

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 29TH AUGUST, 2024

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Kia Ora (Maori/NZ), Hello (English), Bula (Fijian), <u>Welkom</u> (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,

A big thank-you to all our families that were able to make it to the Learning Plan Discussions around your child's progress in learning. These are a wonderful opportunity for school and home to continue in partnership. Please make sure you make time to contact your child's teacher as they are the first point of contact for all queries around your child. It is sometimes very hard for the teacher to make time just as the bell is about to go so please email and make time to connect.



There are a number of bugs going around so please make sure you let us know via the School App, Text or leave a message on the absentee line around any absence so we can make sure everyone is accounted for.

If you could also please check your child's uniform as there are a number of children wearing some incorrect uniform. If for any reason your child is unable to wear the correct uniform could you please inform the classroom teacher. Thank-you for your support in this.



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.

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

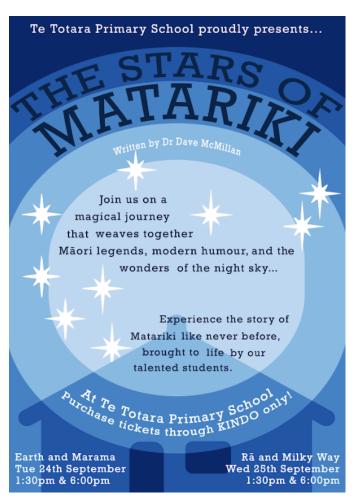
ALL TICKETS ARE \$14.00 EACH

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

Limited to 300 tickets each performance. Sorry, <u>NO</u> 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 <u>oldest child to</u> <u>bring home on Fridays</u> - 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!



PHOTOLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS GROUPS & CLUSTER SPORTS PHOTOS Monday 2nd September, 2024

Each year we have Group & Cluster Sports photos; these are deliberately done towards the end of the year so we can have as many of our students involved.



Students need to look their best on Monday, so please ensure that the <u>correct school uniform ONLY</u>, and that it is in a clean and tidy condition (black school shorts/skort, white polo shirt and red polar fleece).

Note: Shoot Keys will be sent home at a later date for the Class, Sibling & Individual Photos taken last week. We will communicate this through the School Newsletter.





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. We have alot of school jackets and shoes in the bin at the moment. Any unclaimed un-named school uniform will be resold as "pre-loved" uniforms through the School Office.



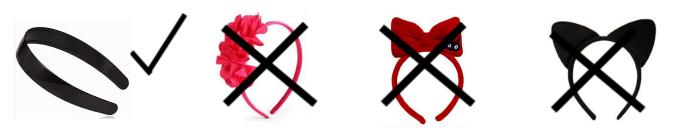
Please remember to clearly name your child's clothing, even school hats.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are delighted with the large number of students who look really great by wearing their uniform in the correct manner. However, we have noticed a few students who are not complying with our Uniform Expectations and we ask for your assistance with this.

ALL students are expected to be wearing their full correct uniform.

- Uniforms are to be worn clean, neat and tidy.
- Students are encouraged to take pride in their school uniform and to wear it well.
- Hair is to be off the face, tied back if longer than the bottom of the collar, and be the <u>natural</u> hair colour.
- Nail polish and cosmetics are not permitted.
- Second hand uniforms may be available. Please see the School Office for details.
- Variations in relation to the Human Rights Act may be negotiated with the Principal.
- All pupils are encouraged to use sunscreen at home before school and expected to wear the regulation school hat while outdoors. No hat play in the shade (Terms 1 & 4).
- All uniform items should be clearly named.
- Any hair accessory is to be <u>plain</u> and of a single school uniform colour red, white, black or green.



At this time of the year we are noticing an increasing need for warmer clothing. Although not compulsory we advise wearing **white under garments** i.e. singlet, long sleeve polypropylene. Also, we would ask you to consider black socks or tights and black shoes.

A number of students are appearing with different coloured jackets/sweatshirts. Children are asked to wear the red Te Totara Micro Fleece top as prescribed only.

If you have any queries on the uniform, please feel free to contact me.

Ministry of Education - Consultation Notice

The Ministry of Education is currently working with the Board of Rototuna Junior High School to amend its existing Year 7-8 enrolment scheme home zone.

After consultation with the Board, we have developed a proposed amended enrolment scheme for Rototuna Junior High School under section 72 of the Education and Training Act 2020.

As part of this process, we are consulting with the school's community and with people living in the area for which the school is a reasonably convenient school.

The enrolment scheme could affect which school a student will be entitled to enrol in, or school transport entitlements.

If you have any comments about the proposed amendment for Rototuna Junior High School that you would like to be included in the final report about this proposal, please forward them to: *Waikato.EnrolmentSchemes@education.govt.nz* by the 23rd of September, 2024.

A copy of the proposed scheme can be viewed at :

https://preview.education.govt.nz/have-your-say/rototuna-junior-high-school-amendment-y7-8-home-zone/det ails



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: <u>www.tetotara.school.nz</u>

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 2025 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*.
 - \ast 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 Practicing 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 <u>Friday 11th October, 2024</u>. Parents will be informed of the outcome by **Wednesday 11th October, 2024**.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY- MATARIKI HALL

This week's assembly will be held in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm Friday 30th August, 2024. This week students from Matawhero, Ra & Marama Pods will attend the assembly and Ra 29 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 Leisa Shah



Hockey Lions 16/8: Evi

16/8: Evie Bourne 24/8: Jack Murray

DATES COMING UP

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Friday 30 Aug	Cancer Society Daffodil Day - Mufti Day Wear Something Yellow	IMPORTANT DATES
	Donate through KINDO or bring a gold coin	
Mon 2 Sept	Photolife Groups & Cluster Sports Photos	
Fri 6 Sept	PTA: Iceblock Day	
Thurs 12 Sept	Routine New Entrant Hearing Testing	
Tues 24 Sept	Senior School Production (Team A) - The Stars of Matariki	
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Wed 25 SeptSenior School Production (Team B) - The Stars of Matariki Rā and Milky Way @ 1:30pm & 6:00pm		i Malaliki
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)	
Wed 16 Oct	PTA Meeting @ 7.00pm	
Thurs 24 Oct	PTA: Iceblock Day	
Thurs 24 Oct	Board Meeting @ 6.30pm	
Fri 25 Oct	Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED	
Mon 28 Oct	Labour Day - SCHOOL CLOSED	
Wed 30 Oct	Have a Go Day - Junior School Only	
Thurs 31 Oct Tues 19 Nov	Have a Go Day - Postponement Day Senior Athletics Day	
Thurs 21 Nov	Senior Athletics Day Senior Athletics Day - Postponement Day	
Fri 22 Nov	PTA School Disco	
Mon 25 Nov	Fairfield Cluster Athletics Day (Selected students only)	
Wed 27 Nov	Volunteers "Thank you" Morning Tea	
Wed 4 Dec	Year 6 Leavers Supper	
Thurs 5 Dec	PTA: Iceblock Day	
Fri 6 Dec	RJHS Orientation Day 9.30am - 12.00 midday	
	(only for students who have had their enrolment confirm	ed by RJHS)
Mon 9 Dec	School Celebration	, ,
Wed 11 Dec	School Celebration - Postponement Day	
Mon 16 Dec	School Celebration - Final Postponement Day	
Tues 17 Dec	FINAL DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR - SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM	
Thurs 30 Jan	2025 - TERM 1, BEGINS @ 8.55am	

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS EMAIL: pta@tetotara.school.nz www.facebook.com/TIPTA Please 'like' our Facebook page to ensure you keep in the news loop: www.facebook.com/TIPTA



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 DAY YAYIIII



FRIDAY of H SEPTEMBER LUNCH TIME ICE BLOCKS \$2 EACH Please don't forget to give exact change to your kids Totoriar PTA committee

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.

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 <u>https://subscribe.entertainmentnz.com/fundraiser/15502m5</u>. 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 form the comfort of your home

Zoom Link to Follow...

Your PTA Committee: Kerry, Nate, Narreet, 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 3 Sept, Tuesday 10 Sept, Tuesday 17 Sept, Tuesday 24 Sept. Places on the tours need to be booked by emailing: communication@rhs.school.nz





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