

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)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tihei mauri ora, nau mai, haere mai, tena koutou katoa, E nga whanau, e nga kaiako, e nga tamariki, e nga manuhiri, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa

Kia Ora Whānau,

Welcome back to Term 3 and I hope everyone had a restful break with their families. A very special welcome to those families who are new to our school. There is a buzz of excitement, nerves and anticipation for the start of a wonderful Term of learning. I would like to thank the children, staff, School Board and the community for their welcome to me and my family. We are excited to join the Te Totara Community and I look forward to a strong working relationship. The Pōwhiri/Mihi Whakatau was a wonderful way to welcome my wife and I and for St Mary's Tauranga to hand me over. Thank-you to all who were involved and present, it was a special celebration.

I have had a wonderful few days being present at Before School Care, Pasifika practice, afternoon crossing duty, pods, and walking around at lunchtimes. The children have been very friendly and engaging and I have been so impressed with their engagement in their learning.

I would like to thank Mrs Stewart and her whole team for their wonderful commitment and dedication to the Te Totara community and for supporting me in my transition to Te Totara. I look forward to meeting as many of our community as I can over the coming weeks.

James Murray
Principal



***** MID TERM BREAK *** SCHOOL CLOSED**
Monday 26th August, 2024

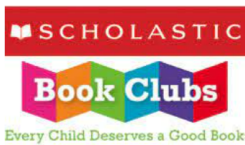
Just a reminder that School is closed on **Monday 26th August, 2024**. This date was set last year and is to help with everyone's wellbeing at this time of the year. It is usual that we have increased student illness at this time of the year and in previous years we have noticed a reduction in absences due to illness after this break. We also have this break as there are no Public Holidays during this term.



LOST & FOUND PROPERTY BIN

A reminder that our Lost & Found Property Box can be found outside the large sliding doors of the Matariki Hall (under cover). **Please check this bin regularly.** Any unclaimed un-named school uniform will be resold as "pre-loved" uniforms through the School Office.

Please remember to clearly name your child's clothing, even school hats.



NEW SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER CATALOGUE

This week your child was given a Scholastic Book Club catalogue. These orders close at **9.15am on Friday 2 August 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.

2024 FEES, SPORTS REGISTRATIONS & DONATIONS PAID VIA KINDO

This online system allows you to pay for our school's fees (Mathletics/Mathseeds, Voluntary School Donation, Lost Library Book Costs etc) and is also the **ONLY** way to register/pay for your child for sports teams.

Please Note: Aquatics will be charged after your child's class has had their lessons.



Available to pay/register via KINDO now:

- **Aquatics** (added to your KINDO account when your child's class is swimming)
- **Voluntary School Donation** (\$120.00 first/only child / \$60.00 each sibling)
- **Mathletics/Mathseeds**



Kindo Questions? Kindo Helpdesk on 0508 454636 (toll free)

If access is denied, it is most likely that our school does not have your current email address recorded on your child's file. Please do not hesitate to contact the School Office on (07) 853-0039 to amend.

SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2025
Enrolment Period of 18th December, 2024 - 27th June, 2025

Our School Board is looking to accommodate, if possible, younger siblings of current students and children of staff for the 2025 school year. To help determine this, we need to have OUTZ Enrolment Application Forms into the School Office to help with this process. Please complete an OUTZ Enrolment Form for each child, which is available online from our school website by clicking the following link: www.tetotara.school.nz or by visiting the School Office.

The Board will look at the number of enrolments, the level of projected student growth and determine how many spaces for out-of-zone students are available for the upcoming enrolment period of **18th December, 2024 to 27th June, 2025**. This process will be completed in mid October, allowing for lots of time for families to know what is happening. Further information around the number of out-of-zone spaces to be released will be communicated via the school newsletter over the next few weeks.

Please return the completed OUTZ Enrolment Form, including the relevant documentation, to the School Office by 3.00pm on Thursday 8th August, 2024.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY- MATARIKI HALL

This week's assembly will be held in the **Matariki Hall at 2.00pm Friday 26th July, 2024**. This week students from **Orion & Earth Pods** will attend the assembly. **Earth 34** will be sharing and families from this classroom will be invited to attend via their classroom teacher.

NO PARKING ALLOWED AT LEARNING LINKS, HECTOR DRIVE
(Opposite the School)

Learning Links, our wonderful preschool neighbour across the road has asked for our help as their families are having difficulties finding a carpark in their car park at times.

It appears that a number of our parents and caregivers who don't have children at the centre have been parking in the Learning Links car park during pick up times.



NO PARKING

PLEASE DO NOT park in their car park, unless you have a preschool child from Learning Links to pick up. Learning links car park is ONLY for families who have preschool children at Learning Links.

We support the staff at Learning Links monitoring this, you will be asked to move if you are found to be parking in their premises without the above reason. Please be respectful of this request.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We very much value the great relationships we have fostered with our neighbouring community organisations.

ROUTINE VISION & HEARING CHECKS IN SCHOOL

Thursday, 12th September @ 9.30am

Information on Vision and Hearing Checks in School



Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects.

Which children are routinely checked?

- Children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check
- Children absent from previous visit, require retests or follow up In special circumstances, parents, teachers or others may request a vision or hearing check

If any parents/caregivers **do not** want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.

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	Hargun Aulakh
Ferns	TBA
Rockets	TBA
Comets	TBA
Invaders	TBA



Hockey

Red Sticks	6/7 Lincoln Wilton
Blue Sticks	TBA
Lions	TBA
Strikers	TBA

DATES COMING UP

Tues 6 Aug	Cross Country Trials Yr 4-6 from 9.30am - 11.30am
Wed 7 Aug	X-Challenge - Whole school. Timetable to come.
Wed 7 Aug	PTA Meeting @ 7.00pm in Staff Lounge
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	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 (Team A) - The Stars of Matariki
Wed 25 Sept	Senior School Production (Team B) - 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

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

SMITH & MCKENZIE CHEESECAKE FESTIVAL

The Te Totara PTA have nabbed a spot in the "Top 11" for 15th Annual Smith & McKenzie Cheesecake Festival, with our flavour "Peppermint Kit-Kat".

This is how the festival helps the Te Totara PTA raise money:

- **Sales:** \$1.00 from each slice of cheesecake sold goes towards your fundraising and gets totalled at the end of the festival.
- **Voting:** Each person who buys a slice will also get a token to vote for their favourite one. The most votes wins the overall festival.
- **Prizes:** The winner receives \$500.00 towards their fundraising goals or a Smith & McKenzie voucher to raffle off, holds the Smith & McKenzie Cheesecake Trophy for the year, and gets their cheesecake added to our dessert menu until the next festival.



So.... pop down to Smith and McKenzie during the festival, order a slice and place your vote for "Peppermint Kit-Kat" to support us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PTA Meeting – Wednesday 7th August at 7:00pm

Your PTA Committee: *Kerry, Nate, Navreet, Lorinda, Garima & Alexx*

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**



TE KURA NUI O
ROTOTUNA
HIGH SCHOOLS

Junior High Open Day

TUESDAY 30th JULY

Tours start at
9.30am and 11.30am

SEE OUR LEARNING IN ACTION

ALL PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND WHĀNAU FOR 2025 ARE WELCOME



Hamilton Book Month is on throughout August with thirteen no and low-cost events. Come and hear fiction and memoir panels, author talks, a poetry celebration with NZ's Poet Laureate Chris Tse including the launch of Tracey Slaughter's latest poetry collection, four workshops covering writing fiction, memoir, poetry and how to make money from your writing, a literary pub quiz, book battle, The Bookshop Detectives Live! event, a blokes' book club plus an authors' showcase.

Authors include Emily Perkins, Anna Smail, Emma Wehipeihana (Espiner), Ngā huia te Awekōtuku, Craig Hoyle, Caroline Barron, Chris Tse, Tracey Slaughter, Ben Brown, Elizabeth Kirkby-McLeod, Garth and Louise Ward.

Almost all events are free, some require registration. see details at www.hamiltonbookmonth.com

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)



Exceptional Learners
Whakāhāhāhi iorangi

Exceptional Place
Whakāhāhāhi wāhi

Fairfield Intermediate School

Information Evening

Wednesday 31 July
6.30pm to 8.00pm
in the Auditorium

Open Days

Wednesday 14 August
9.00am - 2.30pm

Wednesday 21 August
9.00am - 2.30pm









8 Weeks of FUN!

TT Kidz (NZ) gives children aged 6-11 a great first experience in table tennis.

REGISTER NOW!



TT Kidz - Waikato
 Venue: Waikato Table Tennis Stadium
 Edegecumbe Park, Edegecumbe Street, Whitiara, Hamilton.

Start Date: Saturday 3rd August 2024
 Time: 10:00am-11:00am Cost: \$100

www.tabletennis.org.nz/tt-kidz

Equipment pack included:
 T-shirt, Bag, Bat and balls.



EQUIP YOUR CHILD WITH SKILLS FOR LIFE!

Kids shy – won't speak out?
 Raw energy – want to channel that?
 Hates school speeches?

LET US HELP YOU

Public Speaking contributes to success more than any other skill.

DYNAMIC SPEECH & DRAMA CLASSES – for children

FOR AGES 5 - 17 YRS

YOUR CHILD WILL GAIN THESE SKILLS

Speaking Skills Confidence
 Clear Speech School Speeches
 Self-esteem Reading Skills
 Acting On-the-Spot talking
 Teamwork Discussion Debate



AND MORE!

KIDS DON'T MAKE GOOD LIFE DECISIONS – MAKE THIS ONE FOR THEM!

Save your place – Call Roz
 Roz 027 248 2888 roz@speak4success.co.nz



LAST CHANCE TO JOIN UP FOR TERM 3 2024!

Jitterbugs

DANCE LESSONS



Monday (Rototuna Junior High School Dance Studio)

- 3.40 Jitterbugs Seniors (by selection only) **FULL**
- 4.10 MiniJam (girls & boys aged 3 – 5½) **1 Space**
- 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) **3 Spaces**
- 4.35 Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls 8 – 14) **1 Space**
- 5.05 ****New Adults Session (ages 16 and over) 5 Spaces**

Wednesday (Common Ground Gym in Flagstaff)

- 3.30 Jitterbugs Mini's (girls aged 3 – 5½) **1 Space**
- 4.00 Jitterjam (girls & Boys aged 5 ½ – 7) **FULL**
- 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

