

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

With the retirement of our wonderful Principal, Anne Fraser, the School Board now has a vital role in helping to ensure we select a Principal that will best serve our school going forward. We are aware of the importance of this appointment and we are working hard to ensure that we get the best possible person to be our Principal going forward.

Before advertising the position, we are very keen to get the views of our parents/caregivers, staff, students and other family or community members to support the appointment process as part of our Strategic Plan. We will use this information to help shape the applicant requirements, advertisement and interview questions when selecting who our next Principal will be. To do this, we are holding a community drop-in session for parents/caregivers and other family or community members to chat with the School Board about the upcoming appointment and possible criteria. **This will be held in the Te Totara Staff Lounge on Monday 20th November from 2.00pm - 3.00pm. We will also hold a drop-in session for our Maori community on Wednesday 22nd November from 2.00pm - 3.00pm in the Staff Lounge.**



In addition, we have a brief online survey for everyone to contribute ideas for this important appointment, so we get a wide cross-section of our school community contributing.

Click the link: <https://forms.gle/AxMSe24gxoVfe18s9> This survey needs to be completed by **midday on Thursday 23rd November, 2023.**

Melissa Guyan

Presiding Member

Te Totara Primary School Board

YEAR 6 LEAVERS SUPPER - RSVP REMINDER WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER, 2023

This week our Year 6 students have been given an invitation to attend the Leavers Supper and an RSVP slip to return to the school.

They have been asked to please bring a plate of finger food to share for supper. Adults, please bring your own beverages and drinking vessel. Paper plates and cups for the supper will be provided.



Unfortunately, due to limited space and capacity requirements in the hall, **parents/caregivers only - no siblings please (maximum of 2 adults only)**. We are really looking forward to this special evening!

Please return your RSVP slip to the Office Mooloo Box by Thursday 23th November, 2023.



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE - 2024 BOOKINGS OPEN

Bookings for 2024 are now open! All bookings must be made online by going to the School website then clicking on 'Enrol Now' on the Before and After School Care page. Once registered and logged in you will be able to make all your 2024 bookings. Please feel free to contact Katrina on 027 8530032 or afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz if you have any questions or issues making your booking. Alternatively you are welcome to pop in to see Katrina at ASC in the Matariki Hall on a Wednesday or Friday afternoon.

VOLUNTEERS "THANK YOU" MORNING TEA TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 9.00AM - 9.45AM

A warm invitation is extended to helpers of our school for a special morning tea in the Staff Lounge @ 9.00am to say "Thanks". If you were involved in helping out in any way at school (i.e., coaching, bookbinding, sports help, classroom help, transport etc) or in any other way, we would love to see you.

Please RSVP "YES" if you are coming to Marise by 9.00am Friday 24th November to: receptionist@tetotara.school.nz or Ph (07) 853-0039 ext. 858

Note: Please include your full name on your reply.



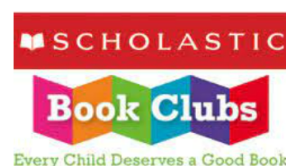
SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER - ISSUE NO. 8

FINAL ISSUE OF THE YEAR!

This week your child was given a Scholastic Book Club catalogue. These orders close at 9.15am on Friday 24th November 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.
2. Through the Scholastic LOOP app
3. In person using EFTPOS at the school office.



If we receive any orders with cash from students, we will return them home with the student.

REMINDER: SCHOOL STARTS AT 8.55AM

Just a reminder to our families that our school day starts promptly with the bell at 8.55am. The teachers then greet their classes and complete the school attendance register which is then relayed to the school office.

We understand there may be rare occasions where your child arrives late at school (after 8.55am), we require families to report to the School Office for the child to be signed-in using the VisTab tablet and issued with a "Late Card" prior to heading to their learning areas.

So please, we ask parents to ensure their children arrive at school with at least five minutes to spare, for them to organise themselves by hanging up their school bag and sorting their book bag independently.

We appreciate your effort in ensuring your child/ren arrive at school in good time before the first bell at 8.55am.



STUDENT STATIONERY FOR 2024

Order your child's stationery now and avoid the rush!

We know getting ready for the first day back at school can be a challenge for parents and kids. That's why we've teamed up with OfficeMax to make your back to school shop super easy.

If you order before 31st December, you'll go in the draw to WIN 1 of 5x \$1000 cash prizes *

** Terms & Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details. Exclusions apply, see myschool.co.nz/delivery for details*

You can choose to receive your order straight away or in January.

You'll find your child's school stationery list **online** by visiting: www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara

Simply select your child's year level in 2024 and follow the instructions on the website.

Please note: You do not need a Student ID, please leave this field blank. If you have a 5-year-old new entrant starting in Term 1, 2024 your child will be classified as a Year 1.



OfficeMax
MySchool

Beat the rush and order back to school stationery now!

Class lists are ready to shop at myschool.co.nz

OfficeMax MySchool makes Back to School easy for you with these great benefits:

- **Order the easy way** - online at myschool.co.nz/tetotara OR call the OfficeMax My School Team on Freephone 0800 724 440 from Monday to Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm.
- **Pay now or in easy installments** - internet banking, credit cards, debit cards or pay in 6 weekly, interest-free payments with Layby* ** Terms & Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details*
- **Price Match Promise** - shop with confidence, if you find a lower price OfficeMax will match it. Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details.
- **Free Delivery - for orders over \$70.00 ^**
Choose delivery to your home or workplace. Receive your order during the holidays, straight to your door at a time that suits you. See myschool.co.nz for delivery windows.
^ Exclusions apply, see myschool.co.nz/delivery for details
- **Beat the back to school rush** - avoid busy shopping malls and traffic queues by shopping online from the comfort of your home so your child starts the school year with the correct stationery supplies.
- **School Rewards** —Buying through OfficeMax MySchool also earns "School Rewards" for our school which we can redeem for much needed educational supplies, equipment for our classrooms or to help those students in need.

Many of our families used this online system last year and will be familiar with the ordering process. This website is available from today for ordering at: www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the School Office on 07 853-0039.



Ordering is super easy.

- Go to myschool.co.nz to find your school list
- Check that you want everything on the list
- Enter your details and choose how to pay
- Choose when you want your order delivered, before Xmas or in January
- Your delivery is underway **PLUS you're in to win***

*Terms and conditions apply. See below for details.

Please ensure you have placed your online order no later than **Wednesday 10th January, 2024** to ensure delivery before school starts on **Wednesday 31st January, 2024.**

Please ensure your child/ren have all their school stationery items before Term 1 begins.

PARENT PORTAL - STUDENT LEARNING PLANS

Available online from **3.00pm Friday 1st December, 2023**

Rather than send home a hard copy of the Learning Plan report, you can download a copy from the Parent Portal and save it to your computer.

We will send you an email beforehand which will contain your User ID and Password details for the Parent Portal. Once you have successfully logged-in, we recommend you change your password.

It is very important that we hold the correct email address for each parent/caregiver, feel free to contact the School Office on (07) 853-0039 if you would like to check this.

Please note: If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the School Office on (07) 853-0039 and we will arrange for a hard-copy.



CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS OR FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES

Just a little reminder that if you have changed any of your details i.e. family circumstances, phone, address, email etc; to please advise the School Office on (07) 853-0039 or email stephy@tetotara.school.nz so we can update your records accordingly. We continue to encourage our families to please check your contact details are correct through the Parent Portal at www.atschool.co.nz using the User ID and Passwords that were provided with your child/ren's previous Learning Plan.



FINAL TTTV EPISODE FOR 2023 OUT NOW! Featuring Neptune 25 and Ra 32



You can find the link on our website or for the latest episode click here [TT TV Term 4 2023](#)



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:

- 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)

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The online one stop school shop

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 Rugby

Comets Roman Flutey and Kris Wang
Rockets TBA



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm on Friday 17th November, 2023**. This week students from **Neptune and Milky Way Pods** will attend assembly and **Neptune 28** will be sharing. Families from this classroom will be invited to attend via their classroom teacher.

DATES COMING UP

Mon 20 Nov	Parent/Caregiver drop-in session - New School Principal Consultation to be held in the Staff Lounge from 2.00pm - 3.00pm
Wed 22 Nov	Maori Community drop-in session - New School Principal Consultation to be held in the Staff Lounge from 2.00pm - 3.00pm
Wed 22 Nov	PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm in the Staff Lounge
Thurs 23 Nov	Board Meeting at 5.30pm
Fri 24 Nov	PTA Ice-Block Day - \$2.00 each
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) \$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 (<i>Selected students only</i>)
Fri 8 Dec	PTA Ice-Block Day - \$2.00 each
Tues 12 Dec	1.30pm - 2.00pm Meet the 2024 Class Teacher
Thurs 14 Dec	FINAL DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR - SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM
Wed 31 Jan	TERM 1, BEGINS @ 8.55am

2024 School Term Dates

Term 1	(Note: Teacher Only Days 25th & 26th January, 2024 - No school) 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>



HIGHLIGHTS FROM ATHLETICS DAY



I am strong like a Totara Tree



A Totara tree is strong because of its root system.
It remains strong even when the wind blows.

The challenges we face are like the wind ...
They help to strengthen our root systems and make us grow strong.

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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SCHOOL DISCO

Thank you to everyone that came along to our Out of this World School Disco last Friday night, it was such a fun evening. The costumes the children wore were amazing and a lot of thought had gone into them.

To our wonderful team of volunteers...as always your help is greatly appreciated and ensured the PTA were able to run the Disco. Thank you so much for taking charge of the entry/exit doors and selling items on the night. Also an extra thanks to the parents and caregivers who made themselves available on the night to help out.

The School Disco was a huge success and we raised **\$2,803**. This money will be donated back to the school and will be put towards something that will benefit all of our students.



ICE BLOCK DAYS



The PTA has two ice block days planned before the end of the year and are needing 3 volunteers each day to help sell ice blocks. If you are able to give up an hour of your day to set up tables and sell ice blocks on Friday 24th November or Friday 8th December from 12:15pm we would love to hear from you. Please send a quick email to pta@tetotara.school.nz and let us know when you can help.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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, Navreet, Kerry and Garima*