



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY, 2024

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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,

Well done to our Marama campers who returned back to school yesterday afternoon - you did it! What incredible weather they had and I know that there was a lot of fun and learning about stepping into challenges for all those who went.

The Milky Way Team left for camp yesterday morning and are really enjoying their time and more superb weather.

Organising a camp is a huge effort for our already busy Year 5&6 Team Leaders and teachers. I want to acknowledge the hard mahi they began back in Term 4, 2023. Camp is a very special time for our tamariki and the wonderful memories they make over the 3 days will remain with them throughout their lives.

A huge thank you to our intrepid parents who took time off work to go with the Marama and Milky Way campers. We really couldn't operate these camps without your support and goodwill.

Ngaa mihi

Jo Stewart - Acting Principal

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Te Totara has its own Karakia that is used each day in our classrooms at the beginning of the day? A Karakia is a cultural act that is used to open and close meetings, or in our case to start and finish the day. We have 3 Karakia, one for the Junior (Years 0-2), Middle (Years 3 & 4) and Senior (Years 5 & 6) areas of the school. Our Te Totara STARS and our Motto of Growing and Learning Together form the basis of these. The Karakia was developed by staff and was then approved by Ngati Wairere, our local iwi.

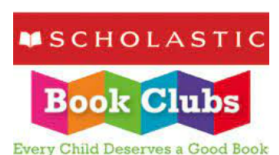
I will share each Karakia with you over the coming weeks in the newsletter. Today I'm sharing the Junior Karakia.

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| Junior School (Years 0-2) Greetings to all I will show kindness I will show respect We grow and learn together | Tēnā tatou katoa Ka manaaki au Ka aroha au Ka tipu, ka ako tatou i a tatou |
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REMINDER: SCHOLASTIC CLOSSES MONDAY 19TH 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

SCHOOL SHOES - REMINDER

A reminder of our Uniform Policy on school shoes.

Terms 1 & 4 (Summer Months)

Plain black school sandals are to be worn in summer (Terms 1&4).

NO BLACK CROCS



Terms 2 & 3 (Winter Months)

Plain black school shoes in the winter (Terms 2&3) with BLACK socks. No other colours on the sandal or shoe are acceptable, just plain black.



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.

- **2024 School Camp \$180.00 (Years 5&6 Students only)**

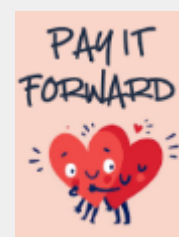
You are able to pay this in installments, just change the amount to pay on KINDO.

- **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)**

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.



KINDO - "PAY IT FORWARD" (PASTORAL CARE)

To help support other Te Totara families who may be experiencing financial hardship, we have set up a "**Pay it Forward**" tab in KINDO.

This is where our wider school community can help by making a financial contribution to this fund. Currently, the "pay it forward" monies we receive will go towards the 2024 School Camp fees for some of our Year 5 & 6 students' families who may be struggling to cover the entire camp costs.

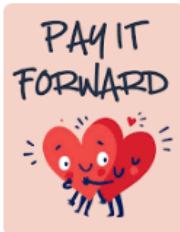


We thank you for your kindness in advance, it is very much appreciated.

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Pay it Forward

Pay it Forward 3 items



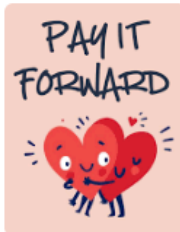
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Your "Pay it Forward" contribution will go

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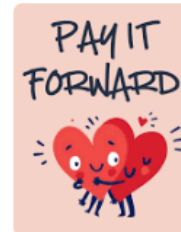
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UNWELL CHILDREN WHO NEED TO GO HOME

Our Administration team and teaching staff act in the very best interests of your child and their well-being is paramount. When children arrive at the School Office, and depending on the situation, most of the children are offered a rest in our Wellness Room and re-assessed before a phone call home; often they return to their classroom.

We understand many of our families have work commitments however, if you are phoned by the school to collect your child from school due to illness, it would be appreciated if you could arrange for their collection **as soon as possible**. **For the privacy of other students, the School Office staff will collect your child from the Wellness Room when you arrive.**

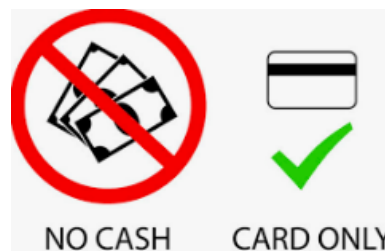


If your child is sick, please keep them at home until they are well. If your child has diarrhoea or vomiting we ask that they do not return to school unless they are well and have had **no further diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours prior to returning – these bugs can be highly contagious**. Thank you for your assistance.

NO CASH ACCEPTED THROUGH SCHOOL OFFICE

A reminder..... we do not accept cash payments through the School Office.

- **Scholastic Books (Book Club) can be ordered and paid online through LOOP**
- **Pre-loved School Uniform - paid by EFTPOS only**
- **After School Care - paid by Internet banking or EFTPOS only**
- **School Donation, Athletics/Mathseeds, Lost Library Books, School Camp, Aquatics fees etc are to be paid through KINDO**



SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2024

Enrolment Period of 6th July, 2024 - 17th December, 2024

The Board is looking to accommodate, if possible, younger siblings and children of staff in the 2024 school year, starting Term 3. To help determine this, we urgently need to have OUTZ Enrolment Forms into the School Office to help with this process. Please complete an Enrolment Form for each child, which is available online from our school website by clicking on the following link: www.tetotara.school.nz or by visiting the School Office.

The Board will look at the number of enrolments, the level of projected student growth and determine how many spaces for out-of-zone students are available for the upcoming enrolment period of **6th July 2024 - 17th December, 2024**. This will be completed early May, allowing for lots of time for families to know what is happening. Further information around the number of out-of-zone spaces to be released will be communicated via the school newsletter over the next few weeks.

Please return the completed OUTZ Enrolment Form, including the relevant documentation, to the School Office by Friday 1st March, 2024.

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 the 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 have excellent handyman skills to carry out repairs and maintenance around the school. It is important the school is maintained to a high standard.



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

Highlights from School Camp

MARAMA





SCHOOL ASSEMBLY- MATARIKI HALL

This week's assembly will be held **in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm on Friday 16th February, 2024.** This week students from **Orion & Earth Pods** will attend assembly. No classroom sharing this week as there will be Welcome Certificates for our new students to Te Totara. Families from this classroom will be invited to attend via their classroom teacher.



DATES COMING UP

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| 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 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 |
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| Mon 29 April | TERM 2 BEGINS |

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

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

A HUGE thank you to the 3 parents who have offered to help out on the day, we appreciate you giving us your time.

If you are keen on helping out with our next ice block day on Friday 8th March, please email the PTA now on pta@tetotara.school.nz It will only take up an hour of your day from 12:15pm and involves taking cash, counting it and supplying ice blocks to the students.

ICE BLOCK DAY



\$2 EACH

**LEMONADE ICE BLOCKS FOR SALE
AFTER EATING FOR LEARNING
OUTSIDE MATARIKI**

FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

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.

Te Totara PTA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

What is the PTA?
PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association.
It is a group of parents and families associated with Te Totara Primary School whose aim is to bring the school children and school community together, to fundraise and coordinate fun activities for the children and community.

What kind of skills are required to be part of the PTA?

The PTA requires a diverse range of skills.

Some examples include:

- Organisation and planning skills
- Communication or written skills
- Physical lifting or transporting purchases for events to the school.

All kinds of skills are welcome and needed to make the PTA successful. This helps share responsibilities and load across more people.

Want to see more of your friends?

Join the PTA with another friendly school parent and you will be able to catch up with them on a more regular basis all while organising fun and exciting fundraising activities.

Id like to join the PTA but I don't have time!

We hear this a lot from people. The PTA isn't a huge commitment, approximately 8 x 1 hour meetings per year. A few extra hours will be required in the lead up to events.

In the last few years the PTA has...

- Held a Knowledge-a-thon and donated \$10,000 towards the Confidence Course on the back field.
- Contributed funds towards the senior camp to ensure all children are able to attend.
- Held a Spell-a-thon, and all the money raised was given to the school to purchase Lego Spike Education sets.
- Provided funds to turn the unused area of grass between the Staff Lounge and Orion block into a wonderful friendship garden.
- Provided funds for the playground by Matariki and once this was installed, we funded the shade sails.
- Contributed funds to our school so the artificial grass courts in the Galaxy could be covered, to give your child a dry place to play on wet days.

Interested in coming to our next meeting?

Please visit the Te Totara School PTA Facebook page for details

THANK YOU

If you remember back to last year, the PTA held a Knowledge-a-thon and raised \$10,000 which was donated to the school as a contribution towards stages 3 & 4 of the new Confidence Course on the back field. These 2 stages have now been completed and the children are thoroughly enjoying their new play equipment. Below is a picture of stages 3 & 4 if you haven't been able to get into school to see them.



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, 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.**

REGISTER TODAY FOR FOOTBALL 2024

FIRST KICKS, JUNIOR, YOUTH & SENIOR REGISTRATIONS



Early Bird Special ends Sunday 18th February

Registrations close Sunday 10th March

For more information or to register
check out our website

www.northernunitedfootball.co.nz



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TERM 1 SKILL SESSIONS

WWW.NETBALLHAMILTON.ORG.NZ

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Poipoia te Manawa

Kia ora,

Our pre-season Skill Sessions kick off in 1 week! There is still time to register if you haven't already.

This program runs every Tuesday for 6 weeks. The purpose of these sessions is to get your child ready for the upcoming season.

Start date: 20th February 2024

Finish date: 26th March 2024