

# **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER** THURSDAY 30TH MAY, 2024

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Kia Ora (Maori/NZ), Hello (English), Bula (Fijian), <u>Welkom</u> (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)

## \*\* SCHOOL CLOSED \*\*

FRIDAY 31ST MAY - Teacher Only Day MONDAY 3RD JUNE - King's Birthday Holiday

A reminder school will be <u>CLOSED</u> for the above days. School opens again on Tuesday 4th June, 2024

Kia Ora Whanau,

Tomorrow the school is closed due to a Teacher Only Day. This year we are attending meetings about the new curriculum at Rototuna High School with 400 other teachers of our Kahui Ako - Te Pae Here. We are looking forward to some great learning over the day.

Thank you to the families who are now getting their children to lock their scooters and bikes each day. Your help with this is very much appreciated.

Wow... what a wild weather day it was yesterday. Thank you to all our families for picking up your children from school in a calm manner - it was very much appreciated.

I hope you all have a wonderful long weekend break and I look forward to seeing our tamariki back at school on Tuesday.

Noho ora mai

Jo Stewart - Acting Principal



Our caretaker and Mrs Stewart braving the elements at school pick up time!



#### **BOOK WEEK 10 JUNE - 14 JUNE**

Our Book Week starts on 10 June. We will be visited by authors and illustrators and share stories from around the world. On Friday, 14th June we will have a Book Character Day. Students can come dressed up as their favourite book character.









#### **GO THE CHIEFS!**

What an AMAZING experience for our Tamariki last week!

Thank you to our community who voted in the Ingham Hyundai Facebook competition for The Chiefs to come to Te Totara Primary School!

Our Tamariki got to enjoy an afternoon with the Chiefs. The players, **Jared Proffit, Reuben O'Neill, Hamilton Burr and George Dyer** answered the children's fantastic questions and signed some Chiefs memorabilia.









#### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY- MATARIKI HALL

This week's assembly will be held in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm today Thursday 30th May, 2024. This week students from Orion & Earth Pods will attend the assembly. Orion 8 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 1.00pm to stephy@tetotara.school.nz



#### Hockey

Red Sticks Blue Sticks Lions Strikers

Jaleal Doel Harshitha Donthi Jack Murray Lu-May Botes



#### Netball

Meteors Ferns Rockets

Invaders

Caitlyn Mercer TBA

Kara Pretorius

Kenzie Humphrey (last week)

#### DATES COMING UP

Thurs 30 May Fri 31 May Mon 3 June 10-14 June Fri 14 June Tues 18 June Wed 26 June

Wed 26 June Thurs 27 June 9.00am-10.30am

Fri 28 June Fri 5 July

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! Tough Guy & Gal Challenge - Year 5&6 Registered students ONLY PTA Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm in the Staff Lounge

PTA Meeting, to follow AGM, Staff Lounge

Whanau (Grandparents) Day

Matariki Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED

**END OF TERM 2 @ 3.00PM** 

Mon 22 July TERM 3 BEGINS (10 weeks)







### TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: <u>pta@tetotara.school.nz</u> <u>www.facebook.com/TTPTA</u>

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### PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) - WEDNESDAY 26<sup>™</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.

#### 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. Please check out the flyer below for more information on the PTA.

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

#### 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 poster below.



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

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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

#### 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.

When you purchase a 12 or 24 month Single City Entertainment Membership between 8:00pm NZST, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and 1:59pm NZST, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 your new Membership purchase will





be automatically **upgraded** to a Multi City Membership for free. Multi City Membership unlocks access to thousands of offers in 20 Cities across New 7ealand and Australia.

You will also receive a \$20 Bonus Woolworths eGift Card via email within 30 days from the date of purchase.

By using the link below, 20% of every membership purchased is donated back to support the Te Totara Primary School PTA <a href="https://subscribe.entertainmentnz.com/fundraiser/15502m5">https://subscribe.entertainmentnz.com/fundraiser/15502m5</a>. We thank you for your continued support.

#### **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, 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

This family show simply should not be missed!

Hamilton Playbox presents

## CAPTAIN FESTUS MCBOYLE AND HIS TRAVELLIN' VARIETY SHOW

TWO SHOWS ONLY - 15 JUNE 2024

Book now TICKETS available iticket.co.nz - <u>CAPTAIN FESTUS MCBOYLE AND HIS TRAVELLIN' VARIETY SHOW (iticket.co.nz)</u>



A fabulously fun family show filled to the brim with well-crafted comedy songs and aweinspiring tales of the sea.

