



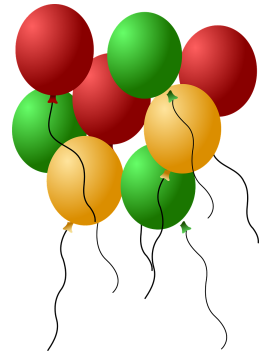
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END OF YEAR CELEBRATION - MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER AT 5.45PM

First postponement date: Tuesday 5th December, 2023

This is our annual event to celebrate another great year at Te Totara. Here is some information to help make it a special event:

- It is a school event, so children need to be in a clean and tidy uniform. **Students must be at school by 5.45pm and meet their class at the back field.** Please leave your child with us; we will take care of them.
- Students will need to stay through the whole event.
- There will be very limited parking available at the school car park and none in the turning bay. It will be best to find a car park on a nearby street and walk.
- It is like a concert in a park so bring a picnic, a rug to sit on, something to eat and drink and enjoy a variety concert. You are welcome to come earlier than 5.45pm if you wish to eat with your child before the concert.
- We use the hill behind Ra and Earth as outdoor stages where children perform.
- Toilets are open in the Ra and Earth blocks.
- Pre-schoolers are welcome to use the playground away from the performers so they don't distract from the performance.
- Other children not involved in the school are asked to be respectful and if they want to play, then the court area is a good place. **There are likely to be over 2500 people at the event so we strongly advise walking to the event.**
- Please **NO umbrellas** as it blocks the view of people behind. Low set chairs only are advisable if needed.
- **NO dogs** are allowed on our school grounds.
- We will have a "Paparazzi" section at the front for parents/caregivers of those performing to use to get a good photo.
- **If the weather is not good, we will postpone it to Tuesday 6th December 2022, same time or Monday 12th December if still not fine.**
- **Notifications will be put on the school Facebook page, school app and the website.**
- **The event is weather dependent, so may be cancelled at the last moment, but we will do our best to let everyone know as early as possible.**
- At the end of the event we will need to stagger people leaving due to Health & Safety, so please be prepared to wait a little time. Announcements will be made by our Principal to ensure everyone moves off safely.



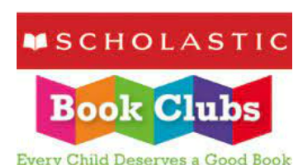
SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER - ISSUE NO. 8 CLOSING TOMORROW!

FINAL ISSUE OF THE YEAR!

This week your child was given a Scholastic Book Club catalogue. These orders close tomorrow 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.

FINDING OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING

We have many ways of keeping up-to-date regarding events that are happening at school:

Online school calendar: [Online School Calendar](#)

School App: [Download the School App](#)

School Website: [Te Totara Website](#) this has the option to translate the newsletter into other languages

Weekly notices: [Weekly Notices](#)

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/TeTotaraPrimarySchool230374533681330/>

We have a great team at school who keep these all updated in real time.



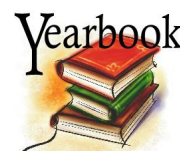
STUDENTS LEAVING AT THE END OF 2023

If you have not already notified us and are planning to leave our school at the end of 2023 (*other than Year 6 students*), 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.

2023 YEARBOOK

These will be delivered to the school early December, we will let you know via the newsletter when they will come home with your nominated child.



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.



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.



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 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.

TOPA SHOWCASE

Our tamariki performed and competed in the Talents Of The Pacific Academy (TOPA) showcase competition on Saturday 18 November. They were Te Totara Stars and absolutely amazing representing our Kura. 🌸

Thank you to all the family and friends that supported our fantastic TOPA group.

Cheehoo Te Totara!



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: We will NOT send home a hard-copy of the Learning Plan. 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 for your family.

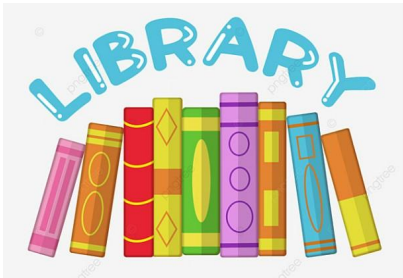
The Parent Portal is also where you will find your child/ren's class for 2024. This will be available from Friday 8th December @ 3.00pm





Congratulations to Miss Chantelle Lindsey

We would like to share this special moment with our Te Totara Community. Congratulations to Miss Chantelle Lindsey. Chantelle is our first past student to work as a staff member and graduated last week. This is Michele Gordon's final teacher to graduate under her Teacher Mentor Programme.



Students' Library Books Due Back Next Week!

Could you please make sure that ALL school library books are returned to the library next week so that we can do our stocktake.

OUR LOST PROPERTY BIN IS FULL AGAIN!

Please check out our lost property bin. The **BIG YELLOW bin** is located outside the Earth building.

Please check to see if any items belong to your family as all unclaimed items (other than school uniform) will be donated to charity.

We ask ALL families to please check your child's uniform on a weekly basis to ensure they are wearing their own uniform, rather than someone else's.



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.



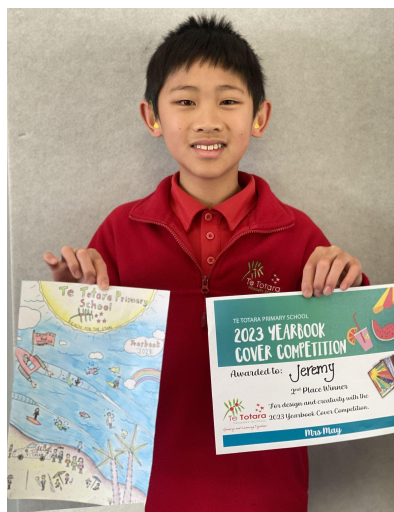
WINNING COVER ART FOR OUR YEARBOOK!

It's nearly time for the 2023 Yearbook to be printed and delivered! Thank you to everyone who has pre-ordered through KINDO. Mrs May ran a competition to see if any talented artists could create a stunning cover for our yearbook. She was overwhelmed with the amount of entries from all year groups! Thank you to everyone who entered, you are truly the most creative students.

There were some outstanding entries, including **this year's winning handpainted artwork by Gouri Arun.**



FINALISTS & COMMENDED



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)

LEAVING TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL ?

A notice regarding ezlunch / KINDO School Shop

If you are leaving your current school, here's some information to make your changeover streamlined:



If your family is leaving our school and has been using ezlunch or KINDO, please make sure to stop any regular automatic payments that have been set up before the school year finishes. You may also need to transfer or close your account which can be done as follows:

- Not sure if your new school is using KINDO? If you're not sure if your new school is using KINDO, you can either ask them directly or go to "My Details" in your KINDO account and click on the list of schools to see if your new school is listed.
- New school **IS** using KINDO. If your new school is using KINDO, simply click on the new school from the list in "My Details" of your KINDO account and you'll be attached to the new school's menu. Any balance on your KINDO account will remain available to spend with the new school.
- New school is **NOT** using KINDO, or you no longer need KINDO. If you need to close your KINDO account, use the "Close Account" button within the "My Details" section of your KINDO account. You can either withdraw your account balance or choose to donate your balance to the school. Please note that all withdrawals will be made via electronic payment to your New Zealand bank account. KINDO is unable to process cash withdrawals.
- If you are wanting to withdraw your KINDO account balance or make a donation that exceeds KINDO'S threshold (currently more than \$10,000 total within one year), KINDO may need to undertake some identity checks on you to comply with its obligations under the Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Countering Financing of Terrorism (CFT) Act 2009. Please action the withdrawal or donation in your KINDO account as outlined above and if these AML checks are necessary KINDO will advise of the next steps required in this regard. KINDO has endeavoured to make this process as pain-free as possible and appreciates your patience.

Kindo Questions? Contact the KINDO Helpdesk on 0508 454636 (toll free)

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS - TO BE PAID THROUGH KINDO

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

Lost Library Books	\$123
Mathletics/Mathseeds	\$9,480
Voluntary School Donation	\$63,6950
Aquatics	\$5,034

We would really appreciate all outstanding fees being paid by the end of the school year. *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.

DATES COMING UP

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> 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 – <u>Tuesday 17th December</u> (10 weeks) Friday 25th October - Teacher Only Day (no school) Monday 28th October (Labour Day) (no school)



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



ICE BLOCK DAY

The PTA has their first ice block day of Term 4 organised for this Friday 24th November. Come rain, hail or shine we will be there to greet the smiling and excited faces of your children!

Thank you to those that have offered to help sell ice blocks, it is greatly appreciated and we shall see you tomorrow.



One more helper would make the event run smoother so if you are able to help tomorrow at 12:15pm for no more than an hour please email the PTA at pta@tetotara.school.nz.

ENTERTAINMENT APP MEMBERSHIP

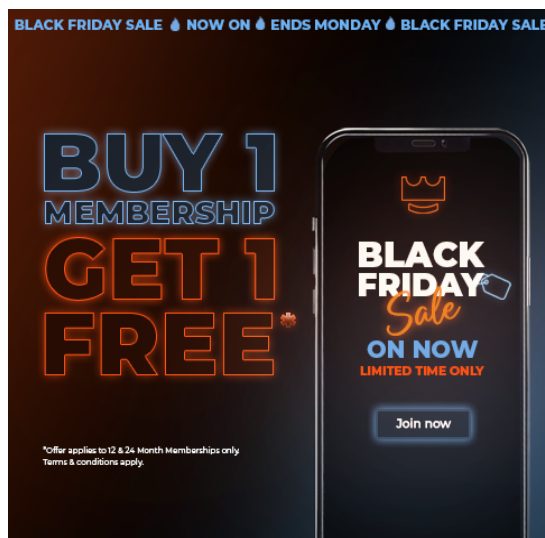
BLACK FRIDAY SALE – BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE

The highly anticipated Black Friday Sale is here and we are seeing double! For a strictly limited time, enjoy double the Memberships, double the discounts and double the savings when you buy a Membership to The Entertainment App.

When you purchase any 12 or 24 month Membership to The Entertainment App between 8:00 pm, Monday 20th November and 1:59 pm, Monday 27th November NZDT during our Black Friday Sale you will receive a complimentary Entertainment Membership equal to your purchase.

All Memberships (including your complimentary Membership) to The Entertainment App must be activated within 90 days of purchase. If you wish to gift a Membership, please forward the activation email to the gift recipient for them to activate within 90 days of the original purchase.

Please note, 3-month Membership purchases are excluded from this promotion.



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*

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.**

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ROTOTUNA HIGH SCHOOL
NETBALL

HAVE A GO
DAY

JAN. 22 AND 23, 2024
RHS JUNIOR COURTS
11AM- 1PM

OPEN TO ALL YR 6
STUDENTS

REGISTER HERE:
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/UHNHHKLD1BMRZWDEA](https://forms.gle/UHNHHKLD1BMRZWDEA)

LEARN TO PLAY 7 ASIDE
BUILD CONNECTIONS
FUN GAMES

KORIKORI CHRISTMAS MARKET



Free entry

*Come along, support local vendors
and shop early for Christmas*

*Arts & Crafts * Clothing & Jewellery
* Books * Toys & Games *
Food Trucks * And more...*

25TH
NOVEMBER 2023

9-2PM
FREE ENTRY

KORIKORI PARK
ROTOTUNA



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