

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER, 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)

** SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ** MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER TO FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER, 2024 The School Office will be open on Friday 11th October, 2024 from 9.00am - 2.00pm for Enrolment enquiries School Begins on Monday 14th October at 8.55am

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,

It's really hard to believe we are at the end of Term 3. It has been a busy Term capped off by School Production this week. I want to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in the production, the children for their efforts and practice that saw them all perform beautifully. The children that were involved in backstage and sound and lighting as well. To the staff involved in the preparation of our children, thank you for everything you did to make it successful. To our families thank you for your support with tickets, practices and the costumes. It was a really wonderful showcase of our children's talents.

I would also like to say well done to everyone for a fantastic Term of learning. There have been many opportunities for our children to shine inside and outside of the classroom. Thank you to our community for their support throughout the Term.

Thank you to all the Te Totara staff for their commitment to providing wonderful learning environments and opportunities for our children.

I do hope everyone is able to enjoy some quality family time during the break with their families. We look forward to seeing all the children back refreshed and ready on Monday 14th October.

James Murray Principal

IN-ZONE ENROLMENTS

If you have a child that is turning 5 years of age within the next 6 months, we would love you to complete an Enrolment Form and return it to the School Office. This certainly helps us with our forward planning. Click the link: **Enrolment Form** Many thanks.



2024 YEARBOOK **ORDERS THROUGH KINDO ONLY**

\$25.00 Early Bird price (last days)

kindo. \$30.00 if ordered after 3.00pm Friday 27th Sept, 2024

Our wonderful School Yearbook is currently being put together, it's a great record of the years' learning and events and includes over 100 full colour pages. Children love reading the pages and do so for many years.

Yearbook orders are placed through KINDO and close on Friday 15th November 2024 @ 3.00pm. Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.

Please note: If you have Grandparents or friends who wish to order their own copy of our Yearbook, this must be ordered through KINDO and combined with your family order.

PLANNING FOR 2025

We are beginning to plan for 2025 and are looking at next year's classes for our students. The process for organising classes includes:

- Looking at the school structure, the staff and how we can best cater for our students
- Classroom Teachers' reflections on their students' strengths and needs
- Student needs
- Student input from their five friends recorded on the class friendship list
- Parents input (please see below)

Parents have the opportunity to contribute towards the placement of their child by emailing Jo Stewart, Deputy Principal. Due to possible staff changes, it is best to consider the type of teaching style, curriculum needs or learning environment that you may be thinking of for your child, rather than asking for a specific teacher.

If you would like to add your thoughts to your child's placement for 2025, please email Jo Stewart, Deputy Principal, by 3.00pm Friday 18th October, 2024 at: dp@tetotara.school.nz

2024 FEES. SPORTS REGISTRATIONS & DONATIONS PAID VIA KINDO

This online system allows you to pay school fees, order school lunches etc and is the **ONLY** way to register/pay for your child for sports teams and class trips.

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

Available to pay/register via KINDO now:

- 2024 Yearbook Early Bird Rate of \$25.00 until 3.00pm 27/9/24 Cut-off Date is 3.00pm on Friday 15th November, 2024
- **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.



ORDER YOUR















OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS - TO BE PAID	THROUGH <u>KINDO</u>
As at today's date, the following amounts ar	e still outstanding:
Lost Library Books	\$35
Mathletics/Mathseeds	\$6,740
Voluntary School Donation	\$45,055
Aquatics	\$4,380



We would really appreciate all outstanding fees being paid by Friday 25th October, 2024.

Note: Voluntary School Donation payments can be made at the beginning of the year or throughout the year; the funds will be used for resources and activities for all the children. Any queries regarding your invoice, please do not hesitate to contact Kylie Cocurullo, our Business Manager at: kyliec@tetotara.school.nz

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** SCHOOL CLOSED ** TEACHER ONLY DAY ON FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER, 2024

This is a reminder about the **Teacher Only Day** that is occurring on **Friday 25th October, 2024**. This day was approved by our School Board and has been on our school calendars since the beginning of this year. This coincides with <u>Labour Day Monday 28th October which is a Public</u> <u>Holiday</u>. Please note these dates in your calendars for next term.



TE TOTARA SUMMER UNIFORM TO BE WORN IN TERM 4

Just a reminder that as we are entering Term 4 all students should be returning in the correct summer uniform.

GIRLS SUMMER UNIFORM	BOYS SUMMER UNIFORM
 Red Polar Fleece Top Red Polo Shirt (different from the Sports shirt) Black Skort or Black Poly Cotton Shorts or Black Poly Cotton ³/₄ Pants Te Totara Kids Bucket Hat – Red - Terms 1 & 4 compulsory Plain Black School Sandals 	 Red Polar Fleece Top Red Polo Shirt (different from the Sports shirt) Black Poly Cotton Shorts or Black Poly Cotton ³/₄ Pants Te Totara Kids Bucket Hat - Red Terms 1 & 4 compulsory Plain Black School Sandals



LATEST TT TV EPISODE OUT NOW! Starring Orion 7 and Neptune 25

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

TT TV Orion 7 & Neptune 25

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY- MATARIKI HALL

This week's assembly will be held in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm Friday, 27th September 2024. This week students from Orion and Earth will attend the assembly and Orion 7 will be sharing.

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 26 Sept Fri 27 Sept	Board Meeting @ 6.30pm END OF TERM 3 - School Finishes at 3.00pm
Mon 14 Oct	TERM 4 BEGINS (10 weeks)
Wed 16 Oct	PTA Meeting @ 7.00pm via Zoom
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 Postponement Date Have a Go Day
Tues 19 Nov	Senior Athletics Day
	Thurs 21 Nov Postponement Date Senior Athletics 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 confirmed by RJHS)
Fri 6 Dec	End of Year Learning Plans Online through Parent Portal
Sun 8 Dec	Weetbix TRYathlon @ St Peter's School, Cambridge
Mon 9 Dec	School Celebration
	Wed 11th Dec Postponement Day School Celebration
	Mon 16th Dec Final Postponement Day School Celebration
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/TTPTA Please 'like' our Facebook page to ensure you keep in the news loop: www.facebook.com/TTPTA

Te Totara PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

PTA - WHAT DO WE DO?

As the name suggests we are the Parents & Teachers Association, and we help organise 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!

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!

When you purchase any 12-month Single City Membership between 8:00pm NZST, Tuesday 3 September 2024 and 1:59pm NZST, Monday 16 September 2024 your 12-month Single City Membership will be upgraded to a Multi City Membership at no additional cost.

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

The next PTA meeting will be on Wednesday 16th October @ 7pm via zoom. The link will be shared closer to the time.

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





Jitterbugs Dance Lessons (located in Rototuna/Flagstaff) has been selected as 1 of 9 finalists to receive a \$5,000 Ryman Healthcare Love to Dance Grant (there are 3 being given away) to put towards new dance shirts/outfits for their shows they do each term. The winners are all decided on votes so they would love it if families from Horsham Downs School could vote for them! Here is the link to vote:

https://www.rymanhealthcare.co.nz/lovetodance and if you head to the Jitterbugs Dance Lessons Facebook page you can enter to win some prizes for voting including \$100 cash if they win! Enrolments are also open for Term 4 if you are interested in lessons for your children (limited spaces left)