

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 (Congoese), Konnichiwa (Japanese), Hola (Spanish), Annyeonghaseyo (South Korea) Israel Shalom (Hebrew), Salām (Muslim)

**** SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ****

MONDAY 15TH APRIL 2024

TO FRIDAY 26TH APRIL 2024

**The School Office will be open on Friday 26th April
from 9.00am - 2.00pm for enrolment enquiries**

Term 2 begins on Monday 29th April, 2024

Kia Ora Whanau,

Welcome to the final newsletter of Term 1, 2024.

It has been a real joy to host our families in school to celebrate the learning from our Topic Unit: *Te Totara: Our Place, Our Story*. Seeing the amazing traditional dress, tasting the beautiful kai, and doing the fun activities that the teams have planned and presented have certainly brought into focus the wide range of cultures within our school. Our tamariki have done a terrific term of learning and should be so proud of what they have achieved. Our teachers have worked very hard this term and I send them a huge thank you for their energy and enthusiasm for our children and their learning.

I hope you all have a wonderful break time with your children and I look forward to seeing you all at the beginning of Term 2. School starts again on Monday 29th April, 2023.

Ngaa mihi

Jo Stewart - Acting Principal

DID YOU KNOW?

Rā and Earth blocks were built in August 2010.
Can you see the big pile of dirt that is now the big hill that we use for our end of year celebration?



LOCK UP YOUR BIKE & SCOOTER

We have had a couple of scooters going missing over the past few months. Mostly, it is because they have been left unlocked at school overnight.

We encourage you to please ensure your child's bikes/scooters are named and locked each day.

Unfortunately, we are unable to help in most situations as our security cameras have blind spots and do not generally cover the areas where student scooters/bikes are parked.

We have measures in place to reduce the risk whereby scooters/bikes are parked within the school grounds and the perimeter gates are locked during the day. **However, the best way to protect your child's bike/scooter is to make sure it is locked each day.**



TERM 2: UPCOMING SCHOOL DISCO!



Date: Friday 10th May

Time: 5.15pm - 6.00pm (Year 0-2)
6.15pm - 7.00pm (Year 3-4)
7.15pm - 8:15pm (Year 5-6)

Entry: \$2.00 per student

Dressing up is optional however it would be great if students dressed in their favourite fluro outfit.

If your child wishes to do some artwork over the holidays that we can use as decorations around Matariki on Disco night, these need to be dropped into the School Office no later than 3.00pm on Thursday 9th May.

We need parent helpers across all 3 sessions to make this event a success. Please keep an eye on your email inbox as a form will be sent via Seesaw where you can advise of your availability. Alternatively, if you are able to assist, please feel free to email us at: pta@tetotara.school.nz

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.



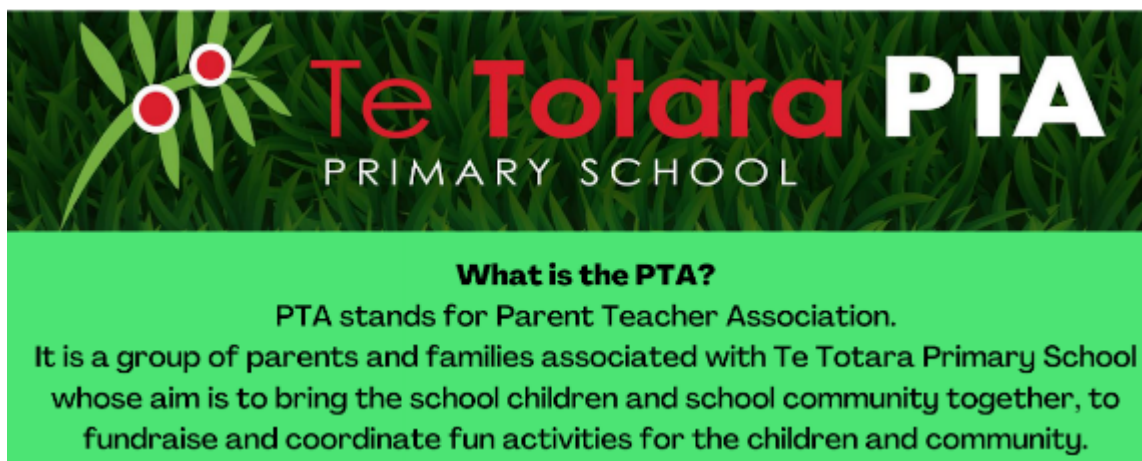
Please Note: Aquatics will be charged after your child's class has had their lessons.

- **Miniball (Years 5&6 only)** \$43.00 per person. Cut-off date is 1.00pm Friday 26th April, 2024

Kindo Questions? Kindo Helpdesk on 0508 454636 (toll free) Monday to Friday 8.00am - 4.00pm
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.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE SCHOOL PTA?



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.

What are the perks of being part of the PTA?

Meet other parents and make new connections and friends. Gain a great insight into the workings of the school. Seeing the smiling faces of the children at events.

What can I do to help?

You can take on an executive role, attend meetings as a committee member or help out at events, such as selling drinks at Disco's, Ice-block Days or to help plan other fun fundraising events. The PTA would love to meet you, find out what you have to offer to help the school community come together and have some fun.

How much time is involved?

As much or as little as you are able to give to the PTA. If you take on an executive position, you will be required to attend the majority of the meetings (approx 8 x one-hour meetings per year). The PTA also needs plenty of people to help at events.

What happens at the AGM?

The AGM is where the Committee decides who will be on the executive team for the following year (Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Communications Officer). These people liaise with the school around how the money will be spent e.g. new playground, tennis court roof, new picnic tables, new gardens and also ensures that the school community are kept informed about PTA events, like discos and ice block days.

If this sounds like something you would like to be involved in, please email pta@tetotara.school.nz

We would love to have new parents join us to create some amazing memories for our students and families. We couldn't do it without you!

OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2024

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available on our school website www.tetotara.school.nz

The Board has determined the following places are likely to be available to OUTZ students from Term 3, 2024 onwards. Enrolment period: **6th July 2024 - 17th December 2024**:

10 places for Year 0 students (whose 5th Birthday falls within the above enrolment period)

The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

For students seeking enrolment within the above enrolment period, the deadline for receipt of OUTZ applications is **3.00pm tomorrow - Friday 12th April, 2024** and should be emailed to: receptionist@tetotara.school.nz

Please visit our school website www.tetotara.school.nz under "Out-of-Zone Enrolments" for further information.

DATES COMING UP

Fri 12 April

END OF TERM 1, 2024

Mon 29 April

TERM 2 BEGINS (10 weeks)

Tues 7 May

Kids Lit Quiz @ 6.30pm (Selected Students only)

Fri 10 May

School Disco- \$2.00 per student

5.15pm - 6.00pm (Year 0-2)

6.15pm - 7.00pm (Year 3-4)

7.15pm - 8:15pm (Year 5-6)

Pink Shirt Day - Muffi Day

Fri 17 May

School Board Meeting @ 6.30pm

Thurs 30 May

Kings Birthday Public Holiday - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Mon 3 June

Whanau (Grandparents) Day 9.00am-10.30am

Thurs 27 June

Matariki Public Holiday - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Fri 28 June

END OF TERM 2 @ 3.00PM

Fri 5 July

2024
Dates to
Remember

PINK SHIRT DAY 2024

**Kōrero MAI
KŌRERO ATŪ
MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA**
SPEAK UP, STAND TOGETHER, STOP BULLYING

FRIDAY 17 MAY 2024

JOIN THE MOVEMENT:
WWW.PINKSHIRTDAY.ORG.NZ
#PINKSHIRTDAYNZ

Mental Health Foundation
mauri tū, mauri ora

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



SCHOOL DISCO

The PTA can finally let you in on the news that the upcoming School Disco in Week 2 of Term 2 will be a FLURO party. Dressing up is optional however it would be great if students dressed in their favourite fluoro outfit.

If your child wishes to do some artwork over the holidays that we can use as decorations around Matariki on disco night, these need to be dropped into the ladies in the School Office no later than 3.00pm on Thursday 9th May.

The PTA will be selling snacks, drinks and glowsticks on the night. A price list will be published closer to the event.

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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.

The latest promotion for the school holidays runs between 8:00pm NZDT, Tuesday 2nd April 2024 and 1:59pm NZDT, Wednesday 1st May, 2024. When you purchase a 12 or 24 month Single City Membership to The Entertainment App your newly purchased Membership will be automatically upgraded to a Multi City Membership for free.

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.

WHAT IS THE PTA AND WHAT DO WE DO?

Not sure what PTA stands for, what we do, or how you can help, please take a minute to have a look at the flyer below:



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?

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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.

I'd 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 10th May – School Disco, Fluro Themed

Have a safe and enjoyable break over the next 2 weeks and we will be back with more fun in Term 2.

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.**

EID AL FITR 2024

HAMILTON

Claudlands Event Centre

Saturday 13th April, 2024
(11:00 am - 5:00 pm)

One Community, One Family
WHANAU KOTAHĪ, HĀPORI KOTAHĪ

Everyone welcome!
To a day of celebration,
entertainment,
food and games!

Logos: Waikato Regional Council, Waikato Refugee Forum Inc., Waikato Ethnic Communities Development Trust, Waikato Muslim Community, Waikato Islamic Centre, Waikato Jewish Community, Waikato Sikh Community, Waikato Hindu Community, Waikato Buddhist Community, Waikato Jain Community, Waikato Christian Community, Waikato Muslim Community, Waikato Sikh Community, Waikato Hindu Community, Waikato Buddhist Community, Waikato Jain Community, Waikato Christian Community.

The Sculpture Park
at Waitakaruru Arboretum

Open Call!
Photo Competition
20/4-19/5 2024
anyone can enter.
Great prizes to win.

Fleeting moments of Autumn

Visit sculpturepark.co.nz for more info

We are organizing a fun photo competition - Fleeting Moments of Autumn - for all students and their families here at The Sculpture Park at Waitakaruru Arboretum. It's open for anyone to take part and there are great prizes to win! Students can enter individually or in the group collaboration category, where a few students can work together to make an installation of ephemeral art and document it with their cameras. The Competition will be judged by local photographer Mark Hamilton.

The FRAMING WORKSHOP, PHOTO WAREHOUSE, inspirit studio&gallery, Waikato Museum TE WHARE TAONGA O WAIKATO, Riverlea Theatre, FIG HERITAGE GALLERY, WWA, IMAGENS, CHEESE Delicatessen, Welcome Swallow Fine Art Gallery & Gifts

WAIKATO BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

ALL AGES. ALL ABILITIES. ALL TIMES

Horsham Downs Badminton Club is starting up again for Junior players, aged 8 and older, on Monday April 29th at 6pm.

We meet at The Peak, Rototuna High Schools, from 6pm until 7.15pm every Monday during Terms 2 and 3, except for Public holidays.

The cost is \$70 per term for one child and we have racquets and coaches available.

Enrolments Open for Term 2

KIDS MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES

In Hamilton for 9-12 year Olds

SCAN HERE

CLASS TIMES
Wednesdays
4.15 pm - 5.15 pm
Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts

Teens & Adults Classes Also Available

SCOT HALL VOICE STUDIO

www.scot hallvoicestudio.co.nz

Turn and Gymnastics Circle

8:30-3:30

\$45 per day

Holiday Programme



Monday 15th April: Fort Building and Ice Blocks

Tuesday 16th April: FMG Stadium Tour

Wednesday 17th April: Paris Olympics 2024

Thursday 18th April: Cookie Decorating

Friday 19th April: Pirate Adventure Day

Monday 22nd April: Fiery Science Day

Tuesday 23rd April: Carnival Day

Wednesday 24th April: ANZAC Crafts and Trampoline

Friday 26th April: Character Day

Book online now: <https://turnandgymnastic.nz>

Gymnastics, Games and Free Time Everyday

• Have a tour around the biggest rugby stadium in the Waikato, and design your own rugby shirt.

• Walk the plank, swing across the ocean and make your own pirate.

• Do you want to be a scientist when you're older, come and make a volcano and learn why we bounce so high on the trampolines.



• Welcome to the carnival! Come and bob for apples, throw darts at balloons and eat some delicious pop corn.

• Dress up as your favourite movie or book character. Make and personalise a book mark.



Ages: 7-18 years old
Prizes to be won!

6th 'International Loving-Peace Art Competition'

Peace, Let's Be Friends!

We are One!!

Sign Up Free Today
Hamilton 18 May 2024



ENROL NOW FOR TERM 2 2024!!

Jitterbugs

DANCE LESSONS

Monday (Rototuna Junior High School Dance Studio)

- 3.40 Jitterbugs Seniors (by selection only)
- 4.10 MiniJam (girls & boys aged 3 - 5½) 7 Spaces
- 5.05 Senior Hip Hop (girls aged 9 - 14) 5 Spaces
- 4.35 Jitterbugs Advanced (by selection only)

Tuesday (Common Ground Gym in Flagstaff)

- 3.40 Jitterbugs Junior (girls aged 5½ - 7) 4 Spaces
- 4.10 Jitterbugs Junior Plus (girls aged 7 - 8) 1 Space
- 4.40 Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls 8 - 14) 1 Space

Wednesday (Common Ground Gym in Flagstaff)

- 3.30 Jitterbugs Mini's (girls aged 3 - 5½) 4 Spaces
- 4.00 Jitterbugs Junior (girls aged 5½ - 7) 2 Spaces
- 4.30 Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls 8 - 14) 4 Spaces

Lessons start week 1 of Term 2 - Monday 29th April, Tuesday 30th April and Wednesday 1st March 2024. The proposed show date is Sunday 23rd June. Cost: \$130 for one child, \$250 for 2 kids or \$370 for 3 kids.

Email Jolie or checkout the Jitterbugs Facebook page to signup
jitterbugsdancelessons@outlook.com