

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERTHURSDAY 17 OCTOBER, 2024

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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)

** SCHOOL CLOSED **

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER - Teacher Only Day MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER - Labour Day Holiday

A reminder school will be <u>CLOSED</u> for these days. School opens again on Tuesday 29th October, 2024

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,

Welcome back to Term 4. I do hope everyone was able to have a fantastic break with their families. Term 4 is generally very busy with many activities so please make sure you keep up to date with all the events this Term.

Thankyou to all our children, staff and families that were able to support, watch and share in their children's joy of the production. It was a wonderful event that showcased our children's talents.

As we enter the warmer weather we do require all children to wear their school sun hats or find the shaded areas. We still have a number of lost property items in the box so please make sure your child checks the box. We try to return all named items to their classroom so if you are able to clearly name all uniform items this would be extremely helpful.

In this newsletter you will see some information that schools have been sent around parking in and around schools. Please take the time to read their information. We are very thankful to our community for the way they park their vehicles and make the safety of our children a priority. Thank-you for your support with this.

James Murray Principal

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 <u>3.00pm tomorrow</u>, <u>Friday 18th October</u>, <u>2024</u> at: <u>dp@tetotara.school.nz</u>



ICE BLOCK DAY NEXT THURSDAY!

Available at lunch time

Please bring the correct money - \$2.00 each

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 24th October:

- Accident, Incidents & Illnesses of Student Procedure
- Administration of Prescribed Medication
- Health & Safety Workplace Policy

At the Board meeting to be held on Thursday 28th November, will be reviewing these policies:

- Sexual Harassment Policy
- Protected Disclosures Policy

Any feedback on the above policies and procedures can be emailed to **jos@tetotara.school.nz** for the sub-committee to review.

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.



Park safely around schools ... and avoid a parking ticket!

Did you know the Government has increased parking ticket fees nationwide?

As of 1 October, parking fines around the country have gone up for the first time in 20 years. Previously, low fines encouraged some people to take the risk of parking illegally. The Government has increased the fines to send a message that illegal parking will not be tolerated.

One of the biggest changes is that the fine for misusing a disabled parking space has increased from \$150 to \$750, reflecting the seriousness of the offence and the impact it has on the disabled community.

We want to thank our school community for choosing safety over convenience by following the parking rules every day around our school. These changes won't affect those who already do the right thing. However, we do occasionally see parents parking in unsafe areas, putting students at risk. We hope the increased fines will encourage everyone to think twice about where they park around our school.

Here's a breakdown of some the new parking fines affecting parking around schools:

Parking offence	Fine	Current
	from 1	fine
	Oct	
Overstaying not more than 30 minutes	\$20	\$12
Overstaying more than 30 minutes but not more than 1 hour	\$25	\$15
Park vehicle on bend	\$70	\$40
Vehicle obstructs entrance or exit of driveway	\$70	\$40
Park vehicle on footpath or cycle path	\$70	\$40
Parked on lawn, garden or verge	\$70	\$40
Park on broken yellow lines	\$100	\$60
Park vehicle on pedestrian crossing	\$100	\$60
Park vehicle in special vehicle lane (bus lane or cycle lane	\$100	\$60
Park vehicle without due care and consideration	\$100	\$60
Park in an area reserved for disabled persons	\$750	\$150



■ SCHOLASTIC Book Clubs

NEW SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER CATALOGUE

This week your child was given a Scholastic Book Club catalogue. These orders close at **9.15am on Tuesday 29th October 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
- 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.

2024 YEARBOOK \$30.00 ORDERS THROUGH KINDO ONLY



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.

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 Only \$30.00
 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.



kindo.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY- MATARIKI HALL

This week's assembly will be held in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm Friday18th October, 2024. This week students from Neptune & Milky Way will attend the assembly and Neptune 26 will be sharing.



DATES COMING UP

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 - Details to follow

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



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!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 13th November 7.00pm via Zoom. Check our Facebook page for the zoom link which will be shared closer to the date.

ICE BLOCK DAY- THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER

Volunteers Needed!

Could we please get some parent helpers for our next Ice Block Day (approx. an hour) at 12:15pm on **Thursday 24th October.** Funds raised from this Ice Block Day will be used to put up a new basketball hoop for the younger kids. Please contact us on pta@tetotara.school.nz

ICE BLOCKS \$2 EACH

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

ICE BLOCK DAYYAY!!!!



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!

Don't miss out, strictly limited time! NZ – Bonus Membership Upgrade & \$20 eGift Card 8:00pm NZST, 03/10/2024 - 1:59pm NZST, 28/10/2024

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.

Every day value, wherever you go UNLOCK OVER \$20,000 IN OFFERS AND A FULL 12 MONTH MEMBERSHIP **TO STILL ONLY \$70 **Purchase a Single City Entertainment Membership and you will receive a Free Multi City Upgrade. PLUS, receive a BONUS \$20 Woolworths Card* Buy now **TSC: apply

NEXT PTA MEETING

Wednesday, 13th November 7pm via Zoom. Link to be shared later.

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









a call on 07 853 6130

www.phcl.health.nz/thomas or give us



Thomas Road

107 Thomas Road,

Huntington, Hamilton 3210

Te Miro Mountain Bike Clubs

Thursday Night Summer Race Series is proudly sponsored by

Riverside Adventures Waikato!

Racing runs from the 24th of October to the 19th of December& the 23rd of January to the 13th of March.

Rego opens at 5:45PM, closes at 6:20PM.
Racing starts at 6:30PM.
3 tracks to choose from. Tracks for all skills, ages & fitness levels. Races last for 60 mins. Your best 10 races will determine this years summer series winners!

Free for Te Miro club members. \$5 non

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Please pre-register for your first race by 4:00PM using the link provided or on our website under events.

Any questions please email temiromtbevents@gmail.com or contact 027 236 3778 A/H



OUR PARTNERS

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR TERM 4 2024

- 3.40 Jitterbugs Seniors (by selection only)
- 4.10 MiniJam (girls & boys aged 3 5½) 3 Spaces
 4.35 Senior Hip Hop (girls aged 9– 16) 1 Space
 5.05 Jitterbugs Advanced (by selection only)

- Tuesday (Common Ground Gym in Flagstaff)
 3.30 Jitterbugs Junior (girls aged 5 ½ 7) 3 Spaces
- 4.00 Jitterbugs Junior Plus (girls aged 7 8) 2 Spaces
- 4.30 Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls aged 8 16) 1 Space
 5.00 Jitterbugs Adults Session (ages 16 and over) 4 Spaces

- Vednesday (Common Ground Gym in Flagstaff)
 3.30 Jitterbugs Mini's (girls aged 3 5½) | Space
 4.00 Jitterbugs Junior/Jitterjam (girls & Boys 5½ 7) | Space
 4.30 Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls aged 8 16) 5 Spaces

Every term the kids learn two dances and get to go on stage and present these to friends and family at a show. Outfits/t-shirts are provided for the show. Cost: \$130 for one kid, or \$250 for two kids. Adults session \$80 (don't do the show).

Email jolie at jitterbugsdancelessons@outlook.com or check out the jitterbugs dance lessons facebook page or website for more info

