



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 o te whanau,

As today is the last day of November, it is very clear that we are really close to the end of the school year. The last day is two weeks away.

Last night we hosted our annual Year 6 Leavers Supper. We have 137 Year 6 students who complete their primary schooling with us at the end of this year. Last evening's ceremony and shared food was a wonderful way to tell them all how very proud we are of their contribution to our school family, the learning they have achieved, the STAR's behaviours that were so clearly evident and to wish them all the best for their future. For their parents, caregivers and teachers this was a very proud occasion particularly for the nine students who were speakers, representing their classes in such a thoughtful way by sharing their memories. Well done to all. Thank you so much to our families for providing the wonderful kai to share.

Thank you to our Te Totara staff for all your efforts in setting up for the evening, the Matariki Hall looked very special and festive and your help to make everything run so smoothly on the night. You are all stars! ★★

The next big event is scheduled for Monday evening - our School Celebration. All details are below. We are looking forward to this fabulous annual event.

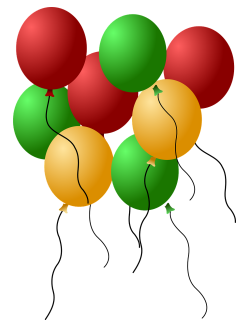
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END OF YEAR CELEBRATION - MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER AT 5.45PM

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.

LEARNING PLANS - ONLINE VIA THE PARENT PORTAL ON FRIDAY @ 3.00PM (TOMORROW)

The staff have been working hard to complete the learning plans for the children in their classes over the past weeks. A requirement of the Ministry of Education is that schools report to parents twice a year in written form in plain language. At Te Totara we have looked carefully at the language we report in and the staff have really focused on writing to you about your child's progress in the simplest language possible.

The teaching staff have made huge efforts to move away from using teacher language and jargon so we can help parents and caregivers to have a clear understanding of what your child is able to do and what their next steps in learning should be.

I welcome any feedback you may have on these changes.

Jo Stewart

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 information will be available from Friday 8th December @ 3.00pm



ICE BLOCK DAY

DAY

LUNCHTIME
FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

\$2

ALL MONEY GOES TOWARDS
YEAR 5&6 CAMP

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.



OfficeMax
MySCHOOL

Beat the rush and order back to school stationery now!

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

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.

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)**



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.

DATES COMING UP

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

KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

CONTACT **MARK INNES**

WAIKATO@KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ
07 839 9017

BOOK ONLINE AT **KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ**

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

We have our second and final ice block day of the year on Friday 8th December and we are still on the lookout for a couple of helpers. If you are able to give us an hour of your time on this day from 12.15pm please send a quick email to the PTA at pta@tetotara.school.nz to let us know you can help. **HUGE thanks to Amaanat and Frank who give up their time last Friday to help out.** Your time and willingness to always help the PTA is much appreciated. **Despite it being an overcast day we sold nearly 600 ice blocks!**



KNOWLEDGE-A-THON DONATION

The \$10,000 raised during the knowledge-a-thon has now been forwarded to the school. A big thanks to everyone, including our Te Totara staff, students, and their families. This event was a huge success, and we hope everyone learnt some new facts about Aotearoa! Stages 3 & 4 of the Confidence Course are to begin early in December, so students will have some new play equipment in the New Year when they arrive back at school.

YEAR 5 & 6 CAMP DONATION

The PTA know that the Year 5 & 6 camp approaching next year, is very much anticipated by the senior students. We also know that the cost of going to camp has increased considerable, hence the fundraising initiatives being run by the school. To help with camp costs the PTA has now donated \$2,000 towards camp costs.

ENTERTAINMENT APP MEMBERSHIP

Cyber Super Sale – 27% off all Entertainment Memberships

For a very limited time, receive an out-of-this-world **27% discount on all 3, 12 & 24 month Memberships** – saving you up to \$62.09!

But guess what? The fun doesn't stop there! Whether you're craving a taste adventure, planning a day out, or just want to save on your weekly grocery run – An Entertainment Membership is your ultimate passport to a world of exclusive discounts on dining, activities, shopping, travel, and beyond!



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

Ice Block Day - Friday 8th December

Next PTA Meeting – Wednesday 21st February 2024 at 7.30pm

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.**



FREE ENTRY

Christmas

ART & CRAFT MARKET

LIVE MUSIC, FOOD, GIFTS, FACE PAINTING & BOUNCY CASTLE

@ STRAWBERRY FARM

UNWRAP THE MAGIC OF THE SEASON & CHERISH EVERY MOMENT WITH LOVED ONES.

FIND YOUR XMAS PRESENTS HERE OR MAKE THEM, FOOD STALLS, MUSIC, BOUNCY CASTLES AND A SURPRISE SANTA VISIT.. MAKE A PERFECT DAY OUT WITH FAMILY

CASH ONLY

DECEMBER 16 FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM

@ FRUITDALE ORCHARD FLAGSTAFF

For stall enquiries reach 0224679079



free events ages 5-12

SUMMER READING PROGRAMME 2023/24

ONE WORLD MANY STORIES

Sign up using **Beanstack** on our website to record your holiday reading digitally

or

pick up your **travel journal** at your nearest library, from Monday 18 December

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Hamilton City Libraries



Free Coding Holiday Activity

Summer 2023/24

Educational? Yes!
Fun? Yes!
Affordable? Yes! (it's free!)

Suitable for beginner to advanced coders. Ages 9 & 10, 11 & 12, 13 & 14, 15 to adult.

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Limited spots available

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