

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)

TE TOTARA CROSS COUNTRY & X CHALLENGE

What a fabulous day we had for our Cross Country and X Challenge on Tuesday! We ran, jumped, hopped, crawled and climbed our way through the day. It was great to see so many family members coming along to support and cheer us on! Big thanks to Mrs Collins for your amazing photos!



***** 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.

LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSION BOOKINGS

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN - DON'T MISS OUT!

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 – 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

TE TOTARA SCHOOL BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN CONSULTATION

The Te Totara School Board is beginning the process of community consultation for the school's Strategic Plan 2024-2025. This plan describes the Board's long term plans for the school and sets goals that make these happen.

As part of this process the Board invites all our families to take part in a short survey to share their ideas that will contribute to this plan.

Hard copies of the survey will be in the team pod areas during Learning Plan interviews next week for you to fill out and leave with the class teacher.

A link to the survey will be shared in upcoming newsletters.

The Board very much appreciates your input into our Strategic Plan.

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



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.

Available to pay/register via KINDO now:

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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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SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOES/SANDALS - PLAIN BLACK

Just a friendly reminder to our families that our uniform school shoes/sandals are to be **plain black ONLY**.

Sandals for summer (Terms 1&4) and school shoes in the winter (Terms 2&3). No other colours on the sandal or shoe, just plain black. You can purchase these items from any footwear stockist e.g. Number 1 Footwear, The Warehouse etc

We have noticed quite a few of our students wearing non-uniform school footwear.

Thank you for your support.



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 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.

SEAT BELTS IN VEHICLES

We have been observing a few students who have not been safely sitting in their car seats with the seat belt fastened securely, before the car moves off. This is an illegal and highly dangerous practice, if the car has to stop suddenly the risk for injury of unsecured children is very high. It is also not modelling good vehicle safety practices to your children. We are very conscious of the risk in this and will be stopping vehicles that move off without children being secure.

Mrs Fraser is being very active in this regard in the drop off zone area that she manages.

Please look for our car:

- Get into the car quickly,
- Take their bag off their back and stow it safely and immediately secure their seat belt around them.

This way they are safe and ready to go without holding up the flow of traffic.

Thank you so much for your attention to this important safety issue.



Seatbelts
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For
Everyone

**PRE-LOVED SCHOOL
UNIFORMS
FOR SALE**

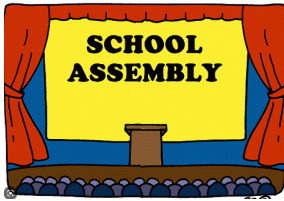
\$10.00 per item

\$5.00 Sun hats/Beanies



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

EFTPOS ONLY PLEASE (no paywave or cash)



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm on Friday, 11th August 2023. This week students from Neptune & Milky Way Pods will attend assembly and Milky Way 23 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



Hockey

Blue Sticks TBA
Lions Harper Gardiner
Red Sticks Rizo Galvadores
Strikers Kara Pretorious
Tigers TBA

Netball

Meteors Emmabella De Beer & Chloe Tsui
Ferns TBA
Rockets TBA
Invaders TBA
Comets TBA

Miniball

Ballers Zinique Du Plessis

DATES COMING UP

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



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.

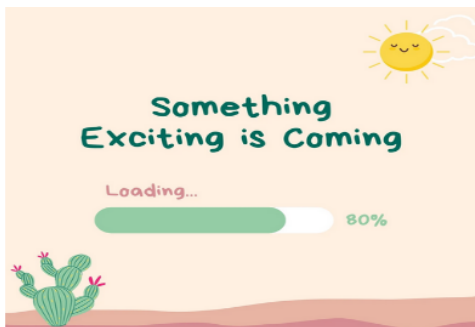
If you use the link below, 20% of every membership purchased is donated back to support Te Totara Primary School PTA <https://subscribe.entertainmentnz.com/fundraiser/15502m5>.

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! We would love to have you join us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Your PTA Committee: *Kerri, Adelle, Navreet, 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.**

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)



Look for this once you have scrolled down.

Application closes on: 30 Sep 2023 23:00

APPLY PRINT EMAIL THIS JOB TO A FRIEND

APPLY WITH SEEK

Look forward to hearing from you. **Katrina Pepper, Recruiting & Rostering Manager - Waikato Electorate 021 2423847** Katrina.pepper@elections.govt.nz



Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop

This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5 – 15 years.

Students participate in a range of performing arts classes, concluding the week with a performance!

2 - 6 October 2023, 9 am – 4 pm daily
Held at Southwell School

View our website; www.artzonshow.co.nz
or contact Hayley on either
artz@artzonshow.co.nz or 09 294 7129

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We also have **Literati Lab** just for girls, which includes AI Art & Animation. Enter our competition to win a FREE 4 day pass to one of our CodeCamps

St Paul's Collegiate: 2nd - 5th October

Book Now at www.akotech.nz

Competition: www.codecamp.co.nz/competition

EarlyBird Save Up to 21% Until 25th Aug. Siblings Save 6%