone the school (07) 853-0039 ext. 858 and leave a message with the time slot that you would prefer and Marise will collate these.

We will endeavour to give you the time as close as we can to your preference. If we are unable to assist we will go by first in first served. Please **do not** make arrangements directly with classroom teachers.

#### Who should come?

We encourage the student, and family members who have an interest in learning, to come along and discuss this with the teacher.

#### What will the format be?

The discussion is a general one about how the learner is progressing, areas of strength and also discussing next steps in learning and how this can happen.

**Bookings close on Monday 14th August, 2023 @ 3.00pm. We will not be able to accept bookings after this date/time.**

#### PLEASE NOTE:

School will finish at 2.00pm both Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th August for **ALL** students. Students will need to be collected at 2.00pm - Thanks.

#### AFTER SCHOOL CARE - LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS

As the whole school will finish at 2.00pm on Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th August; After School Care will begin at 2.00pm, **for those children enrolled**.

Spaces are limited.... so, if your child/ren normally attends ASC on either/both those days, please advise ASC two weeks in advance if you DO NOT require your booking. Otherwise, your child/ren will be booked in for the earlier start time of 2.00pm automatically on those days. Any queries, please email Katrina Strong: [afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz)

**\*\*\* MID TERM BREAK \*\*\* SCHOOL CLOSED**  
**Monday 21st August, 2023**

Just a reminder that School is closed on **Monday 21st August, 2023**. This date was set last year and is to help with everyone's wellbeing at this time of the year. It is usual that we have increased student illness at this time of the year and in previous years we have noticed a reduction in absences due to illness after this break. We also have this break as there are no Public Holidays during this term.

**PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORMS FOR SALE**



**\$10.00 per item**  
**\$5.00 Sun hats/Beanies**

The School Office have a small supply of pre-loved winter jackets, shirts, shorts, and beanies for sale in the School Office. Limited sizes available

**EFTPOS ONLY PLEASE (no paywave or cash)**

**SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2024**  
**Enrolment Period of 16th December, 2023 - 5th July, 2024**

Our School Board is looking to accommodate, if possible, younger siblings of current students and children of staff for the 2024 school year. To help determine this, we urgently need to have OUTZ Enrolment Forms into the School Office to help with this process. Please complete an OUTZ Enrolment Form for each child, which is available online from our school website by clicking the following link: [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz) or by visiting the School Office.

The Board will look at the number of enrolments, the level of projected student growth and determine how many spaces for out-of-zone students are available for the upcoming enrolment period of **16th December, 2023 to 5th July, 2024**. This will be completed in mid October, allowing for lots of time for families to know what is happening. Further information around the number of out-of-zone spaces to be released will be communicated via the school newsletter over the next few weeks.

**Please return the completed OUTZ Enrolment Form, including the relevant documentation, to the School Office by 3.00pm on Thursday 17th August, 2023.**



## TE TOTARA DIGITAL SIGNAGE - CHECK IT OUT!

After a few hiccups our signage is now working well. Don't forget to check it out regularly for upcoming school events, dates and information.

## TE TOTARA SCHOOL APP

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".



### The School App features:

- An "Absentee" tab that allows you to notify our School Office about a child's absence from school
- A Fees & Donations link to **KINDO**
- A link to our School Newsletter
- Contacts
- Maps
- Events
- Links
- Alerts - allow notifications and you will get updates from the school around activities, postponements and cancellations

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## SPORTS REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Registrations for students are now open:

- **Term 4, 2023 - Touch Rugby \$26.00 (Years 1-6)**  
Cut-off Date is 3.00pm on Tuesday 15th August, 2023
- **Waikato Gymnastics Festival \$20.00 (Selected Students ONLY)**  
Cut-off Date is 3.00pm on Monday 14th August, 2023



**For more information and fees go to the KINDO app.**

## 2023 FEES, SPORTS REGISTRATIONS & DONATIONS PAID VIA KINDO

This online system allows you to pay school fees, order school lunches etc and is the **ONLY** way to register/pay for your child for sports teams and class trips.

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

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- **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**

**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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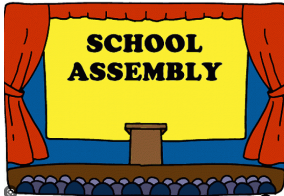
## LATEST TTV EPISODE OUT NOW!

**Matariki Special featuring Milky Way 21, Neptune 26 and our Green TT TV Team**



You can find the link on our website or for the latest episode click here

[TT TV Term 3 Week 2 2023](#)



## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm on Friday, 4th August 2023**. This week students from **Orion and Earth Pods** will attend assembly and **Orion 9** will be sharing. Families from this classroom will be invited to attend via their classroom teacher.

## 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)*



### Hockey

Blue Sticks	Amelia Cullen
Lions	Sam McCosh
Red Sticks	Ivy Zhang
Strikers	Jason Moth
Tigers	Mea Maru

### Netball

Meteors	Chloe Hammonds
Ferns	TBA
Rockets	TBA
Invaders	TBA
Comets	TBA

### Miniball

Ballers      Ethan Sun

## DATES COMING UP

<b>Tues 8 Aug</b>	<b>Te Totara X Challenge and Cross Country Trials</b>
<b>Thurs 10 Aug</b>	<i>Postponement Date: Te Totara X Challenge &amp; Cross Country Trials</i>
<b>Wed 16 Aug</b>	<b>Learning Plan Interviews - School Finishes at 2.00pm</b>
<b>Thurs 17 Aug</b>	<b>Learning Plan Interviews - School Finishes at 2.00pm</b>
<b>Fri 18 August</b>	<b>Vision &amp; Hearing Checks</b>
<b>Mon 21 August</b>	<b>Mid-Term Break - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Tues 29 Aug</b>	<b>Fairfield Cluster Cross Country</b>
<b>Wed 30 Aug</b>	<b>PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm</b>
<b>Thurs 31 Aug</b>	<i>Postponement Date: Fairfield Cluster Cross Country</i>
<b>Thurs 31 Aug</b>	<b>Board Meeting at 6.30pm</b>
<b>Wed 6 &amp; 7 Sept</b>	<b>Photolife Class &amp; Individual School Photos</b>
<b>Thurs 7 Sept</b>	<b>School Art Exhibition 3:00pm - 6:30pm</b>
<b>Tues 19 Sept</b>	<b>Photolife Groups &amp; Cluster Sports Photos</b>
<b>Thurs 21 Sept</b>	<b>Board Meeting at 6.30pm</b>
<b>Fri 22 Sept</b>	<b>END OF TERM 3, 2023</b>
<b>Mon 9 Oct</b>	<b>TERM 4 BEGINS</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)



## ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP

An Entertainment Membership is an easy-to-use App packed full of incredible savings of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers, so you can save on takeaways, dining, shopping, gift cards, activities and more!

**Between 8:00pm 31/6/2023 and 1:59pm, 23/8/2023, save \$20.00 on 12 Month Multi City Memberships or Save \$50.00 on 24-month Multi-City Memberships.**



If you use the link below, 20% of every membership purchased is donated back to support Te Totara Primary School PTA <https://subscribe.entertainmentnz.com/fundraiser/15502m5>.

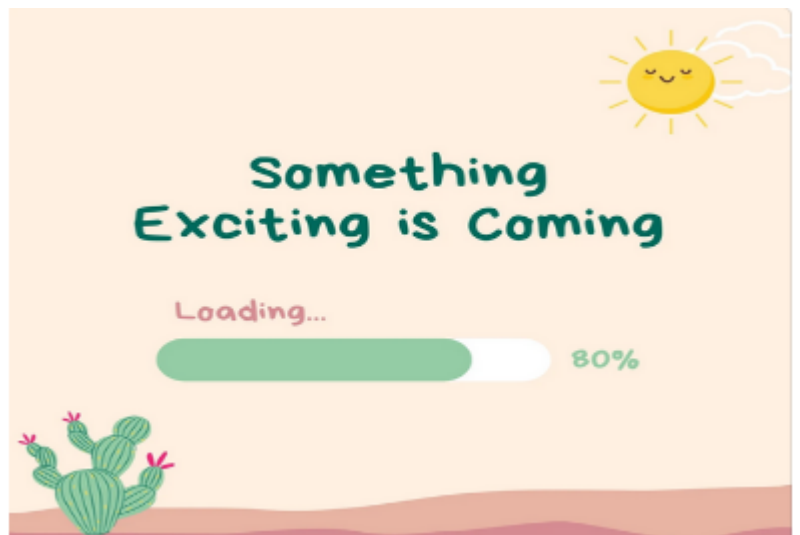
*We thank you for your continued support.*

## PTA'S NEW EVENT

An exciting and engaging new PTA event to involve all students and their families will be coming around soon! Watch this space in the next couple of weeks to find out more....

## NEXT PTA MEETING

The next PTA Meeting will take place 30th August at 7:30pm in the Staff Lounge. All parents and caregivers of students of Te Totara Primary School are welcome to attend, so please book this date in your diary today!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Next PTA Meeting – Wednesday 30th August @ 7:30pm

**Your PTA Committee:** *Kerri, Adelle, Navneet, Kerry, Garima and Kirsty*

## 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.**



**KIDS**  
Self defence classes  
**Enrol Now**

**FIRST LESSON FREE!**

**TE TOTARA - TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 6-7PM**  
**EMPOWERING OUR KIDS**  
**BOOKINGS 027 497 0499**  
**tkma.co.nz**

## 2023 GENERAL ELECTION

We are interested to hear from anyone who would like to work for the 2023 General Election.

We are seeking people 16+ who can work on Election Day, 14 October 2023.

We are also employing people who wish to work at advanced voting polling places or in the Waikato Electorate Head Quarters based in Hamilton.

Apply online at:

Open this Hyperlink and scroll to the bottom of the page to apply.

[General Election 2023 - Waikato Electorate - Electoral Commission \(elections.nz\)](https://www.elections.govt.nz/2023-general-election/waikato-electorate)



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to the 2023  
General Election.**

**ELECTORAL COMMISSION**  
TE Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

Apply now at  
[work.elections.nz](https://work.elections.nz)

**Look for this once you have scrolled down.**

Application closes on: 30 Sep 2023 23:00



**APPLY** **PRINT** **EMAIL THIS JOB TO A FRIEND**

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Look forward to hearing from you.

**Katrina Pepper, Recruiting & Rostering Manager.**

**Waikato Electorate**

**021 2423847 [Katrina.pepper@elections.govt.nz](mailto:Katrina.pepper@elections.govt.nz)**