

# **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER** THURSDAY 27TH JUNE, 2024

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

## FRIDAY 28TH JUNE - Matariki Public Holiday

A reminder that school will be <u>CLOSED</u> on this day School opens again on Monday 1st July, 2024

Kia Ora Whanau.

#### Mānawatia a Matariki Te Totara whanau Happy Māori New Year to our Te Totara families

Matariki is a special time where we remember those who have passed away, we celebrate the present by gathering together with family and friends and we look to the future and to the promise of the new year. The school is closed on Friday 28th June for the observance of Matariki and I hope you find some time to enjoy this day with your nearest and dearest.



This week our students have been learning and talking about Matariki and this morning we hosted the special people and grandparents in the lives of our Tamariki. It was lovely to see the activities and games that were planned by our teachers.

If you would like to learn more about Matariki please click the link to a video by Dr Rangi Matamua.

• Matariki Te Whetū o te Tau | Dr Rangi Matamua and Living by the Stars & CORE Education

Te Totara was fortunate to receive an invitation from RJHS for a group of students to attend an afternoon performance of their School Production of Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat. The children who saw this performance loved this experience. A huge well done to the Production Team at RJHS and to our ex-students that were part of the cast.

I wish you all a wonderful Matariki time

Ngā mihi nui

Jo Stewart - Acting Principal

#### 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 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.



# YouTube LATEST TITV EPISODE OUT NOW! Featuring Orion 8 & 10 and Earth 36

Did you know that Te Totara Primary School have their own YouTube channel? These are presented by different classes with the students sharing little snippets of what they have been learning that week. We aim to produce 5 episodes a term. IT TV Orion 8, 10 & Earth 36









#### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY- MATARIKI HALL

This week's assembly will be held in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm Thursday 27th June, 2024. This week students from Neptune and Milky Way Pods will attend the assembly. Milky Way 18 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



#### **Netball**

Meteors Ferns Joy Shin Rockets Rahera George

Invaders 12/6 Florence Johnstone

19/6 Chloe Su



#### Hockey

Comets

Red Sticks Livia Gibson Blue Sticks TBA Lions TBA Strikers Isla Gibson



#### DATES COMING UP

Matariki Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED Fri 28 June Fri 5 July END OF TERM 2 - School Finishes at 3.00PM

Mon 22 July TERM 3 BEGINS (10 weeks)

IMPORTANT DATES Tues 6 Aug Cross Country Trials Yr 4-6 from 9.30am - 11.30am X Challenge - Whole school. Timetable to come. Wed 7 Aug

Thurs 8 Aug X Challenge - Postponement Day

Tues 20 Aug Photolife Class & Individual School Photos Photolife Class & Individual School Photos Wed 21 Aug

Learning Plan Interviews - School Finishes at 2.00pm Wed 21 Aug 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)

Fairfield Cluster Cross Country (Postponement date) Thurs 29 Aug

**Photolife Groups & Cluster Sports Photos** Mon 2 Sept

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)





#### TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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#### **PTA AGM NEWS**

Our AGM was held last night, and it was awesome to have 2 new faces attend our meeting, but disappointing that more people didn't come along to support our wonderful PTA. Our Chairperson Kerri Shanks and Deputy Chairperson Adelle Barach both stepped down from their positions on the Committee. A huge thank you to both these ladies who have done an amazing job in the roles which they have held for the past 2 years.

A new Committee was elected last night, and we would like to congratulate and welcome the following existing and new members onto our committee for the upcoming year.

#### The new Committee is:

Chairperson: Kerry Jurgenson

Deputy Chairperson: Nate King

Treasurer: Navreet Bange

Secretary: Lorinda Schoonwinkel

Communications Officer: Garima Bhatia
Committee Members: Alexx De Beer

#### **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 24th June 2024 and 1:59pm NZST, Tuesday 2nd July 2024 your Single City Membership will be upgraded to a Multi City Membership at no additional cost. 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.

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

PTA Meeting – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 7:00pm

With only a week of Term 2 left, we hope you and your children have an enjoyable break and we look forward to seeing you again in Term 3.

Your PTA Committee: Kerry, Nate, Navreet, Lorinda 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



### Winter Reading Programme 2024

Navigating the Stars - Whakatere i ngaa Whetuu



Join us this winter as we celebrate Matariki and experience the joy of reading for fun!

We want to spark your curiosity and encourage you to explore the narrative about the Matariki star cluster. Stars have guided sailors, travellers, and explorers for centuries - it's amazing how something so distant can illuminate our path and guide us through the darkest of nights. So whether you're interested in researching the Matariki stars or want to enjoy a good book curled up in your blanket, we've got you covered with our Winter Reading Programme: Navigating the Stars - Whakatere i ngaa Whetuu.

**How it works:** This year, we want you to focus on enjoying reading and engaging with your local libraries. Instead of a booklet with reading minutes logged, this year's Winter Reading Programme uses a game board along with reading logs and bookmarks.

On the game board, you can start anywhere, go at your own pace, in whatever order you wish, and colour in the spaces as you read books or complete activities. Use the reading log to track your reading and write reviews of your favourite books on the bookmarks. Place the bookmark in the reviewed book when returning it to your local library. This will help you recommend it to other readers!

Also, each library branch has its own unique Matariki sticker which you can collect as you visit them for <u>events</u> related to the Winter Reading Programme. Now go ahead, curl up with a book and let the fun begin!





Come and join us these school holidays - have fun, get creative and learn new skills!

From drawing with acrylic paint to macramé, salt dough snakes to origami and papercraft.

Full details and registrations on our website!

hamiltonlibraries.co.nz

