



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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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 SCHOOL BOARD - STRATEGIC PLAN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The Strategic Plan is an agreement between Te Totara Primary School and the Ministry of Education that sets out the school's objectives and aims for the next two years. The current Strategic Plan (previously entitled the School Charter) covers 2020 – 2023, and we are now preparing for the 2024 – 2025 Plan.

Please click the below link to see a copy of the **current Strategic Plan**

<https://www.tetotara.school.nz/1/pages/6-current-charter-2020-2023>

This year, we are starting the process of renewing our Strategic Plan. We are consulting with our families, staff and students. As per our Te Tiriti o Waitangi partnership, we will be consulting with our Māori community and other stakeholders as well.

The next Strategic Plan (2024 – 2025) is aimed to address the school's vision, culture and our future. The document will outline the “big picture” goals, then an annual plan is written each year, which details the “how to” steps and actions that need to be taken. This keeps the school accountable and on track with their decision making.

The school has grown considerably since opening in 2008 from 58 students to a current roll of 760 students.

This survey will be used to develop an understanding of what we want to achieve and how we are going to achieve this.

The School Board needs the valued input of the Te Totara Community in order to assess the next direction that we should be focusing on as a school.

Our current Strategic Plan, which has been very successful, covers the above in four main areas:

- Grow Achievement for Learners
- Grow Whanau Community Involvement
- Grow Infrastructure for Students, Staff and Community
- Grow Wellbeing of Students, Staff and Community

Please click the blue ink to add your feedback: <https://forms.gle/eoyBt4Vrnd9Kba4j9>

The Board appreciates your valuable input into the Strategic Plan.

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 31st August, 2023**. Board Policies up for renewal at this meeting are:

- **Complaints Policy**
- **Day-to-Day Care/ Conduct & Guardianship 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

PHOTOLIFE CLASS & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th September, 2023

– Class, Individual & Sibling Photos

Note: Tuesday 19th September, 2023 – Groups & Cluster Sports



Students will need to look their best, so please ensure that **ONLY** our correct school uniform is worn and that it is in a clean and tidy condition (black school shorts/skort, red polo shirt and red polar fleece).

Soon after Photo Day your son or daughter will bring home an online slip with their unique Shoot Key detailed on it. When you log-in your personalised Shoot Key number will display all the photographs of your child including an individual photo (and sibling photo if you have ordered one).

It is then an easy process for you to shop online and purchase the photographs you want. If you place your order within three weeks of receiving your Shoot Key you will receive free delivery of your order to the school.

If you order after the 3 week free delivery period, a postage & handling fee per order will apply and orders will be sent to your home.

For families who do not wish to use the Photolife online system, order envelopes will be available from the School Office soon after Photo Day.

A Photolife flyer will go home today to the eldest child in each family.

PHOTOLIFE SIBLINGS PHOTOS (YOU MUST PRE-ORDER)

Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th September, 2023

in the Matariki Hall between **8.15am - 9.00am**

Photos involving **pre-schoolers/older siblings** **NOT at our school** will be taken between 8.15am-9.00am on a **first-come-first-served** basis in the Matariki Hall on both days.

PLEASE NOTE: Students who have their sibling at our school will have their Sibling Photo taken during class time.

Students must be wearing the correct school uniform.

If you wish to have a sibling photograph, please collect a **“Sibling Photo Request Form”** from the School Office and **return it BEFORE** Photo Day to the School Office. Sibling Photos can be ordered online and will be delivered to the school along with the Class and Individual photos at a later date.

PhotoLife SIBLING PHOTO REQUEST
THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY PARENT OR CARER AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL.
PLEASE PRINT CLEAR FOR PHOTO TO BE TAKEN.

FAMILY LAST NAME: _____

List Full Name and Room Number of Children to be Photographed Together - **OLDEST FIRST**

Name:	Room No:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

I authorize the above detailed children to be photographed together for a Sibling Photo.

PARENT / CARER SIGNATURE: _____

After Photo Day you will receive a Shoot Key to view and purchase your Sibling Photo Pack ONLINE

We are here to help

If you have any further questions please contact us
09 262 1040 or 0800 501 040

PhotoLife
www.photolife.co.nz

A Sibling Photo Order Form will come home to the Oldest Child in each family today. Extra copies are available from the School Office.

OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2024

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

There will be two 2023 out-of-zone enrolment periods:

The First enrolment period runs from 16th December 2023 – 5th July 2024

The Second enrolment period runs from 6th July 2024 – 19th December 2024

The Board has determined the following places are likely to be available to out-of-zone students from 2024 onwards. Enrolment period of **16th December, 2023 - 5th July, 2024:**

22 places for New Entrants (whose 5th Birthday falls within the above enrolment period)

8 places for Year 1 students (starting in Term 1, 2024)

3 places for Year 2 students

10 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 Friday 22nd September, 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.

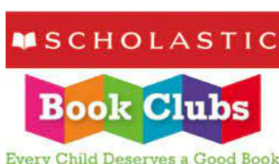
Please refer to our school website www.tetotara.school.nz under out-of-zone Enrolments for more information on the order of priority.

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 **Friday 6th October, 2023**. Parents will be informed of the outcome by **Wednesday 11th October, 2023**.

IN-ZONE NEW ENTRANT ENROLMENTS

If you are in our school zone and have a preschooler coming to Te Totara in the future and you haven't officially enrolled your child at school yet, we would love to have an Enrolment Form - it would be much appreciated and certainly help with our future planning! Click on the link for an [Enrolment Form](#)



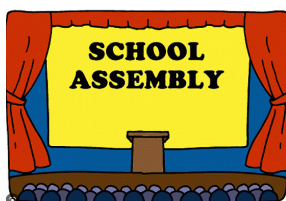
SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER - ISSUE NO. 6

This week your child was given a Scholastic Book Club catalogue. These orders close at **9.15am on Friday 1 September 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**
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.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm on Friday, 25th August 2023**. This week students from **Orion & Earth Pods** will attend assembly and **Orion 7** 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

Lions

Red Sticks

Strikers

Tigers

Kaiden Dheda

Johan Meets and Sebastian Ko

Kelsey Petzer

Travis Moth

Mea Maru

Miniball

Ballers

Marcus Sun

DATES COMING UP

Tues 29 Aug	Fairfield Cluster Cross Country (<i>Selected Students only</i>)
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
Fri 8 Sept	Battle of the Books (<i>selected students only</i>)
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



THANK YOU

New Zealand Red Cross recognises with gratitude:

Te Totara Primary School

Thank you for your generous support to the New Zealand Disaster Fund. You have helped New Zealand Red Cross be there to support people affected by the upper North Island flooding event and Cyclone Gabrielle and to prepare Aotearoa New Zealand for future emergencies.

Date: 28 March 2023

Signature: 
Sarah Stuart-Black
Secretary General

Signature: 
Kerry Nickels
National President



**NEW ZEALAND
RED CROSS**
RIPEKA WHERE AOTEAROA

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



KNOWLEDGE-A-THON

The PTA's next fundraising initiative, a Knowledge-a-thon has started this week.

Your children should have received their questions from their class teacher by now, so if you haven't seen these please ask your child to check their school bags.

What is a Knowledge-a-thon?

It is a chance for your child to increase their general knowledge in a number of areas. We ask that they seek and collect sponsorship for this event, as all funds raised will contribute to the building of stages 3 and 4 of the Confidence Course on the back field. Students have the next

4 weeks to learn the answers to the questions and will be tested during Week 9 of this term.

Knowledgegeathon is ON!

Parents and Caregivers don't forget to check your kids bags for more info on this knowledge based Event...It can be a fun learning experience for your kids and the entire family

Note: Raised Funds will contribute towards the final 2 stages of the confidence course being built on the backfield

The poster is yellow with a black outline of a lightbulb with rays emanating from it, positioned above a row of yellow hexagons. The text is in black and red.

How it works testing. Depending on what year your child is in, will depend on how many questions they need to learn, and how many they will be tested on.

- *Students in Years 0&1 will have 10 questions to learn and will be tested on these 10 questions*
- *Students in Year 2 will have 20 questions to learn and will be tested on 10 of these questions*
- *Students in Year 3 will have 30 questions to learn and will be tested on 20 of these questions*
- *Students in Year 4 will have 40 questions to learn and will be tested on 20 of these questions*
- *Students in Year 5 will have 50 questions to learn and will be tested on 30 of these questions*
- *Students in Year 6 will have 60 questions to learn and will be tested on 30 of these questions*

Prizes, yes there are prizes!

Prizes for each pod! Return your sponsorship money and form on time for a chance to win.

One special prize! Awarded to the student who raises the highest overall sponsorship.

Sponsors. Children can ask their family and friends if they can sponsor them. A sponsor can nominate a set amount for each question correctly answered, or a set amount for the child completing the Knowledge-a-thon.

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

Knowledge-a-thon – Currently running! Testing Week 9 of Term 3

Knowledge-a-thon – Sponsorship to be returned by Wednesday 18th October

Next PTA Meeting – Wednesday 30th August at 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.**



KELLY SPORTS **HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

CONTACT
MARK INNES

WAIKATO@KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ
07 839 9017

BOOK ONLINE AT
KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ



 **Hamilton**
Book fair

Fundraiser

WHEN: 8th - 9:30am-4:30pm, 9th - 10am - 4pm,
10th - 10am - 3pm. September, 2023

WHERE: Te Rapa Race course
Ken Browne Drive, Hamilton

All proceeds go to New Zealand Red Cross in their mission to help improve the vulnerable lives of people here in New Zealand, and overseas.

 redcross.org.nz  (0800) RED CROSS  NEW ZEALAND
RED CROSS
EIKEKA WIREO AOTEAROA



JUNIOR YEARS 3-8
CRICKET
HAVE A GO DAY / MUSTER

SEPTEMBER

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2023

FREE
BBQ!

Korikori Park, 4.30pm

Northern United Sports Club is offering junior cricket again,
starting Term 4 2023.

Come chat to Club Members, try some cricket
and register for a team.

www.northernunitedsports.co.nz