

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 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

SHOOT KEYS EMAILED TO FAMILIES - PHOTOLIFE CLASS & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

Shoot Keys for these photos have been emailed to our families overnight. If you did not receive your unique key code, please check your trash/spam folder.

If you have any queries, please call Photolife direct on **0800 501040** or email them on enquiries@photolife.co.nz

PLEASE NOTE:

The cut-off date for "Free Delivery" orders to the school is midnight on **Sunday 5th November, 2023**. Photos will be delivered to the school before the end of the school year



KINDO - "PAY IT FORWARD" (PASTORAL CARE)

To help support other Te Totara families who may be experiencing financial hardship, we have set up a **"Pay it Forward"** tab in KINDO. This is where our wider school community can help by making a financial contribution to this fund. Currently, the "pay it forward" monies we receive will go towards the 2024 School Camp fees for some of our Year 5 & 6 students' families who may be struggling to cover the entire camp costs.



We thank you for your kindness in advance, it is very much appreciated.

The screenshot shows the KINDO website navigation bar with links for home, ezlunch, Pay it Forward (highlighted), Class Trips, The Amazing Ra..., and Yearbook. Below the navigation is a breadcrumb trail: Home > Pay it Forward. The main heading is 'Pay it Forward'. Underneath, it says 'Pay it Forward 3 items'. There are three product cards, each featuring a 'PAY IT FORWARD' graphic with two smiling red hearts. The first card is for \$10.00, the second for \$20.00, and the third for \$50.00. Each card includes the text: 'Many thanks for your kind contribution, it is very much appreciated. Your "Pay it Forward" contribution will go...' and an 'Add to cart' button.

2023 FEES, SPORTS REGISTRATIONS & DONATIONS PAID VIA KINDO

Please Note: Aquatics will be charged after your child's class has had their lessons.

Available to pay/register via KINDO now:

- **Amazing Race (Selected Students ONLY)**
Cut-off Date for registration is 3.00pm on Monday 23rd October
- **Topa Tamaiti Pasifika Celebration (Selected Students ONLY)**
Cut-off Date for registration is 3.00pm on Friday 10th November
- **2023 Yearbook Orders**
Cut-off Date for orders is 3.00pm Wednesday 15th November



Kindo Questions? **Kindo Helpdesk on 0508 454636 (toll free)**

**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.



FRIDAY TERM 4, WEEK 3
(27.10.23)

GET
**COLOURFUL
FOR CAMP!**

WEAR YOUR MOST COLOURFUL OUTFITS AND
BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION TO SUPPORT
OUR LEARNERS GOING TO CAMP IN 2024!

**2023 YEARBOOK ORDERS
ORDERS THROUGH KINDO ONLY
\$25.00**

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 SCHOOL BOARD

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

The Te Totara School Board, will be reviewing the policies below at our next Board meeting on Thursday 26th October:

- **Media Guidelines Policy**

At the November Board meeting the Board will be reviewing the following policies:

- Allocation of Units
- Sexual Harassment 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.

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 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.

DATES COMING UP

Mon 9 Oct	TERM 4 BEGINS
Wed 18 Oct	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
Fri 20 Oct	Teacher Only Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Mon 23 Oct	Labour Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Wed 25 Oct	PTA meeting at 7:30 in the Staff Lounge
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	FINAL DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR - SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM

2024 School Term Dates

(Note: End of year finish date for next year amended)

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



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 fundraising Knowledge-a-thon has now come to an end, hopefully you all remembered to get your money in by yesterday to ensure you are in the prize draw to win Paper Plus vouchers. Remember there is a \$40 voucher for each pod to be won and a \$50 voucher for the person who raised the highest overall sponsorship. Winners will be advised next week.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the Knowledge-a-thon, it was a huge success and the PTA has raised an amazing amount of money to give to back to the school for stages 3 & 4 of the confidence course. We should be able to provide an update on the amount in next week's newsletter.

If you still have money to return, please do so as soon as possible, but you will not be entered into the prize draw for the vouchers.

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.

NEXT MEETING

Unfortunately, we had to cancel last night's PTA meeting. This has been rescheduled for next Wednesday 25th October at 7:30pm in the Staff Lounge.

We are planning for the upcoming disco and ice block days and would love to have you join us.

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 TheEntertainment App between **6.00pm, Wednesday 4th October 2023 and 11.59am, Thursday 26th October 2023 NZDT** 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.

DISCO

The **next PTA Disco is coming soon on Friday 10th November**. The theme will be "Out of this World". Watch this space for further details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Knowledge-a-thon – Please return any money as soon as possible

Next PTA Meeting – Wednesday 25 th October at 7:30pm

Out of this World Theme Disco – Friday 10 th November

Ice Block Day – Friday 24 th November

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.**



ATHLETICS
NEW ZEALAND

GIVE IT A GO
THIS SUMMER!

Find your local club at athletics.org.nz

Thanks to our partners **douglas** **GO Media**

The poster features a collage of athletes in action against a blue background with a white particle effect. At the top left is the Athletics New Zealand logo. The athletes include a female runner in a blue singlet, a male high jumper in a red singlet, a male shot put thrower in a blue singlet with 'INVERCARGILL' and '1017' on it, a female runner in a red singlet, and a male pole vaulter in a blue singlet with 'OTAGO' and '104' on it. The text 'GIVE IT A GO THIS SUMMER!' is written in large, white, brush-stroke font. Below it is the website 'athletics.org.nz'. At the bottom, it says 'Thanks to our partners' followed by the logos for 'douglas' and 'GO Media'.