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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,

Thank-you to the staff, children and wider community for my first 2 weeks at Te Totara. You have all greeted me with a smile and made my introduction to Te Totara a memorable one.

I had my first assembly last Friday and I was so impressed with the sharing of their Term 2 learning and the participation of all the children. There was also a wonderful turnout from our community to enjoy as well.

I have very much enjoyed spending time in all our learning pods and seeing our children's learning. They are all keen and eager to learn, share and support their peers. There are wonderful things happening, our Kapa Haka Group, the environmental aspect, our Pasifika Group. There are many other opportunities for our children to shine this Term through the production, cross-country to name a few. Please keep up-to-date with our website and the school app so you have all the information required.

Thankyou to our community for their support around attendance and being prompt to school and letting the teachers and the School Office know of any absences.

James Murray
Principal



COMPETITIVE CROSS COUNTRY - TUESDAY 6TH AUGUST, 2024

We are hoping for a beautiful day on Tuesday 6th August as we prepare for our competitive Cross Country race. **This race is for our Year 4-6 students who are hoping to compete in the Cross Country Fairfield Cluster and is optional.** This year the course will include the children starting their race on the back field and running most of the race in Korikori Park then finishing on the back field. All runners will need to change back into their uniform for the rest of the day.

The approximate times are as follows:

9:15am Year 4 Boys	9:17am Year 4 Girls
9:40am Year 5 Boys	9:42am Year 5 Girls
10:00am Year 5 Boys	10:02am Year 6 Girls



X-CHALLENGE - WEDNESDAY 7TH AUGUST, 2024

X-Challenge Race from 9:30am - 2:20pm

The X-Challenge is a fun obstacle course that will be set out on the back field. Children are encouraged to complete the course as many times as they can in their team time slot.

Obstacles will include a climbing wall, cargo net, hill roll, tyre run, plank walk, hula hooping, skipping and many other activities.

Children are able to wear their school House colours (see below) on the day but please be aware they are likely to get wet and dirty, so old clothes would be best. **Some warm, dry clothes to change into would be a good idea for after their turn on the course.**

Parents are warmly welcome to come and watch from the right hand side of the hill. We have booked a coffee cart for those of you who would like a hot drink while watching the fun. This will be sited at the pool end of the car park. It will be fantastic to see our families in school again cheering the children on. We look forward to seeing you there.

X-Challenge Timetable:

9:10 - 9:25 House Chants in the Galaxy Courts

9:30am - 10:00am **Milky Way Team**

Note: Postponement day - Thursday 8th August

10:05am - 10:35am **Marama Team**

BREAK

11:15am - 11:40am **Earth**

11:45am - 12:10am **Rā**

12:15pm - 12:35pm **Neptune**

LUNCH

1:35 pm - 1:55 pm **Orion**

2:00 pm - 2:20 pm **Matawhero**



TE TOTARA HOUSE COLOURS

There are four houses, all named in line with our STARS theme and space expeditions:

HOUSE NAME:	COLOUR:
Apollo	Yellow
Challenger	Blue
Discovery	Green
Mercury	Red

- Children are placed in houses when they start at Te Totara Primary School. New students with family members already at school will be placed in the same house.
- We will be able to use the houses for different school events and happenings e.g. Athletics and Cross Country.
- Houses will provide our children with leadership responsibilities and provide good-natured competition.
- There are colours for each house.
- There will be a Lead Teacher looking after each house.
- Students will be meeting in house groups before the event e.g. School Cross Country.
- Children are encouraged to wear an item of a colour associated with their school house.

LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSION BOOKINGS (ALL rooms except Room 1)

BOOKINGS OPEN 9.00AM TOMORROW (Friday 2nd August)

Learning Plan Discussions will take place on **Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd August, 2024.**

We have arranged **15 minute time slots** for discussions from 2.30pm onwards, there will be a change over bell so that everyone is aware of timings. If you have more than one child, you might like to have a break between each interview. To ensure the smooth running of our Learning Plan Discussions, we would be grateful if all our parents/caregivers kept to the timetable. There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress on:

Wednesday 21st August, 2024

2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm, 5.00pm, 5.15pm, 5.30pm (teachers break between 5.45pm-6.15pm), 6.15pm, 6.30pm, 6.45pm & 7.00pm

Thursday 22nd August, 2024

2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm, 5.00pm, 5.15pm, 5.30pm, 5.45pm & 6.00pm

How do I book a time?

To make an appointment time for your child/ren, please use our online booking system www.schoolinterviews.co.nz – our school code is **fnhv5**

An electronic confirmation can be sent to you via email upon completion of your booking, **please don't forget to include your email address and select "email" under Parent Bookings** when you have booked an interview time.

If you are unable to access the internet, please phone the school (07) 853-0039 ext. 858 and leave a message with the time slot that you would prefer and Marise will collate these.

We will endeavour to give you the time as close as we can to your preference. If we are unable to assist we will go by first in first served. Please **do not** make arrangements directly with classroom teachers.

Who should come?

We encourage the student, and family members who have an interest in learning, to come along and discuss this with the teacher.

What will the format be?

The discussion is a general one about how the learner is progressing, areas of strength and also discussing next steps in learning and how this can happen.

Bookings close on Monday 19th August, 2024 @ 9.00am. Sorry, we will not be able to accept bookings after this date/time.

PLEASE NOTE:

School will finish at 2.00pm both Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd August for ALL students. Students will need to be collected at 2.00pm - Thanks.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The whole school will finish at 2.00pm on Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd August; After School Care will begin at 2.00pm, **for those children enrolled**.

Spaces are limited.... so, if your child/ren normally attends ASC on either/both those days, please advise ASC two weeks in advance if you DO NOT require your booking. Otherwise, your child/ren will be booked in for the earlier start time of 2.00pm automatically on those days. Any queries, please email Katrina Strong: afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz

SPARE ITEMS OF CLOTHING/SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR OUR SICK BAY

Can you please help.... we are desperately in need of some clean spare clothing for our sick bay area. In particular, we need spare girls and boys underwear, Te Totara skorts and black shorts. If you are happy to donate any of these items of clothes, we would really appreciate it. Also spare paper bags would be amazing. Please drop them into the School Office.

Over the past few weeks we have handed out quite a lot of our spare uniform clothing, we would really appreciate those items being returned to the School Office as soon as possible after they have been washed. Many thanks.





UPDATE FROM YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Kia Ora. Please feel free to share this newsletter with your teachers, staff and school community

When should your child stay home from school?

The Government has released new guidelines aimed at helping parents and schools decide whether a child is too sick to attend school or not. The guidelines suggest that you should keep your child at home from school if they are too sick to learn and need time to rest and recover. This could include testing positive for Covid-19, or displaying a “symptom of concern” such as a fever, vomiting or diarrhoea, have difficulty breathing, or if they have been diagnosed with an infectious disease.

When should your child go to school?

The guidelines suggest children are fine to go to school if they have mild respiratory symptoms such as a mild cough, headache or runny nose, (excluding Covid-19), hay fever or allergy symptoms, or non-infectious skin problems. They state children should go to school if “they appear well — they are happy, eating and drinking normally, and can easily focus on learning”.

You can find these guidelines at: <https://info.health.nz/pregnancy-children/childhood-conditions/knowning-if-your-child-is-well-enough-to-go-to-school-guidance-for-parents/>



Healthline 0800 611 116

Healthline provides a 24 hours a day, 7 days a week over-the-phone health service you can call for free health advice, information and treatment from professional healthcare providers

Healthline is staffed by an experienced, trained team who have worked in many different places and roles— including nurses, paramedics, health advisors and doctors

You can choose to speak with a Māori clinician if you are calling between 8am and 8pm. Interpreter services are available and NZ Relay support (for people who are deaf, hearing impaired or speech impaired)



Call Healthline if you:

- feel unwell but you’re not sure whether you need to see a doctor
- need some urgent advice about a family member or friend who’s sick
- do not have a GP or cannot get to one
- are on holiday in NZ and want to know where the nearest doctor or pharmacy is

You can call Healthline any day or time for free on [0800 611 116](tel:0800611116)

Five Ways to Wellbeing

Research shows there are five simple things you can do as part of your daily life to build resilience, boost your wellbeing and lower your risk of developing poor mental health:

1. **Connect** – talk and listen, be there, feel connected
2. **Be active** – do what you can, enjoy what you do, move your mood
3. **Take notice** – remember the simple things that give you joy
4. **Keep learning** – embrace new experiences, see opportunities
5. **Give** – your time, your words, your presence



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.

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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.



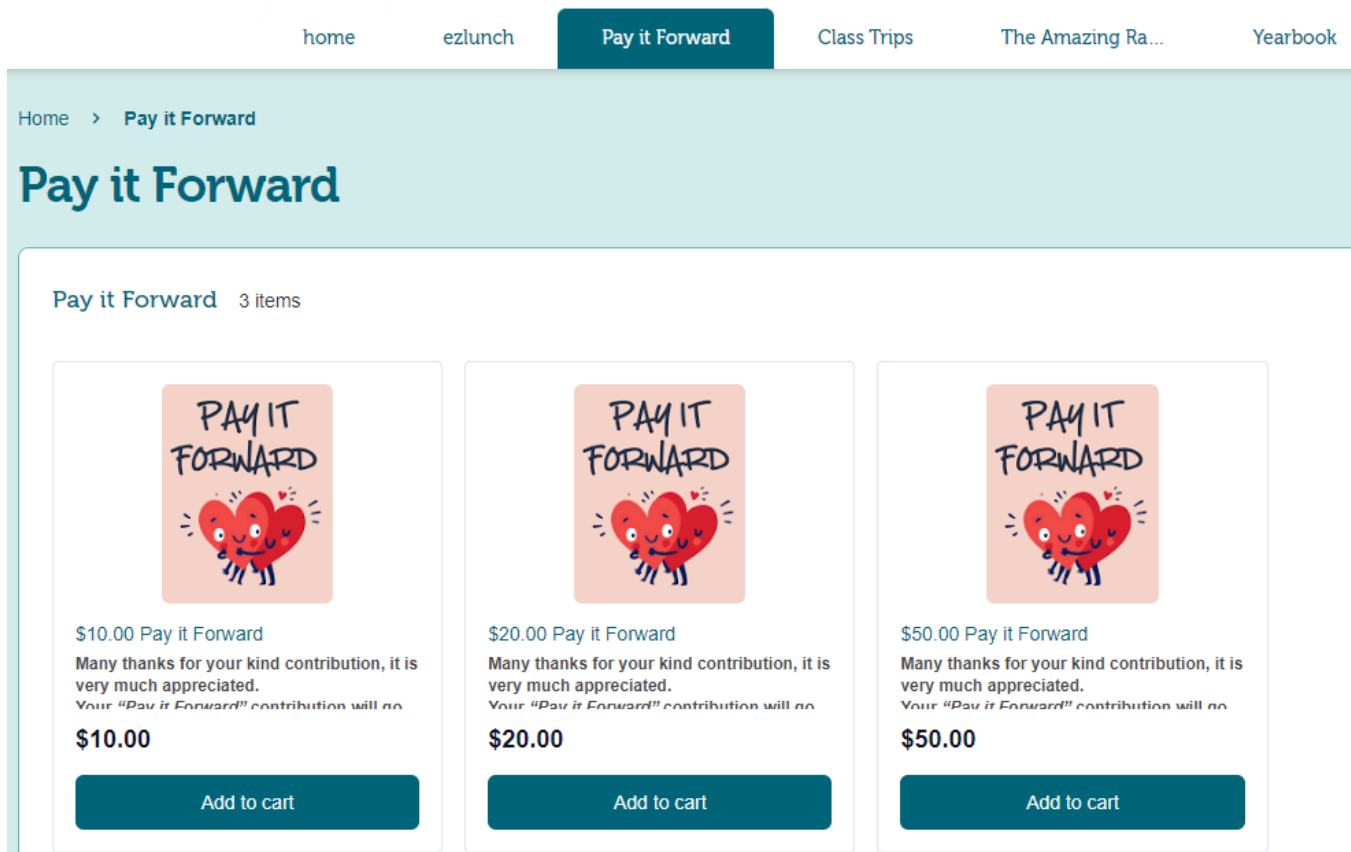
KINDO - "PAY IT FORWARD" (PASTORAL CARE)

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To help support other Te Totara families who may be experiencing financial hardship, we have set up a **"Pay it Forward"** tab in **KINDO**.

This is where our wider school community can help by making a financial contribution to this fund. Currently, the "pay it forward" monies we receive will go towards the 2024 School Camp fees for some of our Year 5 & 6 students' families who may be struggling to cover the entire camp costs.

We thank you for your kindness in advance, it is very much appreciated.

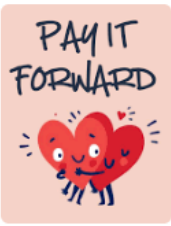


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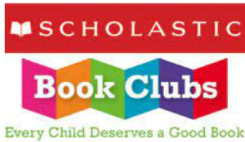
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SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER CLOSES TOMORROW 2 AUGUST

A reminder that Scholastic Book Club order close tomorrow at 9.15am - Friday 2nd 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.

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.

TE TOTARA SCHOOL APP

Go to the App store on your Apple or Android device and search "School Apps NZ" to download the App to your phone or tablet and then add "Te Totara".

The School App features:

- An "Absentee" tab that allows you to notify our School Office about a child's absence from school
- A Fees & Donations link to **KINDO**
- A link to our School Newsletter
- Contacts
- Maps
- Events
- Links
- Alerts - allow notifications and you will get updates from the school around activities, postponements and cancellations



*** 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.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY- MATARIKI HALL

This week's assembly will be held **in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm Friday 2th August, 2024**. This week students from **Neptune and Milky Way Pods** will attend the assembly. **Neptune 27** will be sharing and families from this classroom will be invited to attend via their classroom teacher.



REMINDER: School starts at 8.55am and finishes at 3.00pm



We are noticing a lot of students arriving late to school and getting picked up late. Please ensure your child/ren arrives at school on time and they are collected promptly at 3.00pm

DATES COMING UP

Tues 6 Aug	Cross Country Trials Yrs 4-6 from 9.30am - 11.30am
Wed 7 Aug	X-Challenge - Whole school
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 placegetters)
Thurs 29 Aug	Fairfield Cluster Cross Country (Postponement date)
Friday 30 Aug	Daffodil Day Fundraiser (Further details to follow)
Mon 2 Sept	Photolife Groups & Cluster Sports Photos
Thurs 12 Sept	Routine New Entrant Hearing Testing
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



PTA – WHAT DO WE DO?

As the name suggests we are the Parents and Teachers Association, and we help organize events and raise funds that we donate to the school for various causes. Some of our events include but are not limited to school discos, ice block days, spellathons etc. We have donated these funds to the school to help with the obstacle course, school camps and various other events. If you feel motivated and want to make a difference while you meet a bunch of cool parents, please come and join us at the next PTA meeting! NOTE: The next PTA meeting date is below.

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!



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!

Entertainment NZ are extending this very special 30th Birthday bonus offer, gifting you a \$30 Woolworths eGift card when you buy a Single City Entertainment Membership! Hurry! extending until 1:59am NZST, Monday 5 August 2024.

If you use the link below, 20% of every membership purchased is donated back to support Te Totara Primary School PTA <https://subscribe.entertainmentnz.com/fundraiser/15502m5>. We thank you for your continued support.

NEXT PTA MEETING

The next PTA Meeting will take place on 7th August in the Staff Lounge. All parents and caregivers of students of Te Totara Primary School are able to attend, so please book this date in your diary today! We would love to have you join 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**



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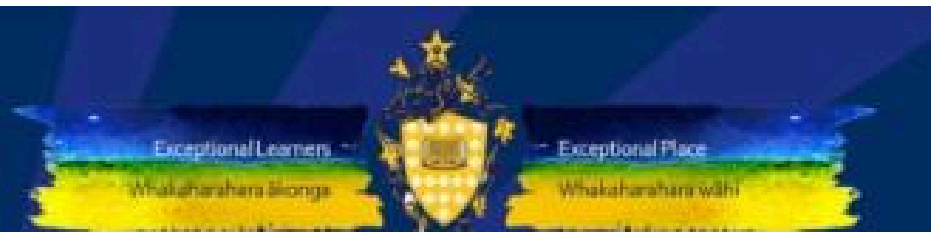
Junior High Open Day

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**



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





HAMILTON BOOK MONTH August 2024

August kicks off this week with the [fiction panel](#) on Friday, the [fiction workshop](#) (now FULL) followed by the [memoir panel](#) on 9 August and [memoir workshop](#) the next day (three places left).



[Fiction Panel](#)

Launch event Fri 2nd August, 6.30-8.00pm

The Atrium

Wintec's City Campus

Panellists Emily Perkins and Anna Smaill in conversation
with Elizabeth Kirkby-McLeod

Free event, no registration required