

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,

Autumn has certainly struck with vengeance this week. Temperatures have really taken a dive in the mornings but the sunshine during the day has been wonderful. As we head more into the colder temperatures please make sure that your child's polar fleece jersey is clearly named so if it gets dropped somewhere it can be returned as soon as possible.

Our new Lost Property Box can be found outside the Matariki Hall to the left of the big sliding doors. Please check there if you are missing any clothing. We do have a team that checks through the box twice a term who return named items to the children. Unnamed items are washed and added to our second hand uniform stocks.

Our Enviroschools Team under the direction and guidance of Mrs McLaughlin is asking families to complete a short 5 question survey about recycling. Your feedback is greatly appreciated by this keen bunch.

Tomorrow night is the PTA Fluro Party Disco. A huge thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help out with selling drinks and toys. We couldn't run these nights without your support. The children are very excited for a fun night. I look forward to seeing the fluro gear our tamariki come in. Have a great weekend.

Ngaa mihi

Jo Stewart - Acting Principal

SCHOOL DISCO - TOMORROW NIGHT!

Friday 10th May, 2024

Dress up in fluro colours!

Dress up is optional.

DISCO PRICE LIST

★ Chips/Lollies \$2 each ★ Fizzy Drink/Water \$2 each ★
Flashing Glasses/Rings \$3 each ★ Flashing Spinners \$2 each ★
Lanyard Glow Sticks \$1 each ★ Bracelet Glow Sticks 3 for \$1

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

NOTE: ENTRY & PICKUP/EXIT ENTRY to the Disco is 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.



DID YOU KNOW?

The second of our Te Totara STARS is Trying Our Best Tui

Trying Our Best Tui encourages our tamariki to give their best effort and focus on their learning. She encourages our children not to give up when things get hard (to persevere). If things don't go according to the plan Tui says to, try again and talk to somebody when learning gets hard.



PINK SHIRT DAY 2024

PINK SHIRT DAY (MUFTI DAY) - FRIDAY 17TH MAY, 2024

Celebrated annually around the globe, **Pink Shirt Day** began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against bullying, after another student was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In Aotearoa, **Pink Shirt Day** aims to create schools, workplaces and communities where all people feel safe, valued and respected.

Our school will be supporting **Pink Shirt Day** on Friday next week. **Students are welcome to come to school wearing mufti clothing (not school uniform) wearing something pink e.g. t-shirt, ribbon or something similar to support Pink Shirt Day.**

Please note: There will be NO collection of money for this day.



More information about "**Pink Shirt Day**" can be found at www.pinkshirtday.org.nz **Pink Shirt Day** is led by the Mental Health Foundation.

IS IT BULLYING?

When someone says or does something **UNINTENTIONALLY** hurtful and they do it once, that's


RUDE

When someone says or does something **INTENTIONALLY** hurtful and they do it once, that's

MEAN

When someone says or does something **INTENTIONALLY** hurtful and they **KEEP** doing it - even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset - that's

BULLYING



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If you see BULLYING...



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- Walk away and tell an adult
- Don't laugh and join in
- Be kind to the kid being bullied - show them you care
- Take them away from the bullying
- Tell them no one deserves to be bullied
- Ask the kid being bullied to join in with you and your friends



Growing and Learning Together

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

NZ GOVERNMENT & MINISTRY OF EDUCATION EXPECTATION



As you may be aware, the Government and Ministry of Education are heavily promoting the importance of student's regular attendance (90%+) at school and all schools have been asked to be proactive in this area.

We emailed Attendance Letters to families last week whose child/en have less than 90% attendance. The purpose of the letter was to raise parents/caregivers awareness around the loss of learning for their child when they are absent from school. Days away from school can quickly add up over the course of a school year.

What does regular attendance at school mean?

Being at school everyday matters. The more knowledge ākonga (learners) get at school, the more choices they will have when they leave.

Those missing school more frequently are likely to have bigger gaps in their learning which is why it is important to know how often individual students miss school. To do this, schools are required to provide attendance data to the Ministry of Education which is analysed each week. Each student is allocated to one of four attendance categories:

- Regular attendance: students with over 90% attendance
- Irregular absence: students with more than 80% and up to 90% attendance
- Moderate absence: students with more than 70% and up to 80% attendance
- Chronic absence: students 70% attendance or less



Does my child have to go to school every day?

- Yes. Up to the age of 16 years, legally your child must go to school every day they are well. It goes without saying that we would not expect families to send their child to school if they are unwell - they need to be at home until they are better.
- Under the Ministry of Education attendance codes, a family holiday during term time is classified as an unjustified absence even if a written explanation was provided and acknowledged. We encourage families to plan family holidays during the school holiday breaks, rather than during term time as this has less of an impact on your child's learning.
- The more time your child is away from school, the harder it is to catch up on missed learning, which is why we focus on reducing challenges that might prevent students from attending.
- Missing one week of school each term means missing a whole year of learning by the time your child turns 16 years old.

Parents and Caregiver Tips

Ākonga/students are legally required to attend school every day. Support is available for families of children who are struggling to attend.

- Parents play a big role in helping their child do well in school. You can do this by making sure your child goes to school every day. Let the school know if your child is unwell and will not be attending school. Our preferred method of contact is an absentee message via our School App.
- Setting clear expectations with your child about why attending school every day is important.
- Schools and parents/caregivers should work in partnership to support tamariki regularly attend school. If your child/ren are reluctant to go to school and you're having trouble, talk to us as we are more than happy to help.
- Prepare your child the night before school - help them pack their bag.
- Set a good morning routine to get them to school on time and relaxed with everything they need. Our school bell goes at 8.55am, students settle in better if they are not late to school.
- Be positive about school and set good habits from day one.

For more information on attendance at school, please click on the following link:

[MOE Student Attendance: A Guide for Parents & Caregivers](#)

Thank you for your understanding and support.



TE TOTARA WHANAU RECYCLING SURVEY

Te Totara School is becoming an Enviroschool and a Pare Kora (zero waste) school. We are working towards creating a healthy, peaceful, sustainable world through people teaching and learning together.

As we begin our journey, we want to know how our families are dealing with soft plastic and garden waste at home.

You are invited to complete this short five question survey [here](#). Thank you.

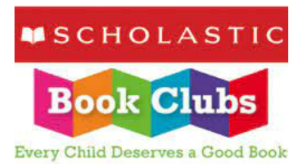


SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER CLOSING TOMORROW - FRIDAY 10TH MAY

A reminder that Scholastic Book Club orders at **9.15am** tomorrow, 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](https://www.scholastic.co.nz/LOOP).
2. Through the Scholastic LOOP app
3. In person using EFTPOS at the school office.



NEW TT TV Episodes on YouTube Marama 14 Milky Way 23 & Neptune 27

Did you know that Te Totara Primary School has their own YouTube channel? These are presented by different classes with the students sharing little snippets of what they have been learning that week. We aim to produce 5 episodes a term. You can find the link on our website or for the latest episode click here [TT TV Marama 14, Milky Way 23 & Neptune 27](#)



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.



TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

If you are a Coach or Manager, please email the POD by **Wednesday 1pm** to stephy@tetotara.school.nz



Hockey

Red Sticks
Blue Sticks

James Walker
Ivy Zhang

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY- MATARIKI HALL

This week's assembly will be held in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm today, Thursday 9th May, 2024. This week students from Orion and Earth Pods will attend the assembly. Orion 10 will be sharing and families from this classroom will be invited to attend via their classroom teacher.



DATES COMING UP

Mon 29 April
Tues 7 May
Fri 10 May

TERM 2 BEGINS (10 weeks)
Kids Lit Quiz @ 6.30pm (Selected Students only)
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
Wed 22 May
Thurs 30 May
Fri 31 May
Mon 3 June
10-14 June
Fri 14 June
Wed 26 June
Wed 26 June
Thurs 27 June
Fri 28 June
Fri 5 July

Pink Shirt Day - Muffi Day
PTA Meeting at 7.30pm in the Staff Lounge
School Board Meeting @ 6.30pm
Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Kings Birthday Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Book Week
Book Character Day - time to start thinking about costumes!
PTA Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm in the Staff Lounge
PTA Meeting, to follow AGM, Staff Lounge
Whanau (Grandparents) Day 9.00am-10.30am
Matariki Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
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 - FLURO PARTY

Tomorrow being Friday 10th, will see the PTA holding its first School Disco of the year. We are excited and can't wait to welcome you to our Fluro Party. Dressing up is optional however it would be great to see students dressed in their favourite fluro outfit.

Date: Friday 10th May, 2024
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

The PTA will be selling snacks, drinks and glowsticks on the night. Prices are as follows:

- ❖ Chippies / Lollies \$2.00 each
- ❖ Fizzy drink / Water \$2.00 each
- ❖ Flashing Glasses / Rings \$3.00 each
- ❖ Flashing Spinners \$2.00 each
- ❖ Lanyard Glow Sticks \$1.00 each
- ❖ Bracelet Glow Sticks 3 for \$1.00



Thank you to all the wonderful parents who volunteered

to assist on the night, we are very grateful for your help. You should have received an email last Friday letting you know what disco session you are required to help at, the time you need to arrive, what your role will be and a short description of what's needed.

ENTRY & 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.

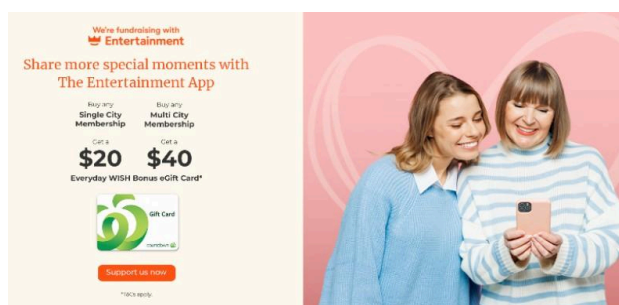
ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP

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.

JOIN OUR PTA!

We have now scheduled our May PTA meeting for **Wednesday 22nd May at 7:30pm** and our PTA **Annual General Meeting (AGM) for Wednesday 26th June at 7:00pm** to be followed by a meeting of the new committee at 7:30pm.

We are needing some new PTA Committee members to run our fundraising events for the upcoming year so if you are interested in being part of the committee, please book in the AGM date of 26th June at 7.00pm as this is when the new committee will be formed. Please read below to find out what the PTA is and what we do.



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.

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

Wednesday 22nd May - PTA Meeting at 7:30pm, Staff Lounge

Wednesday 26th June - PTA Annual General Meeting at 7pm, Staff Lounge

Wednesday 26th June - PTA Meeting, to follow AGM, Staff Lounge

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.**



SOUTHWELL
SCHOOL



Rototuna New World Scholarship

*Applications are now open for a prospective student entering
Year 7 in 2025.*

*This scholarship provides support to a student whose financial
situation may not allow them to attend Southwell School.*

*The Scholarship is tenable for the duration of the successful
student's education at Southwell School in Years 7 and 8.*

The value of the scholarship is \$5000 per annum.

Applications close 30 July 2024.

Enquiries to registrar@southwell.school.nz

A promotional poster for Karate training. It features a cartoon illustration of a young boy in a white karate gi with a black belt, striking a pose. The background is split into black and yellow. The word 'Training' is written vertically in large yellow letters on the black background. The text 'Martial Arts Classes' is in large black letters on the yellow background. Below it, 'Thursday 6-7pm' and 'Te Totara school' are written in black. A red and gold circular badge says 'JOIN FOR FREE! FREE MEMBERSHIP'. Below the badge, 'During May' is written in a cursive font. A QR code is located at the bottom right. At the bottom left, the website 'www.tkma.co.nz' is listed. At the bottom right, the email 'Enquiries@tkma.co.nz' and the text 'for more information' are provided.

Training

**Martial Arts
Classes**

Thursday 6-7pm
Te Totara school

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During May

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