

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)

ART EXHIBITION - THEME: SOLAR SYSTEM

THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER FROM
3.00PM-6.30PM

The Te Totara Art Exhibition is open for parent and whanau viewing on Thursday 7th September from 3.00pm - 6.30pm. You are welcome to visit anytime between these hours.

The artworks will be displayed in the main pod areas of each block and you are encouraged to have a look at not only your child's art but other areas of the school as well.

Our theme for this exhibition is **Space**. There will be a wide range of media and techniques on display. Each class will have a description of their process alongside the display for you to see the development of the artwork.

We look forward to seeing you and your whanau on Thursday 7th anytime between 3.00pm and 6.30pm.



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.

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 CAREGIVER AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL BEFORE PHOTO DAY FOR PHOTOS TO BE TAKEN.

FAMILY LAST NAME: _____

Let Full Name and Room Numbers of Children to be Photographed Together - **OLDEST FIRST**

Name: _____ Room No: _____

Name: _____ Room No: _____

Name: _____ Room No: _____

Name: _____ Room No: _____

Name: _____ Room No: _____

Authorise the above named children to be photographed together for a Sibling Photo

Parent / Caregiver 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

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>



Te Totara Primary School Charter
Growing and Learning Together



TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL TARGETS - 2021

BACKGROUND
Targets are set with achievement data from the end of 2020, Te Totara School and Ministry of Education priorities. Targets relate to the expected Curriculum level achievement relevant to the year level cohort of the students. Equity groups in our school achieving within 25% of each other, excellence is at least 95% of students reaching and exceeding curriculum levels.

READING Target 1
Students who have been of Te Totara for one year or more: 50% percentage of achievement levels to 'At' or 'Exceeded' in relation to the expected Curriculum level
• All students to 95%
• Māori students to 85%
• End of Year 2 to 90%

WRITING Target 2
Students who have been of Te Totara for one year or more: 50% percentage of achievement levels to 'At' or 'Exceeded' in relation to the expected Curriculum level
• All students to 95%
• Māori students to 85%
• End of Year 3 to 90%

MATHEMATICS Target 3
Students who have been of Te Totara for one year or more: 50% percentage of achievement levels to 'At' or 'Exceeded' in relation to the expected Curriculum level
• All students to 95%
• Māori students to 85%
• End of Year 4 to 90%

GROW ACHIEVEMENT FOR LEARNERS	GROW WHANAU COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT	GROW INFRASTRUCTURE FOR STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY	GROW WELLBEING FOR STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY
A. Literacy and Mathematics Grow achievement for students in Literacy and Mathematics, reflected throughout the whole curriculum.	A. Community Involvement Enhance opportunities for whānau involvement in school events and local activities.	A. 10 Year Property Plan Continue to review and implement the 10 Year 10 year property plan.	A. Wellbeing Practices Enhance our wellbeing practices with strong connections to our Te Totara staff's programme.
B. Priority Learners Grow achievement for priority learners in relation to identified Curriculum level expectations.	B. Communication Further develop communication opportunities with whānau and other school community.	B. Roll Growth Cover full roll growth objectives and additional learning spaces.	B. Effective Responses and Interventions Foster effective responses and interventions to challenging situations and behaviours, including implementation of preventative measures where appropriate.
C. New Zealand Education Initiatives Implement the government 'Education Work Programme' and 'Curriculum, Progress and Achievement' changes.	C. Bicultural Heritage Grow knowledge of and celebrate our bicultural heritage through our Treaty of Waitangi commitment to Aotearoa New Zealand.	C. Natural Environment Enhance the natural environment with inclusive and inspiring that grow wellbeing and learning opportunities.	C. Te Totara - as a Community of Care Provide an environment that promotes social, mental, cultural and physical wellbeing in our school community.
D. Community of Learners Grow professional capability of teachers through involvement in the Community of Learning, including the use of any initiatives that are available to members of Te Totara Primary School.	D. Cultural Diversity with Te Totara School Community Develop and implement sustainable and celebrating diverse cultural groups that are reflected in our school community.	D. Sustainable Infrastructure Develop and implement sustainable practices through an infrastructure plan.	D. Connecting to the Environment Take strong connections to the natural world.

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 767 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:

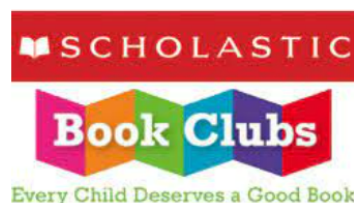
- Grow Achievement for Learners
- Grow Whanau Community Involvement
- Grow Infrastructure for Students, Staff and Community
- Grow Wellbeing of Students, Staff and Community

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

The Board appreciates your valuable input into the Strategic Plan.

FAIRFIELD CLUSTER CROSS COUNTRY - 29 AUGUST 2023

On Tuesday we took our top four Year 4, 5 & 6 runners to the Fairfield Cluster Cross Country. We competed against 9 other schools on a tough course that had hills and hay bales. The Te Totara students made us proud with their fantastic effort and behaviour. Special mention goes to **Jaydee Pretorius** who got 1st place for the Year 4 boys! Well done Jaydee!



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER CLOSING TOMORROW - FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2023

A reminder that Scholastic Book Club orders at **9.15am tomorrow, Friday 1 September 2023.**

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](#)



LATEST TTV EPISODE OUT NOW!
Featuring Orion 9 and Earth 35



You can find the link on our website or for the latest episode click here [TTV Term 3 Week 4](#)

GYMNASTICS AT TE TOTARA

In Term 2 almost 50 students attended the Hamilton School's Festival and all gymnasts had a fantastic day and participated like true Te Totara Stars. The following is placings in each section:

- ❖ Novice Girls Year 5/6: Mackenzie Sanford and Seane Van Staden 3rd equal
- ❖ Novice Boys Year 5/6: Norton Richards 1st, Kereama Gerrard 2nd
- ❖ Novice Girls Year 3/4: Mackenzie Young 3rd
- ❖ Flyers Year 3/4: Kacey-Leigh Faber 3rd
- ❖ Flyers Year 5/6: Phoenix Gothorp 3rd

In Term 3 we had 6 gymnasts attend the Waikato Regional Festival. Being selected for this event is a great achievement.

- ❖ Emmabella De Beer placed 2nd in Year 3&4 Flyers
- ❖ Lily Taylor placed 1st in Trampoline
- ❖ Lacey James placed 2nd in the Open Junior Section.



A brilliant effort from all of our gymnasts!



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm on Friday, 1 September 2023.** This week students from **Neptune and Milky Way Pods** will attend assembly and **Neptune 26** 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

Whole team!

TBA

Blake Stevens

Harshitha Donthi

Jyansh Prakash and Dylan Walker



DATES COMING UP

Wed 6 & 7 Sept	Photolife Class & Individual School Photos
Wed 6 Sept	Board Meeting at 6.30pm
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



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

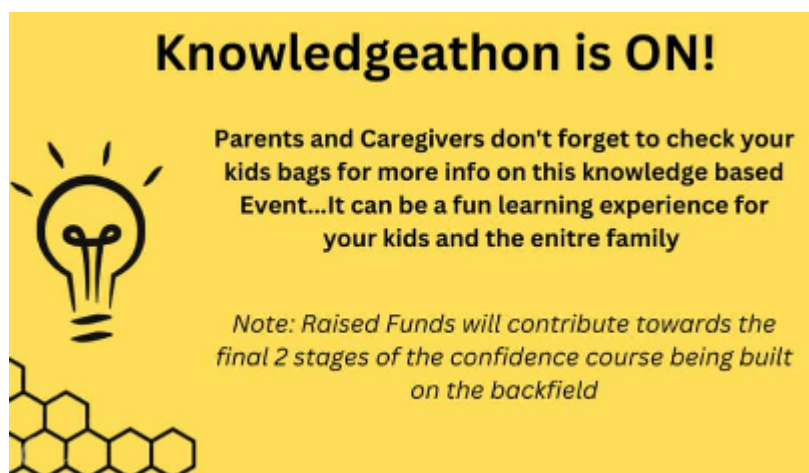
The PTA's next fundraising initiative, a Knowledge-a-thon is now ON! We hope you are enjoying learning new things about our country with your children.

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 (15th September).

How Testing Works. 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.

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!

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.

NEXT PTA MEETING

The next PTA Meeting will take place on 6th September 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 - Postpone to 6th September at 6.30pm
Knowledge-a-thon – Currently running! Testing in Week 15th September
Knowledge-a-thon – Sponsorship to be returned by Wednesday 18th October

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.**

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



OUT OF ZONE

2024 ENROLMENTS

NOW OPEN

Year 7, 8 and 9 only

See our website for more information
www.rhs.school.nz/enrolments

www.rhs.school.nz

(07) 854 0541

enrolments@rhs.school.nz

ROTOTUNA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Out of Zone Enrolments for Rototuna Junior High School

With more space and buildings being completed this year, Rototuna Junior High School (RJHS) is in a position to accept some Out of Zone enrolments for next year. This will be for students enrolling in Year 7, 8 or 9 only in 2024.

The number of out of zone students the school accepts is based on the number of in zone students enrolled. All out of zone student applications become part of a ballot process.

Key Dates:

Friday 22nd September: All 2024 Year 7/8/9 out of zone applications and supporting documentation must be at Rototuna Junior High School

Friday 6th October: The ballot process for Year 7/8/9 out of zone students will be completed

Friday 13th October: Families will be notified about the outcome of the ballot in writing (including those on a waiting list)

Monday 23rd October: Acceptance of enrolment must be confirmed for families

It is important to note that successful RJHS out of zone enrolments may not be eligible to enrol at Rototuna Senior High School in Year 11 if they are still living out of zone.

More information can be found on the RJHS Enrolment page at rhs.school.nz/enrolments