

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)

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,

As week 4 draws to an end I want to thank the entire Te Totara team for their learning efforts so far.

As Education comes under the spotlight again I want to reassure our community that we have excellent teaching practices that show our children having success across a range of strands within the NZ curriculum.

Over the coming weeks our Leadership Team will present to the School Board our data and the data of our priority learners. We will share some of this in the upcoming newsletters. Alongside this, it is imperative that we continue in partnership and one of those ways is to make sure you book a time for the learning conferences. These are a great way to understand how much progress has been made and what may need to be put into place for the rest of the year for a child to continue to progress. Thank-you for your continued support with this. If for any reason you are unable to make an appointment please make sure you make contact with your child's teacher.

It has been wonderful to experience the Te Totara Market Days, the children have certainly done an excellent job of marketing and selling their product. Well done to everyone.

Te Totara is a very busy place so please make sure you keep up-to-date with all the upcoming events as we are so privileged to have the support of our community.



James Murray
Principal

LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSION BOOKINGS (ALL rooms except Room 1) BOOKINGS CLOSE SOON - DON'T MISS OUT!

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.

Stay up to date with a snap of your fingers



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Our School Communication All In One Spot

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

***** 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.

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:

- **Kī-o-rahi Tournament (Year 6 Sports Leaders Only)**
 - Cut off date: Monday 19th August @ 3.00pm
- **Fairfield Cluster Athletics (Selected Year 4-6 Students Only)**
 - Cut off date: Tuesday 20th August @ 3.00pm
- **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.

TE TOTARA SCHOOL BOARD

As part of our Te Totara School Charter regarding the objective of 'Growing Whanau and Community Engagement', the Board invites your feedback on our policies.

The Te Totara School Board, will be reviewing the policies below at our next Board Meeting on Thursday 22nd August, 2024:

- *Complaints Policy*
- *Lock Down Policy*
- *Traumatic Incidents Procedure*

At the September Board Meeting, the below policies will be reviewed:

- *Curriculum Delivery and Assessment Policy*
- *Learning Support Policy*
- *Emergency Management Procedure*

NOTE: All of the Te Totara Primary School Policies & Procedures are available for your information on our school website under the "School Board" red quick link tab from the home page.

Feedback on policies can be emailed to dp@tetotara.school.nz

Policy Sub Committee - Te Totara School Board

PHOTOLIFE CLASS & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st August, 2024

– Class, Individual & Sibling Photos

Note: Monday 2nd September, 2024 – Groups & Cluster Sports



Students will need to look their best, so please ensure that **ONLY** our correct school uniform is worn and that it is in a clean and tidy condition (*black school shorts/skort, red polo shirt and red polar fleece*).

Soon after Photo Day your son or daughter will bring home an online slip with their unique Shoot Key detailed on it. When you log-in your personalised Shoot Key number will display all the photographs of your child including an individual photo (*and sibling photo if you have ordered one*).

It is then an easy process for you to shop online and purchase the photographs you want. If you place your order within three weeks of receiving your Shoot Key you will receive free delivery of your order to the school.

If you order after the 3 week free delivery period, a postage & handling fee per order will apply and orders will be sent to your home.

For families who do not wish to use the Photolife online system, order envelopes will be available from the School Office soon after Photo Day.

A Photolife flyer will go home today to the eldest child in each family.

PHOTOLIFE SIBLINGS PHOTOS (YOU MUST PRE-ORDER)

Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st August, 2024

in the Matariki Hall between 8.15am - 9.00am

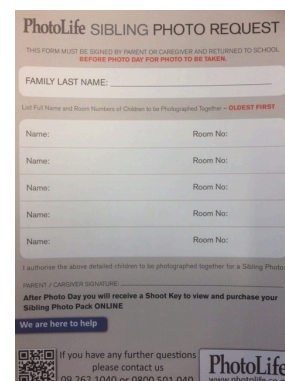
Photos involving pre-schoolers/older siblings **NOT at our school** will be taken between 8.15am-9.00am on a first-come-first-served basis in the Matariki Hall on both days.

PLEASE NOTE: Students who have their sibling at our school will have their Sibling Photo taken during class time.

Students must be wearing the correct school uniform.

If you wish to have a sibling photograph, please collect a "Sibling Photo Request Form" from the School Office and **return it BEFORE** Photo Day to the School Office. Sibling Photos can be ordered online and will be delivered to the school along with the Class and Individual photos at a later date.

A Sibling Photo Order Forms were sent home last week with the Oldest Child in each family. Extra copies are available from the School Office.



The form is titled 'PhotoLife SIBLING PHOTO REQUEST' and includes instructions for parents to complete. It contains a table for listing children to be photographed together, with columns for Name and Room No. There are five rows for this table. Below the table, there is a section for the parent/carer's signature and a QR code for more information. The PhotoLife logo and website are at the bottom right.

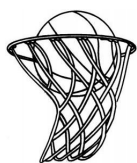


HAS YOUR CHILD LOST THEIR WATCH?

We have accumulated quite the watch collection! If your child has lost their watch this year, it could be one of these. Please pop in to our School Office.

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

Mia Dahms
Sophie McLeod
TBA
TBA
TBA



Hockey

Red Sticks
Blue Sticks
Lions
Strikers

Ayla Yalden
TBA
Jack Murray
Jyansh Prakash



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY- MATARIKI HALL

This week's assembly will be held in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm Friday 16th August, 2024. This week students from **Orion and Earth Pods** will attend the assembly and **Orion 9** will be sharing and families from this classroom will be invited to attend via their classroom teacher.

DATES COMING UP

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
Fri 23 Aug	Ki-o-rahi Tournament (<i>Y6 Sports Leaders only</i>)
Mon 26 Aug	Mid Term Break - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 27 Aug	Fairfield Cluster Cross Country (<i>Years 4-6 placegetters</i>)
Thurs 29 Aug	Fairfield Cluster Cross Country (<i>Postponement date</i>)
Friday 30 Aug	Daffodil Day Fundraiser (<i>Further details to follow</i>)
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 (<i>10 weeks</i>)



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!



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**

ROTOTUNA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL TOURS



Kia ora - We are holding short school tours on Tuesdays through Term 3 for any parents/caregivers who may have missed our Open Day. The tours will take about an hour and will take place at 10.00 am on the following dates:-

Tuesday 20 August
Tuesday 27 August
Tuesday 3 September
Tuesday 10 September
Tuesday 17 September
Tuesday 24 September

Places on the tours need to be booked by emailing: communication@rhs.school.nz

The image contains a poster for Fairfield Intermediate School Open Days and a collage of three photographs. The poster is on a dark blue background with a sunburst pattern. At the top, it features the school's crest and the motto 'Whakahaerehia kōwhiri' (Exceptional Learners) and 'Whakahaerehia wāhi' (Exceptional Place). The text on the poster reads: 'Fairfield Intermediate School', 'Open Days', 'Wednesday 14 August 9.00am - 2.30pm', 'Wednesday 21 August 9.00am - 2.30pm', and 'Drop in at anytime during an Open Day to see what Fairfield Intermediate has to offer, ask questions and engage with our staff and students. Enrolment packs are available at all of our main contributing schools from the beginning of Term Three. All enrolment enquires are welcome. mail@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz School Office: 07-8559718'. The collage includes: 1) Two girls in school uniforms looking at each other. 2) A girl in a green apron looking at a book. 3) A boy in a school uniform playing a ukulele.

Yellow Brick Road
Te Whānau Kōwhiri
Supporting families
towards mental wellbeing

Whānau Support Group

You are warmly welcomed to join a monthly support group for people supporting a loved family or whānau member with mental illness or distress.

6pm - 7.30pm.
1st Wednesday of the month.
422 Te Rapa Road

To register, email
ali@yellowbrickroad.org.nz

Yellow Brick Road
Te Whāpūahoaho:
Supporting families
towards mental wellbeing

Whānau Support Group

Are you a caring for a loved family or whānau member experiencing mental health distress?

You're not alone. At Yellow Brick Road, we understand the challenges you face and are here to offer support, guidance and the opportunity for you to share experiences with others in similar situations.

Join us and take the first step towards finding strength, resilience and hope for yourself and your family.

We meet on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of the month at Habitat House 422 Te Rapa Road from 6 to 7.30pm starting from July 2024.

Why Join Our Support Group?

- **Empathy and understanding**
Connect with others who share similar experiences and understand the unique journey of caring for someone with mental health challenges.
- **Safe and confidential space**
Our group provides a safe and confidential environment where you can freely express your thoughts, concerns and emotions without fear of judgement.
- **Practical support and resources**
Gain access to valuable resources, information and practical tips for navigating the complexities of mental health caregiving.
- **Education and awareness**
Participate in discussions and listen to guest speaker sessions designed to enhance your understanding of mental health and equip you with effective caregiving strategies.
- **Empowerment and advocacy**
Feel empowered to advocate for your family member's needs within the healthcare system and community while prioritising your own wellbeing.

For further information and to register, please email ali@yellowbrickroad.org.nz or text 022 618 7823

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

Artz on Show

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS IN BUSINESS

Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop

This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5 - 15 years.

Students participate in a range of performing arts classes, concluding the week with a performance!

7th - 11th October 2024, 9am - 4pm daily
Held at Southwell School,
200 Peachgrove Rd, Claudelands

View our website; www.artzonshow.co.nz
or contact Hayley on either
artz@artzonshow.co.nz or 09 294 7129



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Timber Chefs is a quality, handcrafted chopping board manufacturer. Our boards are classy and will add a chef-like style to the average home cook's kitchen.

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Prices:

Pig
\$100

Fish
\$80

Cow
\$70

Rectangle
\$80

Circle
\$60