

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 Te Totara Whānau,

I hope you had a lovely Waitangi Day break with your family. It was great to see all the parents in school for the Meet the Teacher Evening yesterday. Now you can put a face to the name of your child's teacher when they talk about them and have an understanding of how your child's classroom works and the expectations we have here at Te Totara. The development of the parent/teacher/student partnership is so important to the learning and development of our children. If you were unable to come to the evening, please pop into your child's classroom and say hello when you can.

Our teachers have been working hard to remind our Tamariki to wear their red school hat at break times so they are safe from the harsh New Zealand sun. Some children have a non school hat at the moment, these will need to be swapped for a named school hat as soon as possible. I strongly recommend that you **clearly label your child's hat and uniform** so items can be returned to them quickly if they are lost. If your child does not have a hat they will need to play in the shaded areas out of the sun - no hat, no playground. Te Totara has a Hot Day Protocol for days when the temperature is 25 degrees or above. On these days students are able to use the cooler pod areas to read or do a quiet activity.

Our Year 5&6 students are excitedly preparing to go on School Camp next week. Camp is a wonderful time for our teachers and students to get to know each other. Students have opportunities to challenge themselves by choice on the activities at camp. The weather for next week is looking amazing and we wish them all the best for their time at camp. A huge thank you to the Year 5&6 Team Leaders and teachers for all their hard mahi in organising this unforgettable experience for our senior students.

I have really enjoyed visiting classrooms across the school over the past two weeks and seeing the beautiful work and relationships that students and teachers are developing.

**Waiho i te toipoto,
kaua i te toiroa.**

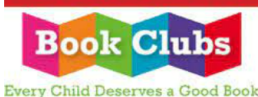
**Let us keep close
together, not far apart.**

Ngaa mihi

Jo Stewart - Acting Principal



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER - ISSUE NO. 1



This week your child was given a Scholastic Book Club catalogue. These orders close at **9.15am on Monday, 19 February 2024.**

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.**

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

2024 YEAR 5&6 SCHOOL CAMP

School Camp is payable **through KINDO ONLY**. If you are not registered for KINDO, please refer to our school website www.tetotara.school.nz and follow the instructions in the red quick link tab labelled "Fees & Donations" OR access KINDO through our School App.

Please **do not** pay for School Camp through internet banking OR send any money to the school.

\$180.00 full payment OR pay in smaller installments through KINDO.



The **MARAMA** Team will be at Camp from **Monday 12th February to Wednesday 14th February, 2024.**

The **MILKY WAY** Team will be at Camp from **Wednesday 14th February to Friday 16th February, 2024.**

SAFETY IN AND AROUND OUR SCHOOL PLEASE COMPLY WITH THESE GUIDELINES

With the return of lots of excited children and new families to our school we need to reinforce some important Te Totara Guidelines and Rules to you all.



- Please cross Hector Drive by **using the pedestrian crossing with the lights**. It is not safe nor modelling good practice to cross to the other side of the road in front of the school as there are multiple ways cars are moving in this area. The staff on duty at the end of the day will be directing the students to the pedestrian crossing. If you park on the other side of the road please use the crossing to go across the street.
- Some good areas to park are on some of the surrounding streets slightly away from the school. We have easy access to many of these streets through some great walkways, one of which is opposite the front of the school. Children can be encouraged to cross the street at the pedestrian crossing, then go through that walkway and meet you at your vehicle on the street at the end of the walkway.
- The **drop-off zone** in front of the school is also a convenient area to pick up your children. **All drivers must remain in the vehicles**, the children are asked to come straight to the front of the school and look for their car. When they see their car the students are taught to go straight to the car if it is in the lane closest to the school buildings, or if the car is in the lane furthest away the students need to come down to **Mrs Fraser** at the marked traffic hump and she will cross them safely. To ensure everyone's safety with moving cars **no-one (adults or children) is to cross the drop-off zone in any other area than the part that Mrs Stewart is at.**
- The drop-off zone has two access lanes so you can turn into either the left or right lane depending on where you are going when you exit the drop off. **If you are going to travel north up Hector Drive towards Rototuna Junior High then please use the left lane closest to the school.** Always indicate your intention then turn left onto Hector Drive as you exit the zone.
- Do not change lanes in the drop off zone. We ask that you remain in the lane you are in throughout the drop-off zone, it is dangerous to cross over the lanes.
- Mrs Stewart monitors the safety of this area, it is a very efficient process and we endeavour to keep it moving well. It is generally all cleared of cars by 3.15pm, so great for those prompt getaways!



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are delighted with the large numbers of students who look really great by wearing their uniform in the correct manner. For your information the school uniform expectations are below:

ALL students are expected to arrive at school and leave from school in their correct Te Totara Primary School Uniform, including footwear.

- Uniforms are to be worn clean, neat and tidy. Please clearly name your uniform items.
- Students are encouraged to take pride in their school uniform and to wear it well.
- Hair is to be off the face, tied back if longer than the bottom of the collar, and be the natural hair colour.
- Nail polish and cosmetics are not permitted.
- Second hand uniforms may be available. Please see the School Office for details.
- Variations in relation to the Human Rights Act may be negotiated with the Principal.
- All pupils are encouraged to use sunscreen at home before school and expected to wear the regulation school hat while outdoors. No hat – play in the shade (Terms 1 & 4).
- All uniform items should be clearly named.
- Extras for warmth such as polyprops or singlets, must be plain black.
- Plain black school sandals in summer (Terms 1&4) OR plain black school shoes in the winter (Terms 2&3). No other colours on the sandal or shoe, just plain black.
- **Any hair accessory is to be plain and of a single school uniform colour – red, white, black, green**



JEWELLERY

Items of jewellery can be easily lost or damaged at school. They may also cause injury to the wearer or other students. **For safety reasons items of jewellery are NOT to be worn.** The school accepts no responsibility in the case of loss, damage or injury.

However, students may wear:

- a) One small earring stud per ear.
- b) A watch.
- c) A necklace of religious or cultural significance – to be worn underneath clothing.
- d) A Medical Identification Tag as required.



For a full description of our Uniform Expectations for our school uniform, please check the noticeboard in the School Office or the school website. If you have any queries, please contact me at principal@tetotara.school.nz

NAMING OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please, please, please can you make sure all items of **school uniform are clearly named**. If an item of clothing is found out on the fields it can not be returned unless it is named.

2024 FEES & DONATIONS PAID VIA KINDO

This online system allows you to pay for our school's fees (Mathletics/Mathseeds, Voluntary School Donation, Lost Library Book Costs etc) and is also the **ONLY** way to register/pay for your child for sports teams. Fees for 2024 will be loaded to student accounts next week.

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

- **Touch Rugby (Years 1-6) Term 1, 2024**
Registrations close at 3.00pm Thursday 8th February, 2024 (today)
- **2024 School Camp \$180.00 (Years 5&6 Students only)**

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

If access is denied, it is most likely that our school does not have your current email address recorded on your child's file. Please do not hesitate to contact the School Office on (07) 853-0039 to amend.

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The online one stop school shop



PART-TIME SCHOOL CARETAKER VACANCY



We are looking for a reliable and energetic person to work as a Part-time Caretaker to support our current Caretaker with his duties. Approximately 10-15 hours per week (*negotiable*) but must have flexibility to cover leave or the odd day when our Caretaker is away from school.

The successful applicant will require a clean police record, excellent health, flexibility and a willingness to learn and have basic handyman skills to carry out repairs and maintenance. It is important the school is maintained as a clean, safe and secure environment.

Please contact Kylie Cocurullo by email: kyliec@tetotara.school.nz in the first instance for further information.

DATES COMING UP

Tues 20 Feb	Board Meeting at 6.30pm
Wed 21 Feb	PTA Meeting at 7.30pm in Staff Lounge
Fri 23 Feb	Ice Block Day
Wed 28 Feb	Routine Vision & Hearing Checks by WaiKids
Fri 8 March	Ice Block Day
Wed 20 March	Learning Plan Discussions - SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2.00PM
Thurs 21 March	Learning Plan Discussions - SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2.00PM
Fri 29 March	GOOD FRIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 1 April	EASTER MONDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 2 April	EASTER TUESDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 5 April	School Disco
Fri 12 April	END OF TERM 1, 2024
Mon 29 April	TERM 2 BEGINS

ICE BLOCK DAY



\$2 EACH

LEMONADE ICE BLOCKS FOR SALE
AFTER EATING FOR LEARNING
OUTSIDE MATARIKI

FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: pta@tetotara.school.nz www.facebook.com/TTPTA

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ICE BLOCK DAY

Our first Ice Block Day will be held after Eating for Learning on Friday 23rd February, 2024.

We need at least 3x parents/caregivers to come along and assist the PTA with this. This involves taking cash, counting it and supplying ice blocks to the students. If you are able to give up an hour of your day from 12:15pm, please email the PTA on pta@tetotara.school.nz

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PTA MEETING

We have our first PTA meeting on Wednesday 21st February at 7:30pm in the Staff Lounge at school, (Turn right as you come in the main doors of Matariki).

All parents and caregivers of students of Te Totara Primary School are welcome to attend. It would be great to meet a few more parents who are willing to help the PTA during the year. We hope to see you there.

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.

Throughout the year various promotions are run, so if you are looking for a great deal keep an eye on this newsletter or click on the link below:

Currently, until 2:00pm, Thursday 29th February 2024 you will receive a **bonus Membership extension** based on your chosen Membership. (Please note, 3-month Memberships are excluded from this promotion.)

- If you purchase a **12 or 24 month Single City Membership**, you will **receive an extra two months added on to your chosen Membership**.
- If you purchase a **12 or 24 month Multi City Membership**, you will **receive an extra four months added on to your chosen Membership**.

By using the link below, 20% of every membership purchased is donated back to support the Te Totara Primary School PTA <https://subscribe.entertainmentnz.com/fundraiser/15502m5>. We thank you for your continued support.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 21st February – PTA Meeting

Friday 23rd February – Ice Block Day

Friday 8th March – Ice Block Day

Friday 5th April – School Disco

Your PTA Committee: *Kerri, Adelle, Navreet, Kerry and Garima*