

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)

** SCHOOL HOLIDAYS **

MONDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER TO FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER, 2023

The School Office will be open on Friday 6th October
from 9.00am - 2.00pm for Enrolment enquiries

School Begins on Monday 9th October at 8.55am

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have had a great term with our hard-working students. They have loved learning all about our country for our PTA Knowledgeathon, and all about space for our wonderful Art Expo. What an amazing array of art! The students worked very hard on their art projects and it showed.

The X Challenge and Cross Country trials have also been highlights this term. Now it's time for a holiday break for our tired learners. I hope you all have a wonderful break with your families, safe travels, enjoy your adventures together and the slower pace of life that holidays bring. I look forward to seeing you all at the beginning of Term 4.

Anne

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.

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.



kindo.
The online one stop school shop

FAMILY HOLIDAYS TAKEN DURING TERM TIME

We have noticed a trend of parent condoned holidays taken during the school term. **Please consider the effect this has on your child's learning by taking holidays at this time.**

In general terms the Ministry of Education expects families to schedule holidays during the approved school holiday breaks.

We have approximately 12 weeks of school holidays available each year to do so. Events like a Birthday aren't considered a valid reason for your child/ren being away from school either.

We do appreciate there may be some circumstances beyond the control of families whereby children will need to be away during term time, in this instance simply notifying the teacher/school verbally that your family is going on holiday is not sufficient.

Our school procedure is to email the Principal with the dates your child/ren will be absent from school and the reason why.



Your email will be acknowledged and the Attendance Register will be coded as a "G" during their absence from school. This code is one of the codes classified by the Ministry of Education as an 'unjustified absence.' We regularly monitor student absence and report to the Ministry of Education weekly and at the end of each term.

Email address for our Principal, Anne Fraser, is: principal@tetotara.school.nz

c.c. officeassistant@tetotara.school.nz (for the Attendance Register)

Does my child have to go to school every day?

Yes, your child must go to school every day. Under the Education Act 2020, parents and carers of school children up to 16 years old can be prosecuted if their child is away from school without a good reason.

For more information on Attendance at school, please click on the following link: [Education.govt.nz website](http://Education.govt.nz)

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

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.

TE TOTARA BUCKET SUN HATS - COMPULSORY TERM 4, 2023

With the warmer weather approaching our thoughts are turning towards protection against the summer sun. From the beginning of Term 4 **ALL** children will need to wear their Te Totara Primary School Red Bucket Hat when outside. These can be purchased through Direct Group.



YouTube **LATEST TT TV EPISODE OUT NOW!** **Featuring Orion 10 Neptune 28**

You can find the link on our website or for the latest episode click here [TT TV Orion 10 Neptune 28](#)



TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

2023 YEARBOOK COVER COMPETITION



Calling all Te Totara Artists! Prizes to be won!

Would you like to design the cover of the
2023 Te Totara Primary School Yearbook?



This would be a great holiday project!

Please include on your A4 sized paper:

- the school logo (see above)
- "Te Totara School Yearbook 2023"

Get creative! Paint, pastels, pencils, graphic design, photography
(taken and edited by you), are all welcome in this year's Yearbook.

Our theme this year is **'Summer'**

Deadline: **Tuesday 17th October @ 3pm**

Questions? Email Mrs May: juliam@tetotara.school.nz
or come and see Mrs May in Matawhero 2

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS - TO BE PAID THROUGH KINDO

As at today's date, the following amounts are still outstanding:

Lost Library Books	\$138
Mathletics/Mathseeds	\$9,555
Voluntary School Donation	\$64,520
Aquatics	\$5,034

We would really appreciate all outstanding fees being paid by Friday
27th October, 2023.

*Voluntary School Donation payments can be made at the beginning of the year
or throughout the year; the funds will be used for resources and activities for all the children.*

Any queries regarding your invoice, please email Kylie Cocurullo, our Business Manager at
kyliec@tetotara.school.nz

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.*



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

**OUT OF ZONE
INFORMATION**

** SCHOOL CLOSED ** TEACHER ONLY DAY ON FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER, 2023

This is a reminder about the **Teacher Only Day** that is occurring on **Friday 20th October, 2023**. This day was approved by our Board of Trustees and has been on our school calendars since the beginning of this year. This coincides with **Labour Day Monday 23rd October which is a Public Holiday**. Please note these dates in your calendars for next term.



DATES COMING UP

Fri 22 Sept	END OF TERM 3, 2023
Mon 9 Oct	TERM 4 BEGINS
Fri 20 Oct	Teacher Only Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Mon 23 Oct	Labour Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Thurs 26 Oct	Board Meeting at 6.30pm
Tues 31 Oct	Junior Have a Go Day <i>Thurs 2 Nov Postponement Date Junior Have a Go Day</i>
Tues 14 Nov	Senior Athletics Day <i>Thurs 16 Nov Postponement Date Senior Athletics Day</i>
Thurs 23 Nov	Board Meeting at 5.30pm
Tues 28 Nov	Volunteers "Thank you" Morning Tea
Wed 29 Nov	Year 6 Leavers Supper
Mon 4 Dec	School Celebration
Tues 5 Dec	School Celebration <i>Postponement Date</i>
Wed 6 Dec	Cluster Athletics Day (<i>Selected students only</i>)
Fri 15 Dec	FINAL DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR - SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM

World Car Free Day
Te raa motukaa kore o te Ao

Friday 22 September

Waikato Regional Council
Hamilton City Council

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: pta@tetotara.school.nz www.facebook.com/TTPTA

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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 – 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.**



HAMILTON CITY NETBALL CENTRE:

We have teamed up with some local sporting codes to bring you the Multi Sport Give it a Go! Holiday Programme.

We are excited to offer Softball, Touch, Football, Fencing, Rugby, Squash, Cricket, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Netball, Trikes, Fencing, and Yoga!

When: Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th of September

Where: Fraser High School

Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Price: \$20 per day



This programme is open to boys and girls who are Year 5-8 and is suitable for all abilities. Please click the following link for more information: <https://netballhamilton.org.nz/multi-sport-give-it-a-go>

To register, click the following link: <https://netballhamilton.org.nz/holiday-programme>

Any issues or queries, please contact Aoife at junior@netballhamilton.org.nz

THE 2023 GENERAL ELECTION

Enrol. Vote. Be heard.

vote.nz



ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR TERM 4 2023

Jitterbugs

DANCE LESSONS

Monday (Rototuna Junior High School Dance Studio)

- 3.40 Jitterbugs Seniors (by selection only)
- 4.10 MiniJam (girls & boys aged 3 - 5½)
- 4.35 Jitterbugs Advanced (by selection only)
- 5.05 Senior Hip Hop (girls aged 9- 14)

Tuesday (Flagstaff Fitness - now called Common Ground)

- 3.40 Jitterbugs Junior (girls aged 5 ½ - 7)
- 4.10 Jitterbugs Junior Plus (girls aged 7 - 8)
- 4.40 Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls 8 - 14)

Wednesday (Flagstaff Fitness - now called Common Ground)

- 3.30 Jitterbugs Mini's (girls aged 3 - 5½)
- 4.00 Jitterbugs Junior/Jitterjam (girls & Boys 5 ½-7)
- 4.30 Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls 8 - 14)

LESSONS START 16TH OCTOBER 2023

Every term the kids learn two dances and get to go on stage and present these to friends and family at a show. Outfits/t-shirts are provided for the show. Cost: \$120 for one kid, or \$230 for two kids
Email jolie at jitterbugsdancelessons@outlook.com or check out the jitterbugs dance lessons facebook page or website for more info



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