

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 4TH JULY, 2024

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** JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS **

MONDAY 8TH JULY TO FRIDAY 19TH JULY, 2024

The School Office will be open on Friday 19th July from 9.00am - 2.00pm for Enrolment enquiries

School Begins on Monday 22nd July at 8.55am

Kia Ora Whanau,

This will be my final newsletter as the Acting Principal at Te Totara. I have loved leading the school these past 2 Terms. It has been a privilege to serve the Te Totara community in this role.

We welcomed James Murray as the new Principal from Term 3 to Te Totara on Tuesday this week with a Mihi Whakatau. The Kapa Haka Group performed so well and the whole school was able to meet and hear our new Principal. Well done to everyone and a special thank you to Whaea Penny and Whaea Dori for their planning and direction in this important process.



We had a brilliant morning on our Te Totara Grandparents/Special Persons day last week. Thank you to the people that came and supported their children for the morning. It was such a busy morning across the school and I loved meeting the special people and grandparents of our tamariki.

Our school Gymnastics Team, under the guidance of Mrs Gillies, competed last week. Congratulations to Hayley McLeod 1st in the novice section, Olivia Lee and Charlotte Haycock placing in Year 3&4. Mackenzie Young 1st, Kelsey Pretzer 3rd and also Japmeet, Armeen and Aaliyah placing. In the competitive class Sadie Wootton placed 6th, Yarden 8th and Yuval 2nd. Well done on such a strong team result.

On a personal note I would like to thank Mrs Ace and Mrs Lewis for their continued support as part of the Senior Leadership Team in Terms 1&2 this year. Thank you also to the Team Leaders and our amazing teachers and staff across the school. Te Totara is what it is because of the dedication and passion for our Tamariki by the whole whanau.

E hara taku toa, i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini. My strength is not as an individual but as a collective.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday time with your family.

Ngā mihi nui

Jo Stewart - Acting Principal (soon to be back in the Deputy Principal role)

A MESSAGE FROM THE TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD

Thank you for a wonderful Term 2. It's been so great hearing all the cool things going on and how much fun you've all been having. We'd like to say a special thank you to all the staff for their hard work and dedication. In particular, Jo Stewart for stepping into the role of Acting Principal and doing a marvellous job these last two terms. Thank you also to Maree Lewis, Caron Ace and Sarah Gill who stepped up to support the school during this transition time.

On Tuesday, we held a special assembly to welcome James Murray as our new Principal. The Kapa Haka were brilliant! Thank you to all involved with that talented group. You work so hard and it pays off! We're very proud of your dedication and amazing performances, tamariki.

Mr. Murray will be starting at the school on the first day of Term 3 and we're excited to have him join the Te Totara whanau.

Enjoy your term break. We hope you are able to relax, have some fun and recharge your batteries for Term 3. Stay safe and we'll see you again soon!

Noho ora mai **Melissa Guyan** Presiding Member

MIHI WHAKATAU

Officially welcoming our new Principal, James Murray







James Murray with Te Totara's past principals,
Brian Sheedy and Anne Fraser

HAMILTON CITY GYMNASTICS FESTIVAL - 27 JUNE 2024

Last Thursday, we had 27 of our Te Totara STARS attend the Hamilton City Gymnastics Festival with some fantastic results.



Springers section: Hayley McLeod 1st, Olivia Lee 6th and Charlotte Haycock 8th for the Year 3&4s.

Mackenzie Young 1st, Kelsey Petzer 3rd, Japmeet Kaur 4th, Armeen Bano 6th and Aaliyah Jasti 8th.

Flyers section: Sadie Wootton 6th

Twisters section: Yuval Weissler 2nd and Yarden Weissler 8th



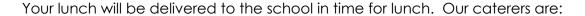






SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS: NEW MENU FOR TERM 3

Please note Fastlane Fitness have made a few changes to their menu for Term 3. A reminder that all orders are placed through **KINDO**. Simple and easy! You can order (or cancel) by 9.00am on the day of delivery or schedule in advance.





Monday, Thursday & Friday	Tuesday & Wednesday
SUBWAY	FASTLANE FITNESS



WANTED - TREE TRUNK SLICES PLEASE!

We are looking for heavy tree trunk slices to hold down the cardboard in our maara kai (vegetable garden). Please email <u>bridgetm@tetotara.school.nz</u> if you are able to help.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY- MATARIKI HALL

This week's assembly will be held **in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm Friday 5th July, 2024.** This week students from Matawhero, Ra and Marama will attend the assembly. **Marama 13** 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 <u>stephy@tetotara.school.nz</u>

Netball

Meteors 25/6 Ruby Middlemiss

2/7 Siena Fischer

Ferns TBA

Rockets Emily Wilmot

Comets TBA Invaders TBA

Hockey



Red Sticks TBA
Blue Sticks TBA

Lions Ruchika Minhas

Strikers TBA

DATES COMING UP

Fri 5 July END OF TERM 2 - School Finishes at 3.00PM

Mon 22 July TERM 3 BEGINS (10 weeks)

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

Thurs 8 Aug X Challenge - Postponement Day

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

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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)





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









ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR TERM 3 2024!

Jitterbugs

Monday (Rototuna Junior High School Dance Studio)

- 3.40 Jitterbugs Seniors (by selection only) FULL
- 4.10 MiniJam (girls & boys aged 3 5½) 5 Spaces
- 4.35 Senior Hip Hop (girls aged 9 14) 3 Spaces
- 5.05 Jitterbugs Advanced (by selection only)

Tuesday (Common Ground Gym in Flagstaff)

- 3.35 Jitterbugs Junior (girls aged 5 ½ 7) 2 Spaces
- 4.05 Jitterbugs Junior Plus (girls aged 7 8) 4 Spaces
- 4.35 Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls 8 14) 1 Space
- 5.05 **New Adults Session (ages 16 and over) 6 Spaces

Wednesday (Common Ground Gym in Flagstaff)

- 3.30 Jitterbugs Mini's (girls aged 3 5½) 2 Spaces
- 4.00 Jitterjam (girls & Boys aged 5 ½ 7) 1 space
- 4.30 Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls 8 14) 6 Spaces

Lessons start week 2 of Term 3 - Monday 29th July, Tuesday
30th July and Wednesday 31st July 2024. The proposed show
date is Sunday 15th September. Cost: \$130 for one child, \$250
for 2 kids or \$370 for 3 kids. Adults session \$80

Email Jolie or checkout the Jitterbugs Facebook page to signup jitterbugsdancelessons@outlook.com





Fantails for Girls

Calling all aspiring young female footballers! Our Fantails programme aims to attract girls aged 4-8 to experience football in a safe and enjoyable environment.

Fantails offers a platform for your little ones to make friends, have fun, improve their skills, and stay active through the beautiful game.

Key Details:

Starting Date: Monday 5th August 2024
Time: 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm
Duration: 8 weeks
Location: Korikori Park, Rototuna

Cost: \$40 per term



Community Play for Boys

Community Play is a Give-it-a-Go program designed to provide boys with a taste of football while having a blast with friends.

Key Details:

Starting Date: Monday 5th August 2024

Time: 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm Duration: 8 weeks

Location: Korikori Park, Rototuna

Cost: \$40 per term

To register visit https://www.northernunitedfootball.co.nz/Football-1/community-play-football