



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), Salām (Muslim)

Kia Ora Whanau,

I hope you had a lovely time with your family over the 2 week school holiday break. For the most part, the Autumn weather has been a real bonus for outside adventures and spending time together.

Two of our senior students represented Te Totara at the Civic ANZAC service at the Cenotaph in Memorial Park on Thursday 25th April. Hunter and Jason, who are two of our Year 6 Pastoral Care Leaders, placed a wreath at the cenotaph on behalf of Te Totara Primary School. Thank you to Mrs Lingard (*in charge of Pastoral Care Leaders*) and the families that supported these students in proudly representing the school. The boys have written about this experience further down the newsletter.



You will have noticed the new 30km per hour speed limit signs on Hector Drive. This reduced speed limit is for the safety of everyone in our community. Thank you for your efforts in respecting this change.

Our Curriculum focus this term is a Science Unit focusing on the Physical World. The Physical World strand involves exploring a wide range of topics, including light, sound, heat, electricity, magnetism, waves, forces, and motion. This learning topic is full of hands-on learning activities for our tamariki and many classes will be using the House of Science kits as a basis for this unit. These kits are a fantastic resource for classes and encourage curiosity about our world. I am sure there will be plenty for the children to share about their learning with you throughout this unit.

Towards the end of Term 1 we had a few issues with scooters being taken from the school grounds. Please make sure your child uses a lock to secure their scooter to the fence and that all scooters are clearly named. Please also remind your child that they should not share the lock number with anyone else.

Ngaa mihi

Jo Stewart - Acting Principal

DID YOU KNOW?

This Te Totara STARS character is *Smart Decisions Debbie*. The first 'S' of our Te Totara STARS characters. Debbie helps us all to remember to:

- Choose who we work with carefully
- Think before we act
- Take time out if it is needed
- Treat others how I want to be treated
- Make a choice to be ready to learn (including tools for learning and a great attitude!)



ANZAC Day, 2024

By Hunter and Jason
(Year 6 Pastoral Care Leaders)

On Thursday, 25th of April, we went to the ANZAC ceremony at the Memorial Park in Hamilton at 10am.

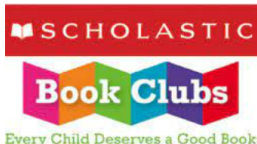
The ceremony began with the soldiers marching into position. There were speeches and then very important people e.g. hospital staff and representatives of different organisations laid wreaths all around a war memorial obelisk (a tall stone column with four sloping sides and a pointed top, made in honour of an important person or event).

There was a minute of silence to remember all those who have and do serve in wars, those who have died, those injured, and all their families.

School groups were asked to lay their wreaths. So we placed our Te Totara wreath against the memorial, saluted the wreath and then turned to salute the oldest veteran. To finish off the ceremony a bugle played 'The Last Post'.

We were very proud of ourselves and felt very emotional. We were very happy to represent Te Totara School.





SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER - ISSUE NO. 3

This week your child was given a Scholastic Book Club catalogue. These orders close at **9.15am on Friday, 10th May 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.**

WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR TERMS 2 & 3

At this time of the year we are noticing an increasing need for warmer clothing. Although not compulsory we advise wearing **black thermal under garments** i.e. singlet, long sleeve polypropylene. Also, our winter uniform requirements are plain black socks or tights and plain black shoes.

A number of students are appearing with different coloured jackets/sweatshirts. Children are asked to **wear the red Te Totara polar fleece jacket/sweater only.** We understand families may still be sorting their children's winter uniforms so we would appreciate it if your children could please be in the correct full winter school uniform within the next two weeks.



The School Office has some pre-loved uniforms for sale in limited sizes. These include warm beanies. You are welcome to pop in and we can see what we have in stock. Please note we only accept payment by eftpos (no cash).

GIRLS WINTER UNIFORM	BOYS WINTER UNIFORM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Red Polar Fleece Top ● Red Polo Shirt (different from Sports shirt) ● Black Skort OR Black Poly Cotton Long Pants OR Black Poly Cotton $\frac{3}{4}$ Pants ● Black Socks OR Black Tights ● Plain Black School Shoes ● Te Totara Beanie – Red or Black (<i>optional</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Red Polar Fleece Top ● Red Polo Shirt (different from Sports shirt) ● Black Cotton Shorts OR Poly Cotton Long Pants OR Poly Cotton $\frac{3}{4}$ Pants ● Black Socks ● Plain Black School Shoes ● Te Totara Beanie – Red or Black (<i>optional</i>)
<i>Extras for warmth such as polyprops or singlets <u>must be plain black.</u></i>	

NAMING OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please, please, please can you make sure all items of school uniform are clearly named. Please do not assume that your child will know that something belongs to them "because it has a black dot on the tag". If an item of clothing is found it cannot be returned unless it is named. We go out of our way to identify and return lost property, but are unable to do this when clothing is not named.

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.

LOST & FOUND PROPERTY BIN - RELOCATED TO OUTSIDE THE MATARIKI HALL

Our Lost & Found Property Box has a fresh new look and location... it can now be found outside the large sliding doors of the Matariki Hall (under cover).

This gives our families more opportunities to have a look for any items belonging to your child/ren. **Please check this regularly**, any items remaining at the end of term will be donated to charity. Any unclaimed un-named school uniform will be resold as "pre-loved" uniforms through the School Office.



SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS: NEW MENU FOR TERM 2

Please click the link to discover the new menu for our new school term [Term 2 ezlunch Menu](#)

A reminder that all orders are placed through **KINDO**. Simple and easy! You can order (or cancel) by 9.00am on the day of delivery or schedule in advance.

Your lunch will be delivered to the school in time for lunch. Our caterers are:



Monday, Thursday & Friday	Tuesday & Wednesday

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.

- **Gymnastics Festival (Selected Students ONLY) \$15.00 per person.**
Cut-off date is 3.00pm Thursday 16th May, 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.

FLURO PARTY
FRIDAY 10 MAY
\$2 entry

YEAR 0 – 2: 5:15 – 6:00PM
YEAR 3 – 4: 6:15 – 7:00PM
YEAR 5 – 6: 7:15 – 8:15PM

GLOW STICKS, SNACKS AND DRINKS FOR SALE ON THE NIGHT

A Fundraiser for the Te Totara Primary School PTA

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY- MATARIKI HALL

This week's assembly will be held **in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm on Friday 3rd May, 2024.** This week students from **Matawhero, Ra and Marama Pods** will attend the assembly. **Marama 15** will be sharing and families from this classroom will be invited to attend via their classroom teacher.



DATES COMING UP

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)
Fri 17 May	Pink Shirt Day - Muffi Day
Thurs 30 May	School Board Meeting @ 6.30pm
Fri 31 May	Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 3 June	Kings Birthday Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Thurs 27 June	Whanau (Grandparents) Day 9.00am-10.30am
Fri 28 June	Matariki Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 5 July	END OF TERM 2 @ 3.00PM
Mon 22 July	TERM 3 BEGINS (10 weeks)

2024
Dates to
Remember

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 are holding a Fluro Disco next Friday 10th May and we would love to see you there. Dressing up is optional however it would be great to see students dressed in their favourite fluro outfit. If your child loves to draw, please encourage them to do some artwork that we can display as decorations for the disco. These need to be dropped into the ladies in the School Office no later than end of school on Thursday 9th May.

The PTA will be selling snacks, drinks and glowsticks on the night. A Pricelist will be published on our Facebook page early next week and will be in the newsletter next Thursday.

Parent Helpers Required

We still need parent helpers across all 3 sessions to make this event a success. If you are able to assist on the night please click on this link <https://forms.gle/jh3qtZDqzex61GxE8> and complete the form. Alternatively, if you can assist, please feel free to email us at: pta@tetotara.school.nz (We are usually short on volunteers, particularly for last 2 sessions, so if your child is coming to the disco please consider staying to help out.)

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help on the night, we will be in touch shortly.

Entry and Exit Procedure

ENTRY Please enter the Disco through the main doors into Matariki Hall.

PICK-UP/EXIT ALL CHILDREN MUST LEAVE WITH A PARENT. No child will be allowed to scooter or walk home by themselves, no matter how close they live to school. It will be dark and we need to make



sure everyone gets home safely. Parents **MUST** come into Matariki Hall via the side doors from the carpark to collect their children. The disco sessions will finish at the time shown so please be on time.

Date: Friday 10th May

Time: 5:15pm - 6pm (Year 0-2)
6:15pm - 7pm (Year 3-4)
7:15pm - 8:15pm (Year 5-6)

Entry: \$2.00 per student

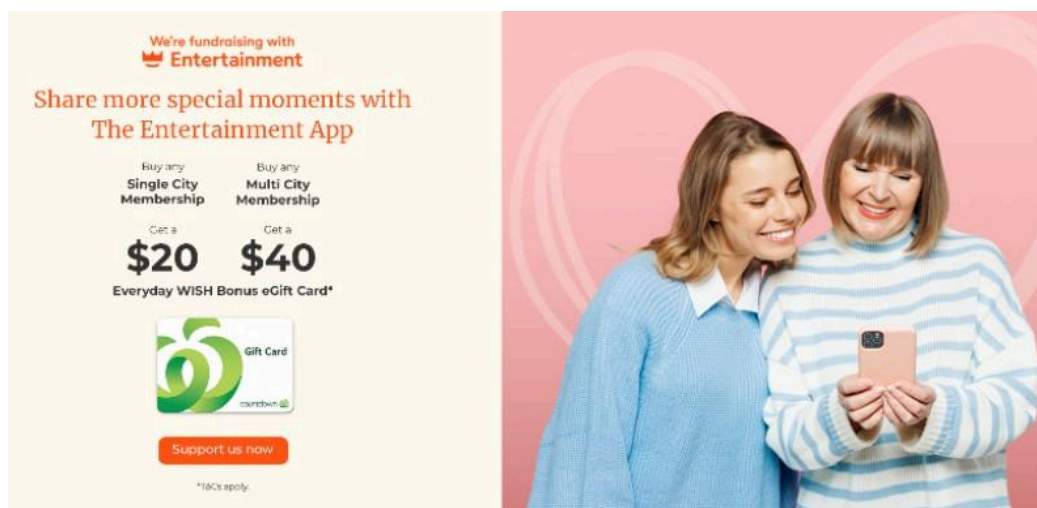
ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP

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 Share More Special Moments promotion currently on offer rewards you with a Bonus Countdown eGift Card when you purchase a **Membership** to The Entertainment App between **8:00pm NZST, Wednesday 1st May 2024 and 1:59pm NZST, Friday 31st May 2024** .

Purchase a **12 or 24 month Single City Membership** and receive a **Bonus Countdown eGift Card valued at \$20**. Purchase a **12 or 24 month Multi City Membership** and receive a **Bonus Countdown eGift Card valued at \$40**.

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.



The graphic is split into two parts. On the left, a white background features the Entertainment App logo at the top, followed by the text 'Share more special moments with The Entertainment App'. Below this, two columns list membership options: 'Buy any Single City Membership' for \$20 and 'Buy any Multi City Membership' for \$40. Both options include 'Get a \$20 or \$40 Everyday WISH Bonus eGift Card*'. A green and white 'WISH Bonus eGift Card' is shown below the pricing. At the bottom, there is an orange 'Support us now' button and a small note '*10% apply'. On the right, a photograph shows two women, one in a blue sweater and one in a blue and white striped sweater, smiling and looking at a smartphone held by the woman in the striped sweater.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Our May meeting and June AGM dates will be advertised shortly on our Facebook page. Please keep an eye out if you wish to come along and get involved in the fun activities the PTA run.

Friday 10th May – School Disco, Fluro Themed
May PTA Meeting – To be confirmed
June AGM – To be confirmed

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.**



Calling all aspiring young female footballers!

Our Northern United Sports Club Fantails programme aims to attract girls aged 4-8 to experience football in a safe and enjoyable environment. Fantails offers a platform for your little ones to make friends, have fun, improve their skills, and stay active through the beautiful game.

Key Details:

Starting Date: Monday 6th May 2024

Time: 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm

Duration: 8 weeks

Location: Korikori Park, Rototuna

Cost: \$40 per term

To Register - visit us at

<https://www.northernunitedfootball.co.nz/Football-1/northern-united-fantails-1>

Spaces are limited to 20 - so get in quick!!

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PRICE DONATED
TO
REPRESENTATIVE
PROGRAMME**

**HAMILTON CITY
NETBALL
CENTRE**

magic vs **TACTIX**

Monday 6 May, 7.30pm // Globex Arena, Hamilton
TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT **TICKETEK**