

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,

We were lucky enough to win a facebook competition for Inghams to get some of the Waikato Chiefs Rugby team to visit Te Totara today!

Room 33 put their persuasive powers to good use to persuade Mrs Stewart to let children wear the Chiefs colours for the visit. Room 33 had some great reasons as to why this should happen and Mrs Stewart and the Senior Leadership Team were well and truly persuaded. Well done Room 33! It has been an exciting day for our tamariki meeting these representatives of our hometown team. We wish you all the best for Friday's game. And a very special thank you to the parent of one of our students for nominating our school!



Ingham



I am sorry to say we have had some people on the walkway picking up unlocked scooters off the fences and taking them. **All scooters are now to be parked on the fence behind Marama at the beginning of each day. Scooters need to be locked with a bike lock for added safety.**

Thank you to the families and children supporting the Enviro Team with their bring a bag of leaves to school campaign. Please keep them coming to school. They will make great compost for the school gardens down the track.

Noho ora mai

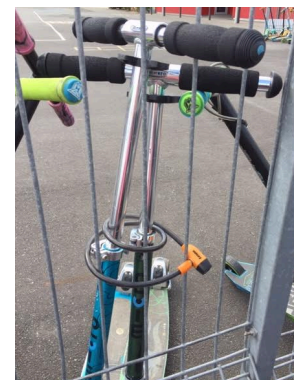
*Jo Stewart - Acting Principal*

### LOCATION AND LOCKING OF BIKES AND SCOOTERS

Last week our school was the target of theft, several scooters were taken from the bike rack area near the pool. These scooters were unlocked. We have reviewed our protocols in this area in order to reduce the risk of further incidents happening.

**Any scooters without a lock, must be parked on the internal fence beside the Marama (yellow) block.**

**All bikes that come to school must have a bike lock that is used correctly by your child, so they can be secure on the bike racks during the school day.**



Although we do have some security cameras scattered throughout the school our best advice is to **PLEASE LOCK YOUR CHILD'S BIKE OR SCOOTER.**

Individual scooters are extremely difficult to identify on CCTV as there are 100's of scooters parked along our fence line at any one time.

If your child intends to play on the playground after school for a short time, please ask them to go and get their bike/scooter first and have it with them.

**Note: We would expect that all of our children who are not enrolled at After School Care would have left the school premises by 3.15pm.**

## ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

The School Office has seen a few cases of diarrhoea and vomiting amongst students at Te Totara Primary School. As this can be very easily transmitted, please ensure all unwell students are kept at home until **48 hours after the diarrhoea and/or vomiting has stopped**. It is important to encourage good hand washing and drying. Please see a Doctor if vomiting and/or diarrhoea is severe or the illness does not improve.



## UNWELL CHILDREN WHO NEED TO GO HOME

Our Admin 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 to be assessed, 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.



## LATE ARRIVALS (AFTER 8.55AM)

**Just a reminder to our families that our school day starts promptly with the bell at 8.55am.**

**The teachers then greet their classes and complete the school attendance register which is then relayed to the school office.**

We understand there may be rare occasions where your child arrives late at school (after 8.55am), we require families to report to the School Office for the child to be signed-in using the VisTab tablet and issued with a "Late Card" prior to heading to their learning areas.

*Have you ever arrived at a meeting late, everyone is settled in their chair, the presenter has welcomed them and is now outlining what the day has in store..... and as you walk in they all turn and look at you?* That is what it can be like for your child when they arrive late at school and their class is all settled. So please, we ask parents to ensure their children arrive at school with at least five minutes to spare, for them to organise themselves by hanging up their school bag and sorting their book bag independently.

**We appreciate your effort in ensuring your child/ren arrive at school in good time before the first bell at 8.55am.**



## TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

As part of our Te Totara School Charter regarding the objective of 'Growing Whanau Community Engagement', the Board invites your feedback on the policies. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 30th May, 2024**. Policies up for renewal at this meeting are:

- Staff Leave Policy & Procedure
- Search, Seizure and Surrender Policy
- Education Outside the Classroom Policy (*due in June brought forward*)
- Student Behaviour Policy (*due in June*)
- Presiding Member Role Description Policy (*due in June brought forward*)

**NOTE:** All Te Totara Primary School Policies & Procedures are available for your information on our school website under the "School Board" red quick link tab from the home page.

If you have any feedback on these policies please email [jos@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:jos@tetotara.school.nz)

Ngā mihi nui

*Alex Williams, Maninder Singh and Jo Stewart*

School Board Policy Sub-committee

## 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.**

- **Tough Guy & Gal Challenge (Year 5&6 Students ONLY) \$44.00 per person. Cut-off date is 3.00pm Wednesday 29th May, 2024 Limited to first 40 registrations only**



**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.**



## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY- MATARIKI HALL

This week's assembly will be held **in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm Friday 24th May, 2024.** This week students from **Matawhero, Ra and Marama Pods** will attend the assembly. **Marama 14** will be sharing and families from this classroom will be invited to attend via their classroom teacher.

## 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](mailto:stephy@tetotara.school.nz)*



### Hockey

Red Sticks  
Blue Sticks  
Lions  
Strikers

Rizo Galvadores  
Ana Greenwood  
Reuben Henderson  
Kara Pretorius



### Netball

Meteors  
Ferns  
Rockets  
Invaders

Mia Dahms  
TBA  
Akansha Kumar  
TBA

# PINK SHIRT DAY CELEBRATIONS AT TE TOTARA



Speak UP  
STAND TOGETHER  
STOP BULLYING



## DATES COMING UP

Wed 22 - Fri 24	Mobile Dental Unit onsite
Wed 22 May	PTA Meeting at 7.30pm in the Staff Lounge
Thurs 30 May	School Board Meeting @ 6.30pm
Fri 31 May	Teacher Only Day - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Mon 3 June	Kings Birthday Public Holiday - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
10-14 June	Book Week
Fri 14 June	Book Character Day - time to start thinking about costumes!
Tues 18 June	Tough Guy & Gal Challenge - Year 5&6 Registered students <b>ONLY</b>
Wed 26 June	PTA Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm in the Staff Lounge
Wed 26 June	PTA Meeting, to follow AGM, Staff Lounge
Thurs 27 June	Whanau (Grandparents) Day 9.00am-10.30am
Fri 28 June	Matariki Public Holiday - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Fri 5 July	END OF TERM 2 @ 3.00PM
Mon 22 July	TERM 3 BEGINS (10 weeks)

2024  
Dates to  
Remember



**ROTOTUNA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

# Open Evening

(For 2025 Enrolments)

**Wednesday 5 June**  
**Tuesday 23 July**

6:15pm - welcome and overview  
6:30pm - tour the school / experience RJHS

Meet in Te Rangimāreikura (large theatre)

## TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: [pta@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:pta@tetotara.school.nz) [www.facebook.com/TTPTA](http://www.facebook.com/TTPTA)

Please 'like' our Facebook page to ensure you keep in the news loop: [www.facebook.com/TTPTA](http://www.facebook.com/TTPTA)



## SCHOOL DISCO PHOTOS

If you had your photo taken on stage during one of the disco sessions they are now available for viewing on the PTA Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TTPTA>

Big thanks for the 3 ladies who put their hand up to take the photos, the PTA think you have done an amazing job.

## PTA AGM – WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2024

The PTA AGM Meeting date has been set so book out your calendar now as it would be great to meet you! We are hoping to see a good number of parents/caregivers show up to support the PTA, and hopefully some may even put up their hand to join us.

**When:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2024  
**Time:** 7:00pm to be followed by a general PTA Meeting  
**Where:** Staff Lounge (*Turn right as you enter into Matariki Hall*)  
**Who's invited:** Anyone who is a parent or caregiver of a child who attends Te Totara Primary School.



**JOIN**  
**Te Totara PTA**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Come along to the AGM\*,  
Wednesday 26th June 2024  
at 7:00pm  
in the Staff Lounge,  
(turn right as you enter into the Hall)**

\*Annual General Meeting

### 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. Events such as discos, ice block days, knowledge-a-thons and spell-a-thons don't just happen, the PTA make them happen! The PTA run fundraising activities so we can donate the funds back to our school so they can purchase the "nice to have" items that they wouldn't be able to purchase with their current funding.

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#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **In the last few years the PTA has...**

- Held a Knowledgeathon and contributed \$10,000 towards stages 3&4 of the confidence course on the back field.
- Provided \$2,000 to the senior camp fund.
- Provided funds for new picnic tables behind Marama.
- Held a Spellathon, 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 can be covered, to give your child a dry place to play on wet days.

#### **What can I do to help?**

You can take on an executive role, (Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary or Communications Officer), or you can attend meetings as a committee member.

#### **Nominations are now open!**

For further information please visit the Te Totara Primary School PTA Facebook page or email [pta@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:pta@tetotara.school.nz)

**This year more than ever, we need parents/caregivers who are willing to be part of the PTA to come along.** Our Chairperson Kerri Shanks has indicated that after holding the roll for the past 2 years she will not be standing for Chairperson at this year's AGM, which means the PTA is needing a new Chairperson.

**Nominations are now open for all positions, (Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Communications Officer).** Should anyone wish to put their name forward for any position or if you would like further information on the roles, please check out our Facebook page or email the PTA at [pta@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:pta@tetotara.school.nz)

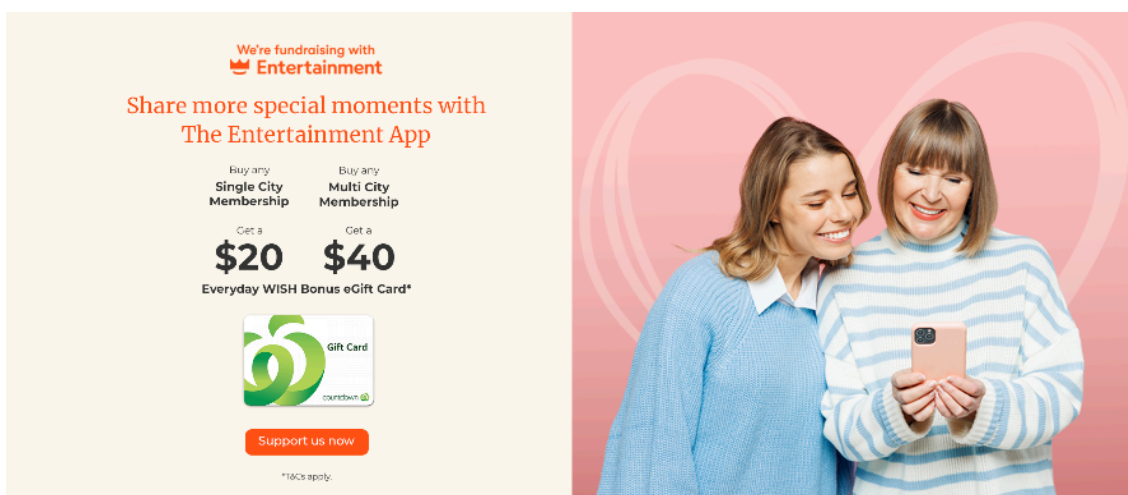
## ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP

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 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 and 1:59pm NZST, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 vertical panels. The left panel has a light yellow background and contains promotional text: 'We're fundraising with Entertainment' (with the Entertainment logo), 'Share more special moments with The Entertainment App', and a table of offers. The table lists 'Single City Membership' for \$20 and 'Multi City Membership' for \$40, both resulting in a '\$20' or '\$40' 'Everyday WISH Bonus eGift Card\*'. Below the table is an image of a green Countdown eGift Card and a 'Support us now' button. The right panel has a pink background with a large heart shape and shows two women, one in a blue sweater and one in a blue and white striped sweater, looking at a smartphone together.

Buy any	Buy any
Single City Membership	Multi City Membership
Get a	Get a
<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$40</b>
Everyday WISH Bonus eGift Card*	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June - PTA Annual General Meeting at 7pm, Staff Lounge  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – PTA Meeting, to follow AGM, Staff Lounge

**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**

The image is a promotional graphic for Edventure.co.nz. On the left, a black curved banner contains the text 'EDVENTURE.CO.NZ' in large yellow letters, with 'ACTIVE OUTDOOR EDUCATIONAL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES' in smaller white text below it. Underneath, it says 'HAMILTON SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES @BERKLEY' in white. There are three circular inset photos: one showing a group of people in a forest, one showing people running on a path, and one showing two people looking at something. At the bottom left of the banner are a WhatsApp icon with the number '021 0224 1576' and a globe icon with the website 'www.edventure.co.nz'. On the right, a photograph shows the exterior of a modern, light blue school building with large windows and a tree in the foreground with some autumn-colored leaves.

## Hamilton Holiday Programmes - Edventure @ Berkley

Edventure school holiday programmes are back up and running at Berkley Normal Middle school. We have got a programme to suit EVERYONE. From 5-13 yr olds, OSCAR available.

- Edventure Everyday - Arts, crafts, fun & games. Themed days \$50/day
- Edventure Sports - Drills skills and modified games in different sporting codes \$65/day
- Dungeons and Dragons - Take you D&D game to the next level with Special Guest Lewis \$75/day

More info & BOOK NOW at [www.edventure.co.nz](http://www.edventure.co.nz) or call 02102241576