

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 all had a lovely time with your whanau over the long weekend.

As you know last Friday our teachers attended the Te Pae Here Teacher Only Day at Rotoruna High School which was a terrific day of learning for all 500 teachers. Ngāti Wairere was in attendance for the early morning Pōwhiri supported by the RHS Kapa Haka Group. It was a beautiful opening for the day, made all the more special by seeing a number of ex Te Totara students in the Kapa Haka group performing with such pride and confidence.

A workshop I attended focused on using the Ngāa Puna o Ngāti Wairere website <https://www.ngaapuna.org/> as a focus for the NZ Histories Curriculum by investigating the area we live in. I also had great pleasure in listening to Wiremu Puke sharing his huge knowledge of the pre European Hamilton area. Dr Michael Johnston, the Chairperson of the Curriculum Review Board and Erica Stanford, the Minister of Education, finished off the day with a keynote speech about Cognitive Overload and the thinking behind the new curriculum focus on Structured Literacy and Maths. I know our teachers have been enjoying sharing what they learned with their teams and colleagues back at school this week. This annual Teacher Only Day is always a highlight of our Community of Learning.

Our TOPA (Talents of the Pacific Academy) leader, Landy, has been asked to provide a group of students for the halftime performance at the quarter final Chief's match this Friday. 14 of our Te Totara TOPA students from Year 2 upwards have joined this performance group. They are practising hard each evening so if you are going to the game please keep an eye out for our fantastic tamariki dancing their hearts out.

I hope you have all managed to stay warm during the week with the drop in temperatures.

Noho ora mai

*Jo Stewart - Acting Principal*

### SCHOOL STARTS AT 8.55AM

A reminder that school starts and teachers start teaching at **8.55am sharp**. It is important for children to be here before this time to get ready for the day. We encourage our families to arrive at school around 8.30am, which gives plenty of time for your child to unpack their school bag and have a play before the bell goes.



*Have you ever arrived at a meeting late, everyone is settled in their chairs, 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 working. Teachers are not able to chat with you once the class has started at 8:55am as they are teaching. Please do not expect the teacher to stop teaching to talk to you once school has started. If you need to talk to your child's teacher please make an appointment with them.

We appreciate your efforts however; if for any reason you do arrive late (after 8.55am) you must report to the School Office for the child to be signed-in using the VisTab tablet and collect a "Late Card" before heading to their classroom. *Thank you for your support.*



## TE TOTARA STUDENTS AT CHESS TOURNAMENT

Kevin, Dhairya, Aizak, Aaliyah & Aarush are representing Te Totara in the Hamilton Junior Regionals Chess Competition being held at Tamahere today. We wish them all the best in their chess games.

## LOCKDOWN TRIAL HELD - WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE, 2024 (YESTERDAY)

Yesterday morning, we had an unannounced Lockdown Trial for teachers and students to test and make sure our systems worked well. It is important that we check our Lockdown procedures every 6 months to ensure the wellbeing of all, should we ever be in a real Lockdown situation. We were delighted with what happened, everyone reacted in a very appropriate manner. We are so proud of the calm and settled way the students are, just following the directions of their teachers, even the nine 'Guest Teachers' we had in our school. After the Lockdown practise Mrs Stewart messaged everyone through our Te Totara School App to advise we had just finished a Lockdown practice.

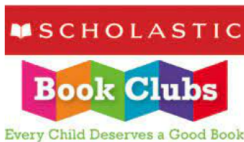
## HOW WE CONTACT YOU IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AT SCHOOL

We will use social messaging, including Facebook, the School App and website. Also, we may phone if necessary, so it is a good idea to make sure you keep your contact details up-to-date. It is important that you follow any directions given, especially around rushing to school if you hear of an emergency. This can cause congestion, confusion and stress. In a real incident, the NZ Police will take control of access to and from the school, while we look after our children.

**Please note: No-one will answer the front door or the school phone during Lock Down as we need to keep the phone lines open for Emergency Services to use. Everyone's safety is paramount.**

For further information on our Lockdown & Fire Drill processes, please click the link below which will take you to our school website:

[Emergency Information for Parents/Caregivers](#)



## NEW SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER - NO. 4

This week your child was given a Scholastic Book Club catalogue. These orders close at **9.15am on Friday 14 June 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.**

*Please note: If we receive any orders with cash from students, we will return them home with the student.*

## A REMINDER....

### NO PARKING ON DRIVEWAYS OR FOOTPATHS/YELLOW LINES

Please... NO parking on footpaths or driveways. Several cars have been reported to be parking on yellow lines and over people's driveways so the property owners/tenants cannot enter or leave their property. Please be respectful and considerate of our neighbours and DO NOT park in front of their driveways. Thank you for your cooperation.





### **PARKING IN DISABLED PARKING SPACES**

Just a friendly reminder a mobility car park space is a specially designated car parking space for disabled people. You must have a mobility card to use a mobility park.

**Please DO NOT park in these car parks unless you have a mobility card on display.**

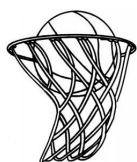
### **SCHOOL ASSEMBLY- MATARIKI HALL**

This week's assembly will be held **in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm Friday 7th June, 2024.** This week students from **Neptune and Milky Way Pods** will attend the assembly. **Milky Way 19** 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](mailto:stephy@tetotara.school.nz)*



#### **Netball**

Meteors  
Ferns  
Rockets  
Comets  
Invaders

Hayley Mcleod  
TBA  
Olivia Lee  
Brianna Ballebar  
TBA



### **DATES COMING UP**

**10-14 June**

**Book Week**

**Fri 14 June  
costumes!**

**Book Character Day - time to start thinking about**

**Tues 18 June  
ONLY**

**Tough Guy & Gal Challenge - Year 5&6 Registered students**

**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 - **SCHOOL CLOSED****

**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)



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

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.

**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)

### 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.

## 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 any Single City Membership between 8:00pm NZST, Monday 3rd June 2024 and 1:59pm NZST, Thursday 27th June 2024 your Single City Membership will be upgraded to a Multi City Membership at no additional cost.

We're fundraising with Entertainment

### The savvy way to give back

Buy today and 20% of the purchase price goes directly to our fundraising cause.

Bonus Upgrade to Multi City Membership\*

12 months	24 months
Pay \$70 Save \$50	Pay \$120 Save \$110
We receive <b>\$14</b>	We receive <b>\$24</b>

[Support us now](#)

\*T&Cs apply.

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.

### 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**



**YOUTHTOWN**  
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# FOOTBALL CONNECT

GIRLS AGED 7-15  
8.30am - 3.30pm  
15th - 18th July  
79 North City Road, Rototuna

**\$15**  
per day



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# HOOKED ON HOCKEY



July 8th-12th July

FOR AGES: 5-13 FROM 7:30AM TO 4:30PM  
COST: \$60 PER DAY Gallagher Hockey Centre,  
Queens Avenue,  
Innes Common, Hamilton

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# SPORTS ON COURTS

## DISABILITY SPORTS DAY

A day dedicated to disability, sport and fun!



### 20 JULY 2024

**Free Event, Open to Everyone**  
**Spot prizes**  
**Lunch provided by the Rapid Relief Team!**

**WHERE: THE PEAK**  
**WHEN: 9:00AM-4:00PM**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,**  
**EMAIL**  
**BOOKINGS@THEPEAK.CO.NZ**

WITH HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS AT



Volleyball Waikato

SPORTS & ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

**9:00AM-4:00PM**

**KIDS ZONE**

SOFT PLAY OBSTACLE  
COURSE & DODGE BALL

**9:00AM-12:30PM**

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL  
SITTING VOLLEYBALL  
NO LIMITS NETBALL  
BOCCIA  
PICKLEBALL

**12:00PM-1:00PM**

LUNCH PROVIDED

**12:30PM-4:00PM**

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL  
POWER CHAIR FOOTBALL  
WHEELCHAIR RUGBY

