

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,

Congratulations to the Yr 5/6 Maths Competition teams who walked to RJHS last week with Mrs Lingard and competed so strongly. The Te Totara Mathletes Team came 1st overall with the Te Totara Stars Team placing 3rd overall and Kevin Jose was awarded 2nd place in the individual challenge. Well done TT Maths Team - you are all STARS!



On **Thursday 27th June** the school will be opening the doors from 9:00am - 10:30am to Grandparents or Special People in the lives of our tamariki. You may be an Auntie, Uncle, Grandma, Nana, Grandad, Poppa or a family friend that plays an important part in the life of a student in our school. Our teams are organising some fun activities for you to experience alongside your mokopuna over the morning block. We look forward to seeing you on the 27th.



Sadly, we have had to finish our swimming lessons early as our wonderful swimming teacher, Kelsey, has had to take leave for the rest of the term. Thanks to Mrs Ace who has reworked the timetable to make sure that the classes who had started swimming this term will be able to finish their 10 lessons at the beginning of Term 4.

We welcome Mrs Brittany Moore back to Te Totara for the rest of the year teaching in Room 24. Mrs Moore taught in the Earth Team prior to having a baby in 2023 and has been working here 2 days a week as a classroom release teacher since the beginning of the year. Welcome back on board Mrs Moore.

Our wonderful Parent Teacher Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 26th June in the staff lounge at 7:00pm. We would love to see new faces on the PTA Team to help raise funds for our school special projects. Come and join us for a hot drink, nibbles and support our school.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi nui

Jo Stewart - Acting Principal

LEARNING PLANS ONLINE THROUGH THE PARENT PORTAL UNDER THE "REPORTS" ICON

A Mid-Year Learning Plan for each student is now online via the Parent Portal. However, if your child started at school in Term 2 (or late in Term 1) you may not receive a Mid-Year Learning Plan yet, your child will receive an End-of-Year Learning Plan due out in December.

An email was sent on Friday last week 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.



Please 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

CHANGE OF FAMILY DETAILS

Just a little reminder that if you have changed any of your family's details (*living arrangements, mobile, home phone, address, email etc*) please advise Steph Yates in the School Office so we can update your child's record accordingly. Email stephy@tetotara.school.nz

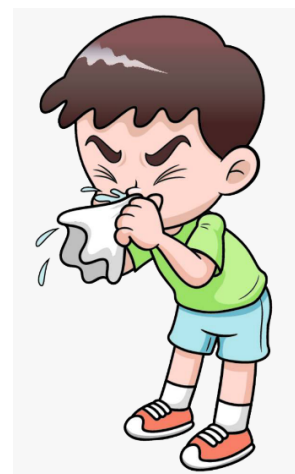
We encourage our families to check your contact details are correct through the Parent Portal at www.atschool.co.nz using the User ID and Passwords you have been provided.

UNWELL CHILDREN WHO NEED TO GO HOME

We are seeing a lot of winter illness at present, both with our staff and students. Our Administration 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, 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. If your child has diarrhoea or vomiting we ask that they do not return to school unless they are well and have had **no further diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours prior to returning – these bugs can be highly contagious.** Thank you for your assistance.



STUDENTS LEAVING TE TOTARA

If you have not already notified us and are planning to leave our school at the end of this term, it would be very much appreciated if you could please urgently advise us by emailing Marise Crow at: receptionist@tetotara.school.nz

Please advise the last day they will be attending our school and their new school's details so that we can post their Student Records directly to the new school.

If you have a child coming to Te Totara in the near future, we would love to have an Enrolment Form, it would certainly help with future planning.

PTA AGM WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE, 2024



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Please see the PTA section of this newsletter for more information.

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

Ashley James
TBA
Nicole Pretorius
Heidi Jackson
TBA



Hockey

Red Sticks
Blue Sticks
Lions
Strikers

Jake Sebastian
TBA
Caitlyn Mercer
Jyansh Prakash

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY- MATARIKI HALL

This week's assembly will be held in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm Friday 21th June, 2024. This week students from Orion and Earth Pods will attend the assembly. Earth 36 will be sharing and families from this classroom will be invited to attend via their classroom teacher.



DATES COMING UP

Wed 26 June	PTA Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm in the Staff Lounge
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Thurs 27 June	Grandparents or Special People Day 9.00am-10.30am
Fri 28 June	Matariki Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 5 July	END OF TERM 2 - School Finishes at 3.00PM
Mon 22 July	TERM 3 BEGINS (10 weeks)
Tues 13 Aug	X-Challenge + Cross Country Trials
Thurs 15 Aug	X-Challenge + Cross Country Trials (Postponement date)
Tues 20 Aug	Photolife Class & Individual School Photos
Wed 21 Aug	Photolife Class & Individual School Photos
Wed 21 Aug	Learning Plan Interviews - School Finishes at 2.00pm
Thurs 22 Aug	Learning Plan Interviews - School Finishes at 2.00pm
Thurs 22 Aug	Board Meeting @ 6.30pm
Mon 26 Aug	Mid Term Break - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 27 Aug	Fairfield Cluster Cross Country (Years 4-6)
Thurs 29 Aug	Fairfield Cluster Cross Country (Postponement date)
Mon 2 Sept	Photolife Groups & Cluster Sports Photos
Tues 24 Sept	Senior School Production - The Stars of Matariki
Wed 25 Sept	Senior School Production - The Stars of Matariki
Thurs 26 Sept	Board Meeting @ 6.30pm
Fri 27 Sept	END OF TERM 3 - School Finishes at 3.00pm
Mon 14 Oct	TERM 4 BEGINS (10 weeks)

TOUGH GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE HIGHLIGHTS

For more photos, please visit our Te Totara School facebook page



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



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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:



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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.

Id like to join the PTA but I dont 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.

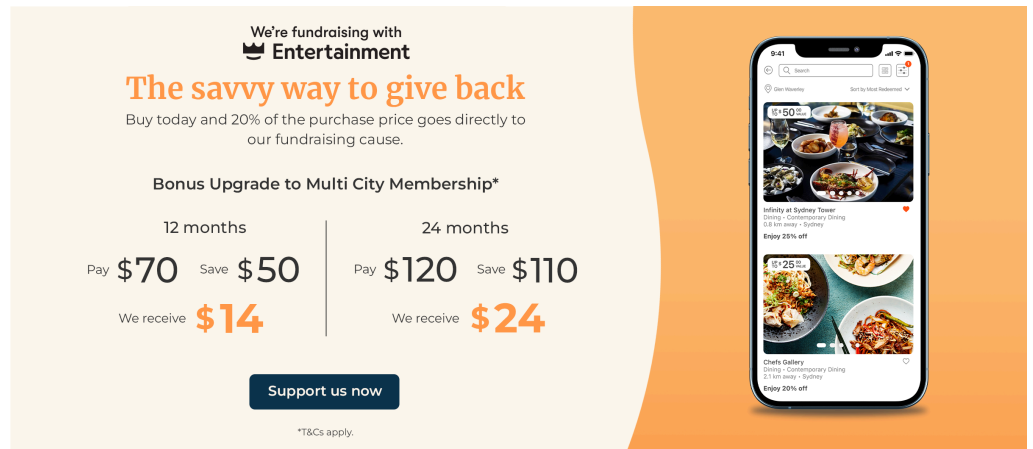
Interested in coming to our next meeting?

Please visit the Te Totara School PTA Facebook page for details

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

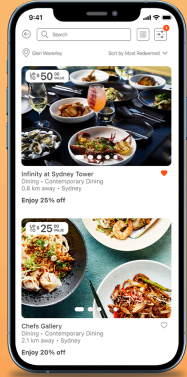
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Pay \$70 Save \$50	Pay \$120 Save \$110
We receive \$14	We receive \$24

[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

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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**



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FINISH 2:30PM
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School holiday programmes

Tuesday 9th July

Paint a pot, make a monster and have a go on a potters wheel 9am - 3pm

Thursday 11th July:

Paint-a-Pot 10.30am to 12pm
Adventures on the Wheel 1.00 - 3.30pm

Monday 15th July

Paint a pot, make a monster and have a go on a potters wheel 9am - 3pm

Bookings essential

www.waikatopotters.co.nz

Studio 1
Ward Park Arts Centre
2 Seddon Rd
Frankton
Hamilton
Ph: 07 838 1950



WAIKATO

Society of Potters



Introducing the Nature in the City Plantathon! This July, we're hosting three big Saturday planting events at locations around Hamilton, with the goal of planting 15,000 plants. Check out the line up:

1 – 3pm, Saturday 6 July – Sandford Park

1 – 3pm, Saturday 13 July - Hillcrest Stadium

1 – 3pm, Saturday 20 July - Minogue Park

Pop it in the calendar and spare a Saturday! Come down with a planting spade and some gloves (if you have them). Bring your friends, whaanau and together let's restore nature in the city.

We'll put on a sausage sizzle and some tunes on to get us in the planting spirit!

Please bring a water bottle, sensible clothing, shoes and a rain jacket.

We'd encourage you to bike or walk – the kids will love it! There will be limited parking at the event sites.

Check out our Facebook event pages for more details, and to stay up to date:

[Sandford Plantathon](#)

[Hillcrest Plantathon](#)

[Minogue Plantathon](#)

DONATE BLOOD at Rototuna Library

Visit our mobile blood drive and help save three lives.



WHERE

30 North City Road, Rototuna North

WHEN

**Friday 5th July
9.30am - 1.30pm**

**Appointments are essential as spaces are limited.
So be quick.**



Book now



0800 448 325



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