

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)

## Kia ora Te Totara whanau

Welcome back to school for the last school term of 2023. This is always a very busy term with activities, deadlines and events so we urge you to frequently check our Te Totara School Calendar. Also, we will keep you up-to-date with our weekly newsletters, the classroom Seesaw portal and from time-to-time with our school app alerts.

We are looking forward to an exciting term of learning with a great Social Sciences and Science Unit throughout the school on Coping with Natural Events and Disasters. There will be rich learning about the cause of challenging events and how communities are supported to rebuild through these.

We also have the Junior 'Have a Go' Day and Senior Athletics to look forward to in Weeks 4-6. Our Year 6 students are working hard to ensure they are well prepared for the next stage of their learning journey at new schools next year. We celebrate their time with us at the Year 6 Leaver's Supper in Week 8. Student Learning plans are online at 3pm on Friday 1 December. Our End of Year Celebration for all is in Week 9. There is lots to keep-up with before we close for the school year on Thursday 14th December - stay in touch through our communication channels, so you don't miss all these exciting happenings.

*Anne Fraser* - Principal

**\*\* SCHOOL CLOSED \*\***

**FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER - Teacher Only Day**  
**MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER - Labour Day Holiday**

**A reminder school will be CLOSED for these days.**  
**School opens again on Tuesday 24th October, 2023**

## PLANNING FOR 2024

We are beginning to plan for 2024 and are looking at next year's classes for our students. The process for organising classes includes:

- Looking at the school structure, the staff and how we can best cater for our students
- Classroom Teachers' reflections on their students' strengths and needs
- Student needs
- Student input from their five friends recorded on the class friendship list
- Parents input (please see below)

Parents have the opportunity to contribute towards the placement of their child by emailing Jo Stewart, Deputy Principal. Due to possible staff changes, it is best to consider the **type of teaching style, curriculum needs or learning environment** that you may be thinking of for your child, rather than asking for a specific teacher.

If you would like to add your thoughts to your child's placement for 2024, please email Jo Stewart, Deputy Principal, by **3.00pm Friday 3rd November, 2023** at: [dp@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:dp@tetotara.school.nz)

## **2024 School Term Dates** (Note: End of year finish date for next year amended)

- Term 1** (Note: Teacher Only Days 25th & 26th January, 2024 - No school)  
**Wednesday 31st January - Friday 12th April** (11 weeks)  
*Public Holidays (no school):*  
Tuesday 6th February (Waitangi Day)  
Friday 29th March (Good Friday)  
Monday 1st April (Easter Monday)  
Tuesday 2nd April (Easter Tuesday)
- Term 2** **Monday 29th April – Friday 5th July** (10 weeks)  
Friday 31st May - Teacher Only Day (no school)  
Monday 3rd June - King's Birthday Public Holiday (no school)  
Friday 28th June - Matariki Public Holiday (no school)
- Term 3** **Monday 22nd July – Friday 27th September** (10 weeks)  
Monday 26th August - Our Mid-Term Break (no school)
- Term 4** **Monday 14th October – Tuesday 17th December** (10 weeks)  
Friday 25th October - Teacher Only Day (no school)  
Monday 28th October (Labour Day) (no school)

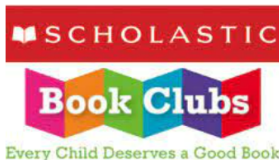
### **YEAR 6 LEAVERS – DESTINATION SCHOOL FOR 2024**

Many of our Year 6 families have already enrolled at an Intermediate School/High School for 2024 and have received confirmation of acceptance.

If you haven't already done so.... it would be much appreciated if you could advise Marise in the School Office of your decision on Ph: 853-0039 ext. 858 or via email [receptionist@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:receptionist@tetotara.school.nz) As you can imagine, these schools have a huge amount of applications to process and are keen to receive Enrolment Applications in advance. If you haven't made a decision yet, please also let us know.

### **TE TOTARA BUCKET SUN HATS - COMPULSORY TERM 4, 2023**

With the warmer weather approaching our thoughts are turning towards protection against the summer sun. The sun is very harsh in New Zealand with skin cancer occurring from sun damage in children. 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.



### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER - ISSUE NO. 7**

This week your child was given a Scholastic Book Club catalogue. These orders close at **9.15am on Tuesday, 24 October 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](https://www.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.*

## 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

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](mailto:juliam@tetotara.school.nz)  
or come and see Mrs May in Matawhero 2

**MUFTI DAY TO SUPPORT  
OUR 2024 SCHOOL CAMP  
FOR OUR YEAR 5&6 STUDENTS**  
Friday 27th October, 2023

We will be having a “**Mufti Day**” on Friday 27th October to help raise money for School Camp next year. This is one of several fundraising events happening this term to support the school in covering the extra costs of school camp, which have not been passed on to students in their camp fee of \$180.00 per student.

So, please come to school that day dressed in mufti clothing (*non-uniform*).

Your gold coin donation will be collected at the school gates from 8.30am onwards by some of our senior students.

If you miss our collectors, please hand your gold coin to your classroom teacher.



**LATEST TTV EPISODE OUT NOW!**

**Featuring Matawhero 3 & Ra 29**



You can find the link on our website or for the latest episode click here [TT TV Matawhero 3 & Ra 29](#)



**ROUTINE HEARING CHECKS IN SCHOOL**  
**Term 4 Testing Date Fri 1 December 2023 @ 9.30am**

**Information on Hearing Checks in School**

Hearing Technicians from Community Health will be visiting our school. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected hearing defects.

Which children are routinely checked?

- Children who have not completed hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check
- Children absent from previous visit, require retests or follow up In special circumstances, parents, teachers or others may request a hearing check

Please note...they only do requests for hearing. If there are concerns for vision in a student, the family will need to take their child to see an optometrist.

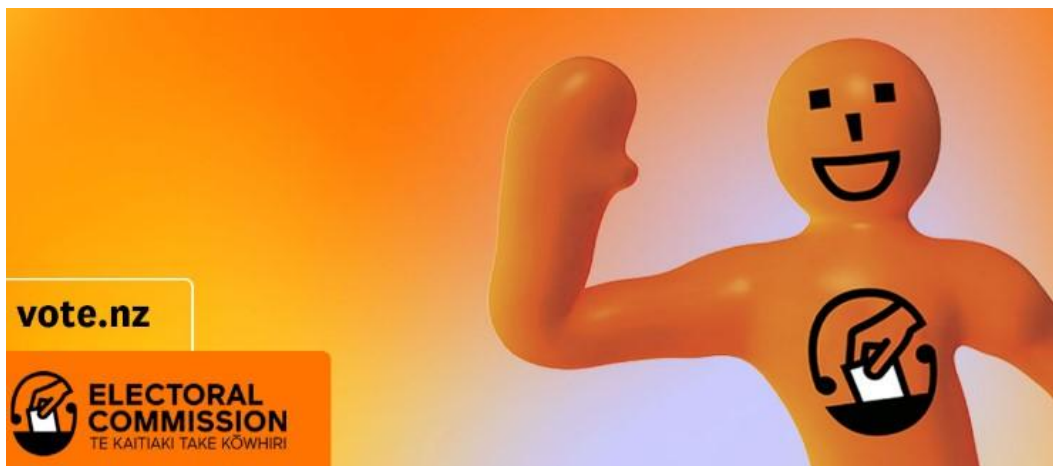
If any parents/caregivers do not want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.



## DATES COMING UP

Mon 9 Oct	TERM 4 BEGINS
Wed 18 Oct	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
Fri 20 Oct	Teacher Only Day ( <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> )
Mon 23 Oct	Labour Day ( <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> )
Thurs 26 Oct	Board Meeting at 6.30pm
Fri 27 Oct	Muffi Day - Gold Coin donation to support Year 5 & 6 School Camp (2024)
Tues 31 Oct	Junior Have a Go Day
	<i>Thurs 2 Nov Postponement Date Junior Have a Go Day</i>
Wed 8 Nov	Bake Sale to support Year 5&6 School Camp (2024)
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
Fri 1 Dec	Ice-Block Day to support Year 5&6 School Camp (2024)
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> )
Thurs 14 Dec	<b>FINAL DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR - SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM</b>

## VOTING OPEN AT TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER



**Te Totara Primary School** 31 Hector Drive

Opening hours

Sat 14 Oct 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM



# TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: [pta@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:pta@tetotara.school.nz) [www.facebook.com/TTPTA](http://www.facebook.com/TTPTA)

Please 'like' our Facebook page to ensure you keep in the news loop: [www.facebook.com/TTPTA](http://www.facebook.com/TTPTA)



## KNOWLEDGE-A-THON

The PTA's fundraising Knowledge-a-thon is coming to a close next week. A big thank you to all the parents and caretakers who have already either deposited money or dropped it into the green box. We are well on the way to be able to make a great donation to school for stage 3 and 4 of the confidence course. *We really hope your family, both adults and children, have enjoyed learning new facts about our country.*

## COLLECTION OF SPONSORSHIP MONEY

Hopefully your child has gained some sponsorship over the past few weeks. As testing has been completed now, they can begin to collect this. **All sponsorship money must be returned by Wednesday 18th October 2023 (next week) 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 18th 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! When you purchase a **3, 12 or 24 month** Single City Membership to The Entertainment App between **6.00pm, Wednesday 4th October 2023 and 11.59am Thursday 26th October 2023** your new Membership purchase will be automatically **upgraded** to a Multi City Membership for free. Multi City Membership unlocks access to thousands of offers in 20 cities across New Zealand and Australia.

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.**



Northern United Fantails is back for Term 4!  
A fantastic programme that runs for 6 weeks designed to attract new female players aged 4-8 years old to try football in a safe and enjoyable environment.

Our goal is to increase the number of girls participating in football by offering flexible opportunities to play the game they love. With Fantails, your little ones can make friends, have fun, improve their skills, and stay active through the beautiful game.

When: Starting Monday 16th October - 4.00pm - 4.45pm

Duration: 6 weeks

Where: Korikori Park, Rototuna

Cost: \$30 per term

For more information and to register - please visit:

<https://www.northernunitedfootball.co.nz/Football-1/northern-united-fantails>



At Northern United our Vision is to create a lifelong love of sport at all ages, and we are excited to advise that our Community Play programme is back for Term 4, running alongside our Fantails Programme.

Community Play is a Give-it-a-Go program for children aged 4 to 8 wanting a taste of football over a short time period and without Saturday games.

When: Starting Monday 16th October - 4.00pm - 4.45pm

Duration: 6 weeks

Where: Korikori Park, Rototuna

Cost: \$30 per term

For more information and to register - please visit

<https://www.northernunitedfootball.co.nz/Football-1/community-play-football>



## Te Miro Mountain Bike Clubs

Thursday Night Summer Race  
Series is proudly sponsored by

**Riverside Adventures Waikato!**

Racing runs from the 12th of October to  
the 14th of December and the 1st of  
February to the 28th of March.  
Rego opens at 6:00PM, closes at  
6:20PM. Racing starts at 6:30.

3 tracks to choose from. Tracks for all  
skills and fitness levels. Races last for 60  
mins. Your best 10 races will determine  
this years summer series winners!  
Free for Te Miro club members. \$5 non  
members.

Any questions regarding summer series please contact  
the club or phone / txt 0272363778 A/H

**Kids in  
NEED  
WAIKATO  
OPEN DAY**

Have you ever wanted to take a closer look at  
what we do? Bring the whole family!

- SPECIAL GUESTS
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE
- MUSIC
- COFFEE
- BOUNCY CASTLES
- TOURS
- FACE PAINTING
- PICK A XMAS WISH

SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER  
10AM-2PM

118 FENCOURT RD  
CAMBRIDGE

Check Facebook for  
event updates:  
Kids in Need Waikato

Parking  
across the  
road!

WELCOME

CASTLE

MUSIC