

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)

*** MID TERM BREAK - SCHOOL CLOSED ***

Monday 26th August, 2024

Just a reminder that School is closed this **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.

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,

Well it has been a busy week at Te Totara. A massive thank-you to everyone for their organisation and support around the school photos. This is a massive undertaking and it seemed to go very well so thank you.

School and home are a wonderful partnership and this is demonstrated by the Learning Discussions that have also taken place over the last 2 days. The teachers are very grateful for the turnout as this is important that we keep our families up-to-date with how their children are progressing. If you have been unable to make time, your Teacher will be in contact and you can also email the teacher to make alternative arrangements. As always, if there are any concerns please make sure you make contact with your child's teacher and make an agreed time to catch-up.



The senior School Production is in full swing as well and the children are doing an amazing job getting themselves prepared. Thank you to the staff and families that are supporting our children as they showcase their talents to everyone.

Have a great weekend everyone.

James Murray
Principal

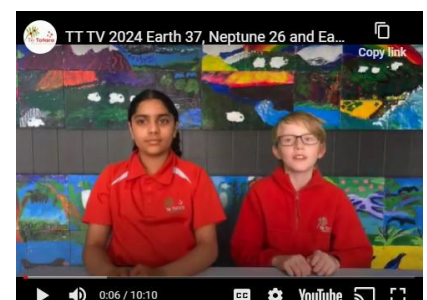
LATEST TT TV EPISODE OUT NOW!
Featuring Earth 37, 38 & Neptune 26



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.

You can find the link on our website or for the latest episode click here:

[TT TV Earth 37, 38 and Neptune 26](#)



SENIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION

"THE STARS OF MATARIKI"

TICKETS ON SALE NOW THROUGH KINDO ONLY

Cut-off date: Thursday 19th September @ 3.00pm

TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER - 1.30PM & 6.00PM

Performances by: Earth & Marama Teams

Rooms: 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 & 12, 13, 14 & 15

WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER - 1.30PM & 6.00PM

Performances by: Rā & Milky Way Teams

Rooms: 29, 30, 32, 33 & 18, 19, 20, 21 & 23



TICKETS: We ask families to please be mindful that there are many Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 families wanting to attend an evening performance therefore, at this stage we have to limit ticket sales to a **maximum of 2x tickets per family for the 6.00pm performances**. There may be an opportunity to purchase extra tickets closer to the time depending on ticket sales. This will be conveyed through our newsletter. Purchases of more than 2x tickets will be refunded to your KINDO account.

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PLEASE NOTE: There is no ticket limit for the 1.30pm Matinee performances.

ALL TICKETS ARE \$14.00 EACH

Children 3 years old and under are FREE, provided they are sitting on the knee of a paying adult ticket. Otherwise, you must purchase a separate ticket for them.

Limited to 300 tickets each performance. Sorry, NO door sales on the night.

Ticket sales cut-off date is 3.00pm Thursday 19th September, 2024.

NOTE: Once you have received confirmation from KINDO that your tickets have been purchased, your production tickets will be given to your **oldest child to bring home on Fridays** - please check your child's school bag for the tickets. If you have not received confirmation of your ticket order from KINDO, you have not completed the process. Please check your "shopping cart" for your order and go to checkout.

We look forward to welcoming you all to this very exciting event!

Te Totara Primary School proudly presents...

THE STARS OF MATARIKI

Written by Dr Dave McMillan

Join us on a magical journey that weaves together Māori legends, modern humour, and the wonders of the night sky...

Experience the story of Matariki like never before, brought to life by our talented students.

At Te Totara Primary School
Purchase tickets through KINDO only!

Earth and Marama
Tue 24th September
1:30pm & 6:00pm

Rā and Milky Way
Wed 25th September
1:30pm & 6:00pm



MUFTI DAY - Friday 30th August, 2024

**WEAR SOMETHING YELLOW (MUFTI CLOTHING)
GOLD COIN DONATION**

Te Totara School will be raising money for this worthy cause by having a Mufti Day where students can dress in yellow clothing instead of school uniform for a **gold coin donation**. They can decorate their hair, faces and just be as **YELLOW** as they can! The Year 6 Student Leaders will visit classrooms at the beginning of the school day to collect donations.



Most New Zealanders will have some experience of cancer, either personally or through a relative or friend. One in three New Zealanders will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. The funds raised will support the work the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Cancer Society do to provide free supportive care services and health promotion programmes, fund research and undertake advocacy. The organisation receives no direct government funding so let's support them!

ENVIROSCHOOLS UPDATE

Compost Installation at Te Totara

As a school we notice a high volume of food waste going to landfill. So we explored different options and last week a Carbon Cycle Hot Compost system was installed! Lead Enviroschools teacher Bridget McLaughlin organised the epic compost set-up. Tim and Richard @ The CarbonCycle Company came to help install their fantastic hot compost system that will turn food and green waste gathered from the school, local preschool, cafe and retirement village into beautiful nutrient-rich food for the soil and school gardens. Students got busy with tools to construct the frame, base and walls, then learned about the 'brown and green sandwich' they would make to layer the right amount of carbon and nitrogen, keeping the compost smelling sweet and creating the perfect habitat for the FBI (fungi, bacteria and invertebrates!) to flourish. The students were a great help and had lots of fun learning about composting. Awesome!



OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2025

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available on our school website by clicking the following link: www.tetotara.school.nz

There will be two 2025 out-of-zone enrolment periods:

The First enrolment period runs from 18th December 2024 – 27th June 2025

The Second enrolment period runs from 28th June 2025 – 17th December 2025

The Board has determined the following places are likely to be available to out-of-zone students from 2024 onwards. Enrolment period of **18th December, 2024 - 27th June, 2025**:

10x places for New Entrants (whose 5th Birthday falls within the above enrolment period)

The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

For students seeking enrolment within the above enrolment period, the deadline for receipt of out-of-zone applications is **9.00am Friday 27th September, 2024** and should be emailed to:

receptionist@tetotara.school.nz

Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for this year. Students who live in the home zone are entitled to enrol at the school.

Applications from out-of-zone students will be processed in the following order of priority:

- a) **First priority** must be given to students who have been accepted for enrolment in a special programme run by the school and approved by the Secretary of Education*.
** This priority is not applicable at this school because the school does not run a special programme approved by the Ministry of Education*
- b) **Second priority** must be given to any applicant who is the sibling of a current student of the school.
- c) **Third priority** must be given to any applicant who is the sibling of a former student of the school.
- d) **Fourth priority** must be given to any applicant who is a child of a former student of the school.
- e) **Fifth priority** must be given to any applicant who is either a child of an employee of the Board of the school, or a child of a member of the Board of the school.
- f) **Sixth priority** must be given to all other applicants.

If the number of out-of-zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot supervised by a Justice of the Peace, a Practising Lawyer or a Police Officer in accordance under Section 11G (1) of the Education Act 1989.

If a ballot for out-of-zone is required, it will be held on **Friday 11th October, 2024**. Parents will be informed of the outcome by **Wednesday 11th October, 2024**.

WANTED - CHILDREN'S GUMBOOTS

If you have gumboots at home that your family has outgrown, please donate them to school for our children to wear when working in the garden. You are welcome to Please give them to Mrs McLaughlin in Neptune 26.

Thank you



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY- MATARIKI HALL

This week's assembly will be held in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm Friday 23rd August, 2024. This week students from Neptune & Milky Way Pods will attend the assembly and Neptune 28 will be sharing and families from this classroom will be invited to attend via their classroom teacher.

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.



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



Hockey

Red Sticks	James Walker
Blue Sticks	TBA
Lions	TBA
Strikers	TBA

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 22 Aug	Board Meeting @ 6.30pm
Fri 23 Aug	Ki-o-rahi Tournament (Y6 Sports Leaders only)
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 Earth and Marama @ 1:30pm & 6:00pm
Wed 25 Sept	Senior School Production (Team B) - The Stars of Matariki Rā and Milky Way @ 1:30pm & 6:00pm
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 & 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!

CHEESECAKE FESTIVAL AT SMITH & MCKENZIE

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!



ICE BLOCK DAYYAY!!!!



ICE BLOCK DAY - FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

PTA's next ice block fundraiser is scheduled for Friday 6th September. Ice blocks will be \$2 each and will be available at school just before lunchtime.

Don't forget to give exact change to your children to buy these yummy treats.

FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER LUNCH TIME

ICE BLOCKS \$2 EACH

Please don't forget to give exact change to your kids
TeTotara PTA committee

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!

It's Entertainment's 30th Birthday and we're teaming up with them to raise much-needed funds for our cause and give you a few goodies to celebrate too!

For a limited time, buy any Single City Entertainment Membership and get a FREE upgrade to a Multi City Membership! Plus, go into the draw to win some epic prizes including luxury dining experiences, thrilling family adventures, gift cards and more 🎁🌟 All with a 12-month Entertainment Membership starting at just \$70!

Grab this amazing offer now for your chance to win while saving up to 50% off restaurants, activities, shopping, and more. Bonus Membership Upgrade 8:00pm NZST, 05/08/2024 - 1:59pm NZST, 30/08/2024.

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.



PTA MEETING

Some of our PTA meetings will now be on zoom! So that we can have more participants. Next PTA zoom meeting – 16th Oct 7pm from the comfort of your home

Zoom Link to Follow...

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 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



PLAY CRICKET

JOIN THE FUN AT OLD BOYS CRICKET CLUB THIS SUMMER!

Boys and girls of all skill levels welcome!

Join us in term 4 and develop new skills, meet new friends, and have fun

Find out more by contacting info@hamiltonoldboyscc.com

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SKILL CAMPS

WWW.NETBALLHAMILTON.ORG.NZ

HAMILTON CITY NETBALL CENTRE

Poipoia^{te}Manawa

Hamilton City Netball Centre Year 3-6 Skill Camp 2024

Tuesday 1st of October
& Thursday 10th of October

Venue: Hamilton City Netball Centre
Cost: \$50.00 per player/per day

<https://netballhamilton.org.nz/poipoia-te-manawa/year-3-6-skill-camp>

Aoife: junior@netballhamilton.org.nz

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Stump grinding services to clear and beautify your property.

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Many thanks to Triggers Trees & Hedges for their support with our new Te Totara Primary School Enviro Garden.

WELLINGTON PHOENIX

EXPERIENCE CAMP

9AM - 3PM, 7-8 October 2024 | Fergusson Park, Tauranga
FOR PLAYERS BORN 2010-2015 | \$195pp

REGISTER NOW!

Registration Link: <https://wellingtonphoenixacademy.com/experience-camps/>

Advanced Outdoors Camp
Week 2 (7th-11th October):
@ Ngamuwahine Lodge (NEW VENUE!!)
\$675

We have an amazing week lined up with bush walks, archery, air rifle, fire building and cooking, hut building, orienteering, kayaking, high ropes, rock-climbing, paintball & laser tag.

BOOK HERE

Hamilton & Tauranga Pick-up/Drop off options available

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