

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)

Tena koutou katoa,

We are rapidly approaching the end of Term 3 with **next Friday 22nd September being the last day** of school before our 2 week break.

I want to honour a long-standing staff member who will be leaving our school at the end of this term. **Jennie Brook-Watt**, our Assistant Principal was a foundation staff member at Te Totara and has given our school outstanding service over the past 16 years. She was employed before the school started to be our Junior Team Leader. Her main task was to create and implement all the systems and processes necessary to welcome our youngest learners and their families into our school. This was such a vital role particularly in those earliest days. As we grew larger and larger over the years Jennie proved to have been totally the right person for this role. The warm way our five year old learners and their whānau have been connected to our school is a tribute to Jennie's passion for our youngest students.



Since 2015 Jennie has been the Assistant Principal at our school leading our Learning Support teams as a highly valued member of the Senior Leadership Team. Exemplary service has been done in this space.

Jennie and her family are moving to the beautiful Marlborough region in the South Island. She is returning to nurture her love of working with young children by classroom teaching in a Year 2 class at Rai Valley Area School. She and Colin are looking forward to new adventures and a slightly slower pace of life in a stunning part of New Zealand's wine country. We thank her so much for being such a wonderful member of our Te Totara school family and we wish her all the best in her new endeavours.

Our Senior Leadership and School Board have worked through a rigorous process over the past month to select a new Assistant Principal for our school. We have chosen a very experienced teacher and leader for the position. Our new Assistant Principal from the beginning of Term 4 is **Mrs Maree Lewis**.

Maree has considerable experience in the role. She has a successful working knowledge of all aspects of Senior Leadership, having been an Assistant and Deputy Principal in recent years. She has worked at the Ministry of Education and also at the University of Waikato in the Graduate teacher programme. She has been developing her knowledge of our school, as she has been part of our school family over the past year with one of our New Entrant classes, learning the Better Start Literacy Programme that we have implemented in Year 1 and 2. Her strong focus is around the children and making decisions that are good for them. We are very much looking forward to working with Maree.



Due to this promotion for Mrs Lewis, there will be a change of teaching arrangements in Room 10. A letter will be sent home today for our families in this class. From Monday 9th October, **Miss Angela Sweeney** will teach Monday - Thursday in Room 10 and Suzanne Newrick will continue to teach on Fridays as usual. Miss Sweeney has previously taught at Te Totara School for many years and is an experienced teacher. She is very excited to be able to continue the great learning programmes set up by Mrs Lewis and to support Room 10 through this short term change.

*Anne Fraser*  
Principal

## 2023 YEARBOOK ORDERS ORDERS THROUGH KINDO ONLY

### **\$20.00 Early Bird price**

**\$25.00 if ordered after 3pm Friday 13th October, 2023**

Our wonderful school Yearbook is currently being put together, it's a great record of the years' learning and events and includes over 100 full colour pages. Children love reading the pages and do so for many years. Yearbook orders are placed through KINDO and close on **Wednesday 15th November, 2023 @ 3.00pm. Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.**



**kindo.**  
The online one stop school shop

**Please note: If you have Grandparents or friends who wish to order their own copy of our Yearbook, this must be ordered through KINDO and combined with your family order.**

### **TE TOTARA SCHOOL BOARD**

As part of our Te Totara School Charter regarding the objective of 'Growing Whanau and Community Engagement', the Board invites your feedback on our policies.

The Board will be reviewing the policies below at our next meeting on Thursday 21st September:

- **Strategic Planning & Self review Policy**
- **Emergency Management Procedure**

At our October Board Meeting we will be reviewing this policy:

- **Media Guidelines Policy**

*NOTE: All of the Te Totara Primary School Policies and Procedures are available for your information on our school website under the "School Board" red quick link tab from the home page.*

### **STUDENTS LEAVING TE TOTARA AT THE END OF TERM**

If you have not already notified us and are planning to leave our school at the end of Term 3, 2023 it would be appreciated if you could please urgently advise us by emailing Marise Crow at: [receptionist@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:receptionist@tetotara.school.nz)

If you have a child coming to Te Totara in the near future, we would love to have an Enrolment Form - it would be very much appreciated and certainly help with our future planning.

### **OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2024**

Please check out our school website for more information regarding the current OUTZ Enrolment process. Click on the following link:

[www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz)

**OUT OF ZONE  
INFORMATION**

**TE WIKI O TE REO MAAORI CELEBRATION AT ROTOTUNA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Wednesday, 13th September**



*KO TE REO TE MAURI O TE MANA MĀORI*  
*"Māori language is the life essence of Māori identity"*

- Sir James Hēnare

Te Totara Kapa Haka group continues to thrive under the skillful guidance of our kaiako, Whaea Penny. We are very proud of the effort and commitment all the students show every week, particularly, our senior rangatira who are becoming a confident group of performers. The singing is enthusiastic and the whanaungatanga within the group is wonderful to see. Their singing was a highlight at last night's Te Pae Here Showcase at the RJHS. Thank you to all the whaanau who supported us during the evening. Thank you to Rototuna Junior High School for hosting this amazing event.

Kapa haka helps our tamariki by:

- ★ affirming our unique identity as New Zealanders
- ★ being exposed to Māori values (e.g. whanaungatanga, ako, tuakana-teina)
- ★ gaining confidence through 'performance'
- ★ contributing to our holistic well-being HAUORA
- ★ learning how to communicate meaning using visual language, e.g. action songs and haka
- ★ developing fitness and coordination
- ★ being cognitively challenged due to the demands associated with recitation, repetition and memorisation
- ★ being part of a team and gaining strength from each other
- ★ demonstrating discipline and commitment
- ★ facilitating opportunities for leadership through a tuakana-teina approach
- ★ promoting personal growth and development





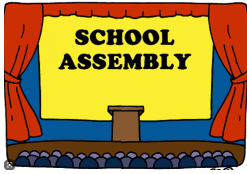


**LATEST TT TV EPISODE OUT NOW!**  
**Featuring Orion 7 and Neptune 27**



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

[TT TV Orion 7 and Neptune 27](#)



**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

This week's assembly will be held **in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm on Friday, 15th September 2023**. This week students from **Orion & Earth** will attend assembly and **Orion 8** will be sharing. Families from this classroom will be invited to attend via their classroom teacher.

**DATES COMING UP**

Tues 19 Sept  
 Thurs 21 Sept  
 Fri 22 Sept

Photolife Groups & Cluster Sports Photos  
 Board Meeting at 6.30pm  
 END OF TERM 3, 2023

Mon 9 Oct  
 Fri 20 Oct  
 Mon 23 Oct  
 Thurs 26 Oct  
 Tues 31 Oct

TERM 4 BEGINS  
 Teacher Only Day (**SCHOOL CLOSED**)  
 Labour Day (**SCHOOL CLOSED**)  
 Board Meeting at 6.30pm  
 Junior Have a Go Day  
*Thurs 2 Nov Postponement Date Junior Have a Go Day*

Tues 14 Nov

Senior Athletics Day  
*Thurs 16 Nov Postponement Date Senior Athletics Day*

Thurs 23 Nov  
 Wed 29 Nov  
 Mon 4 Dec  
 Tues 5 Dec  
 Wed 6 Dec  
 Fri 15 Dec

Board Meeting at 5.30pm  
 Year 6 Leavers Supper  
 School Celebration  
 School Celebration *Postponement Date*  
 Cluster Athletics Day (*Selected students only*)  
**FINAL DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR - SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM**



**KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

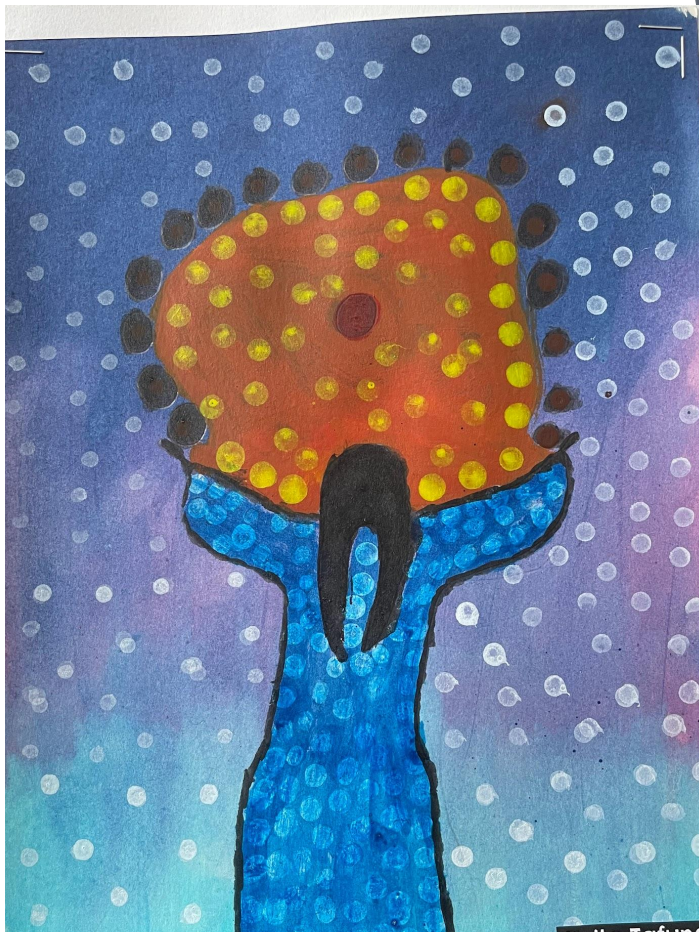
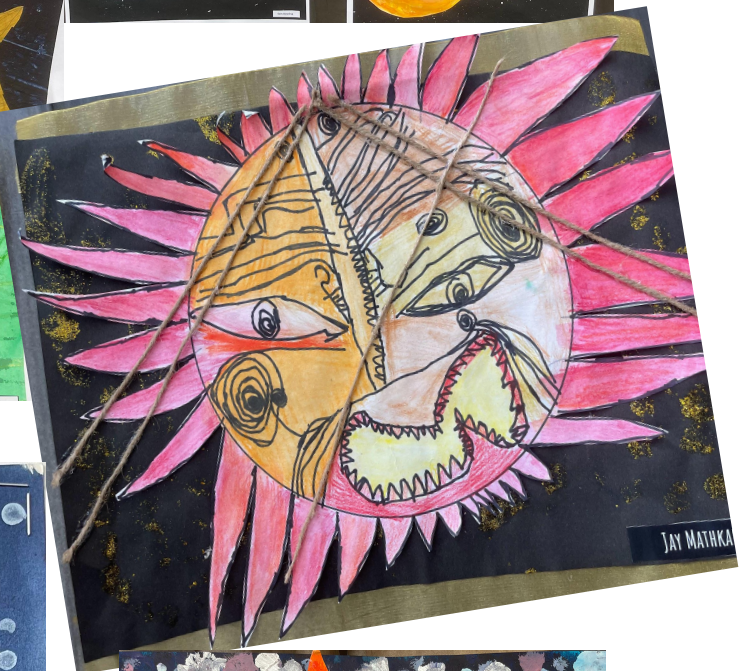
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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR ART EXHIBITION ON SPACE!









# TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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## KNOWLEDGE-A-THON

The PTA's fundraising Knowledge-a-thon is coming to a close with testing being held this week. If you child hasn't already been tested this week, then they have tonight as their last chance to learn the questions. Their result will be sent home for you to see how well they did. This needs to be written on their sponsorship form.

*We really hope your family, both adults and children, have enjoying learning new facts about our country.*

## COLLECTION OF SPONSORSHIP MONEY

Hopefully your child has gained some sponsorship over the past 4 weeks. Once their testing is complete, they can then begin to collect this. **All sponsorship money must be returned by Wednesday 18 th October 2023 (Term 4, Week 2) to be in the chance to win a prize.**

**Once all their sponsorship money has been collected there are two ways this can be returned to the PTA:**

1. **All sponsorship money and the sponsorship form need to be placed in a sealed envelope and returned to the green PTA box in the school office.** (The lovely ladies in the office can direct children to it if they are unsure).
2. **The PTA will also accept a direct credit of sponsorship money to their bank account. Bank Account Details are: Te Totara Primary School PTA, ASB 12-3171-0277833-000. This must be referenced with the child's name and room number and a copy of the sponsorship form must be placed in the green PTA box in the school office. Please only one deposit per child.**

## PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES....

**To be in with a chance to win these amazing prizes, the sponsorship money must be returned by Wednesday 18 th October 2023.**

**Prizes for each pod!** Return your sponsorship money and form on time for a chance to win a \$40 Paper Plus Voucher.

**One special prize!** A \$50 Paper Plus Voucher will be awarded to the student who raises the highest overall sponsorship.

## WHAT WILL THE MONEY BE USED FOR?

The first 2 stages of a new confidence course type playground were constructed at the beginning of this year on the perimeter of the back field, and the PTA has decided any money raised during this Knowledge-a-thon will go towards the construction of stages 3 & 4.

## 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!

Currently when you purchase a **3, 12 or 24 month Single City Membership** to The Entertainment App between **8.00pm, Thursday 31st August 2023 and 2.59pm, Thursday 21st September 2023** your new Membership purchase will be automatically **upgraded** to a Multi City Membership for free.



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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Knowledge-a-thon –Testing is this week 15th September

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

Next PTA Meeting – Wednesday 18th October

Your PTA Committee: *Kerri, Adelle, Navreet, Kerry and Garima*

## 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.**

Stories and More presents...

# The Magic Paua Shell

Written by Cecilia and Missy Mooney  
Directed by Cecilia Mooney

27th - 30th September 2023  
The Meteor Theatre

Hamilton City creative nz  
Stories and More

**World Car Free Day** Te raa motukaa kore o te Ao

Friday 22 September

Icons: person on bicycle, person on scooter, person pushing a stroller, bus.

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Hamilton City Council Te kauhīhara o Kirikiriroa



### LEADERSHIP – KIDS

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: 2 – 5 Oct 1-4 days Age 10+ Gain Certificate  
Crucial topics: leadership, bullies, conflict, challenges, depression, sports-stress, health, public speaking and AWESOME activities.  
Rave reviews from Kids! Help your child cope with life's challenges  
RING Roz 027 248 2888 [www.speak4success.co.nz](http://www.speak4success.co.nz)

**\$45**  
per day!

**\$125**  
for three days!

# BADMINTON CAMP

Come play badminton at the Eastlink Stadium during the holidays! All levels welcome! You will get the chance to have a lot of fun, meet other players and develop your game.

Scan the QR code below and sign up to Hello Club for free. Go to home in the menu and events will pop up on the screen. Find the holiday programme and sign up for all three days or sign up for individual days.

Prices include a daily bottle of water and chicken sushi from St. Pierre. Contact us if you have any dietary information.

**Eastlink Badminton Stadium**  
60 Old Farm Road, Hamilton East

**Register here**  
<https://club.waikatobadminton.co.nz>

**Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa**

**You will need:**

- Badminton equipment
- Water bottle
- Lunch optional (Sushi provided)

**Times**

0900-1500 every day  
The stadium will be open from 0800 with a coach present.

Contact: [jonas.kramer@waikatobadminton.co.nz](mailto:jonas.kramer@waikatobadminton.co.nz)

**September 25th - 27th**  
**and October 4th - 6th**

free events ages 5-12

**GET CRAFTY • LEARN NEW SKILLS • JOIN THE MAYHEM!**

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

**Join us for heaps of school holiday fun  
across all our libraries...**

**Wind Turbines • T-shirt Fabric Painting**  
**Paper Crafts • Reading Buddies • Land Yachts**  
**Macramé • Art Classes • Origami Workshop**  
and more!

**24 Sept - 6 Oct**

**Full details on our website**  
Registration required for some events

[hamiltonlibraries.co.nz](https://hamiltonlibraries.co.nz)



MĀORI  
LANGUAGE  
WEEK

11-17  
HEPETEMA  
2023

TE WIKI  
O TE REO  
MĀORI



**11-17 Hepetema 2023**  
Te Wiki o te Reo Māori



