

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), Geia sou (Greek), Mbote, Jambo (Congolese), Konnichiwa (Japanese), Hola (Spanish), Annyeonghaseyo (South Korea) Israel Shalom (Hebrew), Salām (Muslim)

Kia Ora Whanau,

This week has been Book Week at Te Totara. Our fantastic Librarian Mrs Simms has set this year's theme around the continents. Our teachers are reading stories from the various continents in their classes and we have had writers and illustrators visiting the school and talking about their craft. Friday is, of course, Book Character Day. I look forward to seeing all the interesting costumes and trying to work out which book they come from at the parade on Friday. Thank you Mrs Simms for your enthusiasm and passion for reading with our school.

Our student Learning Plans go live on the portal this Friday at 2.00pm. Your codes to access these will have been sent through to you. Our children and teachers have all worked very hard this first half of the year and our tamariki should be very proud of their learning development. If you have any questions about your child's Learning Plan, please make a time to chat to your child's teacher.

Please remember that when the bell rings at 8.55am, the start of the day, our teachers are straight into teaching their children. If you need to speak to your child's classroom teacher please contact them via the School Office or email the teacher to book a mutually convenient time.

Our terrific Te Totara PTA are holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 26th at 7.00pm. As we have a few members stepping down this year we would love to see new members joining this group that raise money for projects around the school. No experience is necessary - just passion for our school and learners. The AGM will be followed by a regular PTA meeting. We would love to see you there.

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui

Jo Stewart - Acting Principal



BOOK CHARACTER DAY FRIDAY 14TH JUNE - TOMORROW

DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER!

Tomorrow, Friday 14th June we will have a Book Character Day. Students can come dressed up as their favourite book character. Time to get creative!



LEARNING PLANS ONLINE 2.00PM ON FRIDAY 14TH JUNE, 2024 (tomorrow) ACCESS THESE THROUGH THE PARENT PORTAL UNDER THE "REPORTS" ICON

A Learning Plan for each student will be uploaded to the online Parent Portal on **Friday 14th June 2024 @ 2.00pm**. However, if your child started at school in Term 2 (or late in Term 1) you will may receive a Learning Plan yet.

An email was sent earlier today to those families **who have not previously logged** into the Parent Portal using the email address we have on file. The email came from eTap and contained your User ID and Password details for the Parent Portal. Please check your spam or junk folder for this email if you do not receive it.

[Make a note of your login/password details for next time.](#)



Once you have successfully logged-in, we recommend you change your password. If you have previously logged into the Parent Portal, you can use the same User ID and Password you were provided.

You can download a copy of the Learning Plan from the Parent Portal and save it to your computer. If you are a new user and did not receive an email with login codes, please contact Marise Crow by email at receptionist@tetotara.school.nz

The work involved in developing these Learning Plans is significant and reflects our goal of developing a personalised plan for each student. Much thought and consideration has gone into these Learning Plans. We have managed to include a lot more of each child's comments and goals, to ensure they have an increased sense of ownership of their Learning Plan.

We strongly advise that you:

- Go through the Learning Plan with your child
- Look especially at the "Where To Next" and "Goals set by Student, Parent and Teacher" sections and incorporate these into supporting learning at home.

It is important that we hold the correct email address for you to be able to send the email link, please feel free to contact the School Office if you wish to check this (07) 853-0039.

For our separated families, please ensure we hold both caregiver email addresses on file.

If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the School Office on (07) 853-0039 and we will arrange for a printed copy of the Learning Plan for your family.

LEARNING PLAN GRAPHS

Our Learning Plans have a table for each of the Reading, Writing and Mathematics Curriculum areas. The table has green coloured boxes to indicate where children are expected to be working at, according to the New Zealand Curriculum Levels at the Mid-Year and End-of-Year assessment points.

Reading													
NZ Curriculum Levels	Year 0	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
	End	Mid	End	Mid	End	Mid	End	Mid	End	Mid	End	Mid	End
At NZC Level 4													
Early NZC Level 4													
At NZC Level 3													
Early NZC Level 3													
At NZC Level 2													
Early NZC Level 2													
At NZC Level 1													
Within NZC Level 1													
Beginning NZC Level 1													
Pre NZC Level 1 (Informed by Te Whariki)													
Comment:													
Next Steps:													

The placement of a red star on the graph indicates where your child is presently working at. Each table is followed by Comment and Next Step boxes for your information.

**Please be aware that every child is on their own learning pathway and the most important consideration is that they are making steady progress through the curriculum.*

English as a Second Language (E.S.O.L) students' Learning Plans do not have the green progress line; they use the English Language Learning Progressions.

A 'Reach For the STARS' continuum is also in the Learning Plans. Teachers place a red star on the continuum where your child is presently working, in regards to each of our STARS. This continuum relates to your child's year level only. For instance, Year 1 expectations of independence in Smart Decisions will be different to the expectations of independence in Smart Decisions of a Year 6 student.

Reach For the STARS

Smart Decisions	With Support	★	Independent
Trying Our Best	With Support		Independent
Always Learning	With Support	★	Independent
Respectful	With Support		Independent
Self Managing	With Support		Independent

In our Junior Learning Plans we have added the Better Start Literacy Testing Data. Better Start Literacy is a new Reading Programme being taught in all Year 1-2 classrooms. The testing data will be added to these tables over the course of the year. On each box there is a proficiency level which means when the proficiency score has been reached this test will not be repeated.

On all Learning Plans there are **blue hyperlinks** which you can click on that will take you to an explanation of that particular section or word. Please do not hesitate to contact Jo Stewart, Acting Principal via email: principal@tetotara.school.nz if you have any questions.

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TE TOTARA TOPA PASIFIKA GROUP

Our TOPA Pasifika group were invited to perform at the Chiefs vs Reds rugby game at the stadium, on Friday night. We danced alongside other lucky tamariki and the TOPA enhancement group. What an amazing experience. We are so proud of our 'Te Totara Stars!' Ka rawe!

A very special thankyou to all the parents who took time out to come and support our children. We are so grateful for Landy and Miss Grimson for providing our tamariki with such an incredible opportunity to showcase their talent!

HAMILTON REGIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT

We were lucky enough to have the opportunity for five Te Totara chess players to compete in the Hamilton Regional Chess Tournament recently. Some challenging games, and plenty of fun. We also had some personal achievements.

Kevin Jose with his 5 wins got invited to play Champions Trophy 2024 in Wellington and Aizak Sebastian was awarded the Biggest Gainer badge for gaining the most rating points for the tournament.

It was also great to see the enjoyment and participation from so many schools and all left with huge smiles and great memories of the day.

Te Totara finished 4th on the table which was impressive!

We would also like to thank Danny who supported our STARS during this awesome experience!



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - MATARIKI HALL

This week's assembly will be held in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm Friday 14th June, 2024. This week students from Matawhero, Ra & Marama Pods will attend the assembly. Marama 12 will be sharing and families from this classroom will be invited to attend via their classroom teacher.



2025 SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 1 (Note: Teacher Only Days Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th January, 2025 - No school)

Thursday 30th January - Friday 11th April (11 weeks)

Public Holidays (no school):

Thursday 6th February (Waitangi Day)

Term 2 **Monday 28th April – Friday 27th June (9 weeks)**

Friday 30th May - Teacher Only Day (no school)

Monday 2nd June - King's Birthday Public Holiday (no school)

Friday 20th June - Matariki Public Holiday (no school)



Term 3 **Monday 14th July – Friday 19th September (10 weeks)**

Monday 11th August - Our Mid-Term Break (no school)

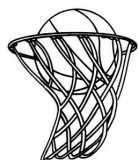
Term 4 **Monday 6th October – Wednesday 17th December (11 weeks)**

Friday 24th October - Teacher Only Day (no school)

Monday 27th October (Labour Day) (no school)

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



Netball

Meteors
Ferns
Rockets
Comets
Invaders

Leisa Shah
TBA
Kiyara Mahla
Libby Clark
Ngawai Greenwood



Hockey

Red Sticks
Blue Sticks
Lions
Strikers

Kelsey Petzer
Kaiden Dheda
Roman Flutey
Dylan Walker

DATES COMING UP

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 ONLY

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)

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



PTA AGM – WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE, 2024

Hands up if you're coming to the PTA AGM Meeting. It's now less than 2 weeks away. Make sure you book out 90 mins in your calendar from 7.00pm for the AGM and general meeting that follows. We are hoping for a good number of parents/caregivers to show up and support the PTA, and that some of them will put up their hand to join us.



When: Wednesday 26th 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/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 role 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?

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 makes 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.

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 flyer below:



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*

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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 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 \$14	We receive \$24

[Support us now](#)

*T&Cs apply.

The graphic also features a smartphone displaying the Entertainment app interface with various restaurant offers like 'Infinity at Sydney Tower' and 'Chiefs Gallery'.

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 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, 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**



TOYWORLD
where the best toys come from

The Hamilton



Presents...
2024



BRICK SHOW



Waikato Kids Lego Masters Competition

WIN

To enter simply
make an
original Lego
creation and
fill out the form
below:



- *An invitation to display your Lego creation at Waikato's biggest Brick Show!
- *Free passes to the Show!
- *Lego prizes for yourself and your classroom!

Age
Categories:
School Years
0 - 2
3 - 4
5 - 6
7 - 8

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Ohakune Train Stay



Visit Ohakune and stay in a railway carriage. Kids will love it!

Two railway carriages converted into holiday accommodation are located at 32 Rimu St, Ohakune Junction. Each carriage sleeps up to six (one double bed, a set of bunks and two sofa beds in the living area) and is self-contained with its own toilet, shower and kitchenette. A heat pump keeps it warm in winter and cool in summer.

Ohakune has a lot to offer all year round: walking, tramping, mountain biking, restaurants, cafes, railway history and of course skiing in the winter.

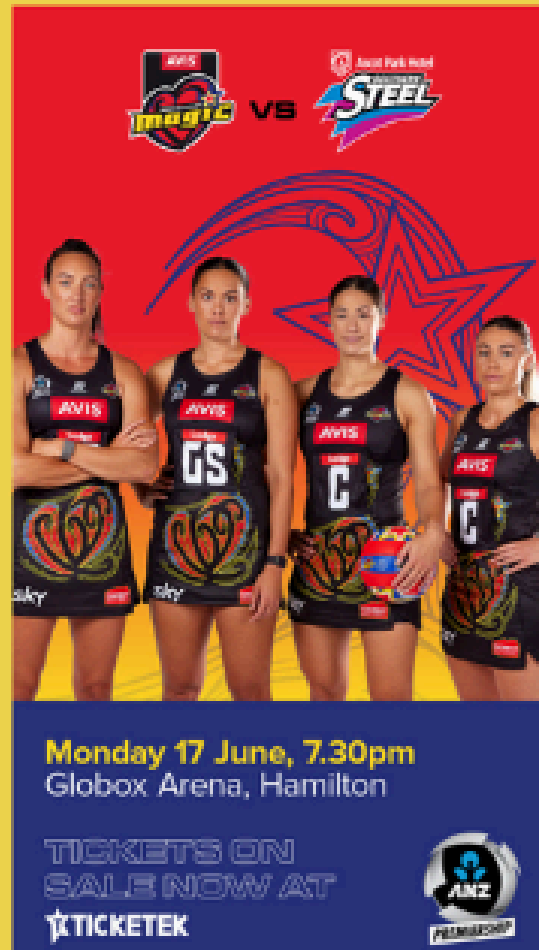
www.ohakunetrainstay.co.nz

Curtain Raiser!

SHGC Premier
U
Morrinsville College Open A

MONDAY 17TH JUNE
5PM

USE THE CODE
HAMILTONNETBALL



A graphic for a netball match. At the top, the logos for "Avis Waikato Bay of Plenty Magic" and "Avis Waikato Bay of Plenty Steel" are shown with "VS" between them. Below the logos is a photograph of four netball players in black and red uniforms with "Avis" and "GS" or "G" on their jerseys. The background is red with a large white star and a blue swoosh. At the bottom, text reads "Monday 17 June, 7.30pm" and "Globox Arena, Hamilton". Below that, it says "TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT" and "TICKETEK". There is also an ANZ logo and a "PREMIER" logo.

Support our Secondary Open Premier teams
AND
our Rep Teams
AND
Avis Waikato Bay of Plenty Magic!!!!

SHGC Premier and Morrinsville College Open A are playing the curtain raiser game for the Magic on
Monday 17th June at 5pm.

Buy your tickets online and use the code HAMILTONNETBALL so that 10% of ticket sales will go towards our Representative teams tracksuits. <https://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=MAGICNET24&ep=HAMILTONNETBALL>

See you there! ❤️🌟



COME AND LEARN

NZ SIGN LANGUAGE

Beginner Level 1A in Cambridge

New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL)

is a challenging, fun and interactive language to learn. Come and join the 6 week NZSL course with our NZSL qualified teacher. The Beginners courses are suitable for those with no prior knowledge of an Introduction to NZSL & Deaf Culture. NZSL Level 1a introduces learners to NZ Sign Language (NZSL), the language of the Deaf community and one of the official languages in New Zealand.

COURSE COSTS INCLUDES

- E-handouts
- Homework (Optional)
- Completion e-Certificate
- Tea and coffee

Please note: Please take note that there might be changes in the schedule such as additional classes to compensate for a public holiday or other cancellations due to low participation. Also, it is important to attend at least 80% of the classes to qualify for certification.

Please be advised that tuition fees must be settled before the commencement of the classes. You will receive an invoice as confirmation of your enrollment.

Beginner Level 1A - 6 weeks

Mondays 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm
Wednesdays 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

When: Mondays 22 July to 26 August 2024 OR

Wednesdays 24 July to 28 August 2024

Topics: Meeting and Greeting, Our Class, Wants and Needs

Where: Cambridge

Cost: \$130.00 per person

Space are limited.

USIGN
NZ SIGN LANGUAGE

For more information and to enrol please contact
kelly@usign.co.nz or txt only 0275 377 779

