

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)

Kia ora o Te Totara whanau,

The term seems to be flying by with events, end of year learning and assessments are in full swing. At this time of the year, as well as being very busy with 2023 actions, we are also planning for 2024, finalising staffing and are about to compile class lists. It is with a view to ongoing planning that I need to let you all know of an important change occurring at Te Totara.

Over the past few months I have thought deeply about my teaching career and when would be the right time for me to retire. I have been teaching now for 43 years and have always felt that making a difference in the lives of children was my vocation. Even on the hardest of days I have felt the privilege of the role and I have never wanted to do anything else.

Being the foundation Deputy Principal at Te Totara for 11 years with Brian, then Principal for the past five years has simply been the highlight of my career. From those earliest days of 58 students to 792 today, I have felt so fortunate to be part of a wonderful learning community with dedicated and caring staff, affirming and involved families like yourselves and our fantastic learners who have brought me so much joy every day.

I need now to join my husband Greg, and my family, in a more relaxed lifestyle and have new adventures both here and overseas. We have family here in New Zealand and in Australia, and the pull to spend time with our children and four little grandchildren is very strong!

This will be a big adjustment for me and I will miss our school deeply. The wonderful people, especially our children will remain close to my heart however it is time for me to put my family and my own needs first.

I think the school is very well placed to move forward, through the deeply committed people who work here, our caring School Board, our strong systems and support structures. Succession planning is always ongoing in large and successful organisations like Te Totara.

Anne

Principal

Te Totara Primary School



A MESSAGE FROM THE TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD:

The Board is very sad to see our wonderful Principal moving on, and want to thank her for gifting this school so much of her love, time and talents. You have been such an asset, Mrs. Fraser. You are well-loved and will be greatly missed. The Board wishes you all the best for your future. May your star shine bright!

The Board would like to assure the community that we are undertaking a robust process to ensure the right person is found for this important role of Principal for Te Totara Primary School. We are looking to consult the community throughout November with a view to advertising the position in December. The interview process will take place early in the school year of 2024. The Board have moved quickly to ensure the smooth running of the school and are pleased to announce that Jo Stewart, our Deputy Principal will be stepping into the role of Acting Principal.

We will keep you updated as the process continues.

Melissa Guyan

Presiding Member

Te Totara Primary School Board

**SHOOT KEYS EMAILED TO FAMILIES
PHOTOLIFE CLASS & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS**

**** Order by Sunday 5th November for “Free Delivery” ****

Shoot Keys for these photos have been emailed to our families last week. 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

PLANNING FOR 2024 - LAST DAY FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER FOR PARENT FEEDBACK

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** (tomorrow) at: dp@tetotara.school.nz



MUFTI DAY FUNDS RAISED - THANK YOU!

We wish to thank all the students that participated in the “Get Colourful” Mufti Day last Friday to support our 2024 School Camp for Year 5&6 students. We raised a grand total of **\$970.80 - well done!!**

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:

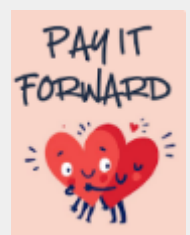
- **2023 Yearbook Orders - \$25.00 per book**
Cut-off Date for orders is 3.00pm Wednesday 15th November

- **2024 Year 5&6 School Camp - \$180.00**

- **Pay it Forward - \$10.00, \$20.00 or \$50.00**

Currently, any “pay it forward” monies we receive will go towards the 2024 Year 5&6 School Camp fees for some of our families who may be struggling to cover the entire camp costs

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





OUT OF THIS WORLD!

DISCO

Friday 10th November 2023

Year 0-2: 5:15-6:00pm

Year 3-4: 6:15-7:00pm

Year 5-6: 7:15-8:15pm



Glow sticks, snacks and drinks for sale on the night

\$2 ENTRY

A Fundraiser for Te Totara Primary School PTA

2023 YEARBOOK ORDERS ORDERS THROUGH KINDO ONLY \$25.00 PER BOOK

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.



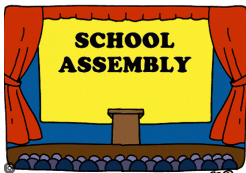
TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

If you are a Coach or Manager, please email the POD by **Wednesday 1pm** to stephy@tetotara.school.nz



Touch
Comets

Luca Kaukau and Ophelia Randell



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held in the **Matariki Hall** at **2.00pm** on **Friday 2nd November, 2023.** This week students from **Matawhero, Ra and Marama Pods** will attend assembly and **Matawhero 2&3** will be sharing. Families from this classroom will be invited to attend via their classroom teacher.

YEAR 3-6 BAKE SALE

YEAR 4-6 STUDENTS ARE BRINGING IN BAKING...
THEN YEAR 3-6 STUDENTS CAN BUY IT!
YUMMY CUPCAKES, COOKIES, BROWNIE AND MORE!

\$2
EACH

**WEDNESDAY 8TH
NOVEMBER
IN MATARIKI**

FURTHER INFORMATION HAS BEEN
SENT OUT ON SEESAW FOR THE
STUDENTS INVOLVED.

ALL MONEY RAISED GOES
TOWARDS CAMP 2024

KINDO NOW OFFERS ONLINE EFTPOS FOR SCHOOL PAYMENTS

You can now enjoy using online EFTPOS with the following banks when making payments on your mykindo account- **ANZ, ASB, BNZ, Co-operative Bank and Westpac**. Check out the [support page](#) (click the blue link) for more information.



If you don't bank with one of the above banks

The Online EFTPOS team are currently working to bring on other banks. They will happily pass on your feedback if you drop them an email at oesupport@paymark.co.nz to let them know who you bank with and how much you'd love to see Online EFTPOS! If you feel generous to contact your bank directly, it'll help them even more.

DATES COMING UP

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| Wed 8 Nov | Year 3-6 Bake Sale to support Year 5 & 6 School Camp (2024) |
| Fri 10 Nov | School Disco "Out of this World" theme. \$2.00 Entry Fee
5:15pm - 6.00pm (Year 0-2)
6:15pm - 7.00pm (Year 3-4)
7:15pm - 8:15pm (Year 5-6) |
| Tues 14 Nov | Senior Athletics Day
<i>Thurs 16 Nov Postponement Date Senior Athletics Day</i> |
| Wed 22 Nov | PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm in the Staff Lounge |
| Thurs 23 Nov | Board Meeting at 5.30pm |
| Tues 28 Nov | Volunteers "Thank you" Morning Tea |
| Fri 24 Nov | PTA Ice-Block Day - \$2.00 each |
| Wed 29 Nov | Year 6 Leavers Supper |
| Fri 1 Dec | Ice-Block Day to support Year 5&6 School Camp (2024) \$2.00 each |
| Mon 4 Dec | School Celebration |
| Tues 5 Dec | School Celebration <i>Postponement Date</i> |
| Thurs 7 Dec | RJHS Orientation Day 9.30am - 12.00 midday
(only for students who have had their enrolment confirmed by RJHS) |
| Wed 6 Dec | Cluster Athletics Day (Selected students only) |
| Fri 8 Dec | PTA Ice-Block Day - \$2.00 each |
| Thurs 14 Dec | FINAL DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR - SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM |

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



DISCO

The PTA are hosting an “Out of this World” disco on Friday 10th November.

Come dressed as your favourite extraterrestrial, a spacecraft or anything you consider Out of this World. Dress up is optional. The PTA will be selling snacks, drinks and glowsticks on the night. A price list will be published closer to the event.

Date: Friday 10th November 2023

Time: 5:15pm - 6pm (Year 0-2)

6:15pm - 7pm (Year 3-4)

7:15pm - 8:15pm (Year 5-6)

Entry: \$2.00 per student

We need parent helpers to make this event a success, so if you are able to help out on the night, please keep an eye on Seesaw as it will be sent out shortly. Alternatively, please email the PTA at pta@tetotara.school.nz

Volunteers Needed

We need some more volunteers to help at the disco, either on the door, at the selling tables or cleanup afterwards. If anyone can help, please ask them to click on this link and complete the form. <https://forms.gle/LCcf87EZG7Ecyarn6>



KNOWLEDGE-A-THON

The PTA's fundraising Knowledge-a-thon has now finished. **A HUGE thank you to all the students who returned sponsorship money. We raised just under \$10,000 and this will be donated to school to help fund stages 3 & 4 of the confidence course.**

Any outstanding knowledge-a-thon money can still be dropped in the box or deposited to the PTA bank account.

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! It is your passport to a world of exclusive benefits, unforgettable experiences and endless entertainment.

The next promotion running from 8pm Thursday 26th October until 1:59pm Monday 6th November is called **Orange Thursday**. This promo gives you 25% off the original price of all 12 and 24 month memberships and also earns Te Totara Primary School PTA an additional AUD \$10 on top of the 20% we already earn when you use this link to purchase your membership. <https://subscribe.entertainmentnz.com/fundraiser/15502m5>. We thank you for your continued support.

ORANGE THURSDAY
25% OFF MEMBERSHIPS*
EXTRA \$10* GOES TO OUR FUNDRAISER

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

*Applies to 12 and 24 month Memberships only. Terms & Conditions apply.

Orange means..

- optimism ☀️
- happiness 👑
- energy ⚡️
- youthfulness 🌸
- positivity 😊
When you focus on the good, the good gets better.
- warmth 🔥

UPCOMING EVENTS

Out of this World Theme Disco – Friday 10th November

PTA Meeting - Wednesday 22nd November at 7:30pm

Ice Block Day – Friday 24th November

Ice Block Day - Friday 8th December

Your PTA Committee: *Kerri, Adelle, Navneet, 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 BMX Club Brings You A Day At The Track To:

BE A BMX QUEEN



WOMAN, LADIES, GIRLS, MUMS,
DAUGHTERS AND EVEN GRANDMAS

COME TRY BMX

Saturday | 25th Nov | 9am-11am

Morning Tea | Spot Prizes

Hamilton BMX Club, Minogue Park, Forest Lake

Must Bring: Long-sleeve Top, Pants, Covered Shoes

Can Bring: Off Road Bike, Gloves, Helmet

(Available from Club: BMX Bikes, Gloves, Full Face Helmets)



FUN - FAMILY - FRIENDSHIPS - EXHILARATING - SUPPORTIVE - POSITIVE