

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)

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,

Thankyou for your support with ensuring our children are wearing their hats. It has been significantly better this week. We have sunscreen outside for the children to use and we are directing those children with no hats to the shaded areas.

At our recent Board meeting Mrs Stewart presented the Term 3 Arts Report. It was so pleasing to read the report around the conceptual Arts. This incorporated our dance and drama curriculum. There were many wonderful stories of learning throughout the school with highlights such as: continuing to use dance in the break times, learning specific movements and drama circles that were fun and beneficial. It is pleasing to read and hear from our children around some of our other curriculum areas and being able to see our children shine.

We have a number of exciting events coming up this Term so please make sure you have all the dates from the newsletter as we very much enjoy having our community support for Athletics, Have A Go Day and many others.

I would also like to thank the PTA who have organised some Ice-block Days and they have a School Disco coming up in November. These items will help the PTA purchase another awesome basketball hoop for our younger children to use.

James Murray
Principal

FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER, 2024 - GUMBOOT FRIDAY FUNDRAISER

*Wear your school uniform with either gumboots
or coloured socks to school!*



In support of Mental Health and Free Kids Counselling

Gumboot Friday, founded by mental health advocate Mike King, is a free counselling service for any young person in New Zealand aged 25 and under. An overworked, underfunded, and under resourced public mental health service has led to excruciatingly long wait times for young people needing immediate help. Our free counselling platform provides a bridge to rangatahi in need by breaking down the barriers of cost and wait times.

By supporting Gumboot Friday, you're making a real difference, helping to keep up with the rising demand and ensuring every young Kiwi gets the mental health support they deserve. All money raised will go towards FREE counselling for kids. For more information visit www.gumbootfriday.org.nz

If you wish to make a donation to Gumboot Friday, please do this through **KINDO** where you can donate \$2.00, \$5.00, \$10.00 or \$20.00

**** Sorry, NO cash donations, donations through KINDO only ****

YEARS 3-6 ATHLETICS DAY ON TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER, 2024

Our Senior Athletics day is coming up next week. All parents and family of senior students are most welcome to come along and cheer the students on.

Note to parents: Children are encouraged to wear their school house colours on Athletics Day.
STUDENTS TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE A SUNHAT AND SUNSCREEN APPLIED BEFORE SCHOOL.

Postponement date is Thursday 7th November, 2024. We will notify families via our School App and Facebook page. If you are in doubt, please check these areas before phoning the school.

We have an exciting programme planned for the day which is detailed below:

TIME	Long Jump Boys Behind Milky Way	Long Jump Girls Field Behind Pool	50m Sprint By the fence	Tennis Ball Throw Boys Left side of football goal	Tennis Ball Throw Girls Right side of football goal	100m Sprint By the hill
9:00am	All children gather on Turf for welcome in their house colours.					
9:10-10:00am	Year 6	Year 6	Year 3	Year 4	Year 4	Year 5
10:00-10:30am	Year 5	Year 5	Year 6	Year 3	Year 3	Year 4
10:30	MORNING TEA					
11:15-11:35	Year 5 continued	Year 5 continued	Year 6 continued	Year 3 continued	Year 3 continued	Year 4 continued
11:40-12:30pm	Year 4	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 6	Year 3
12:30pm	LUNCH					
1:40-2:25pm	Year 3	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 5	Year 6
2:30-2:55pm	House Relays - 1 male and 1 female from each year level per House					

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS - SUBWAY ORDERS UNAVAILABLE

From Tuesday 29th October to Wednesday 13th November, 2024

KINDO has informed us of the temporary closure of Subway Rototuna for remodeling. **This means the Subway lunch order service will NOT BE AVAILABLE on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from Tuesday 29th October to Wednesday 13th November** (at this stage).

During this time, lunches will still be available to order on Tuesdays & Wednesdays from Fastlane Fitness.



Updates will be provided if there are any changes to this schedule.
 KINDO apologise for any inconvenience caused.

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.

ROUTINE HEARING CHECKS IN SCHOOL Wednesday 20 November, 2024 @ 9.30am Information on Hearing Checks in School



Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected hearing defects.

Which children are routinely checked?

- Children who have not completed hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check
- Children absent from previous visit, require retests or follow up In special circumstances, parents, teachers or others may request a hearing check

If any parents/caregivers do not want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a hearing defect, they should let the school know.

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.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY- MATARIKI HALL

This week's assembly will be held **in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm Friday, 1st November, 2024**. This week students from **Orion and Earth** will attend the assembly and **Earth 37** will be sharing.



DATES COMING UP

Tues 5 Nov	Senior Athletics Day Thurs 7 Nov Postponement Date - Senior Athletics Day
Wed 13 Nov	PTA Meeting via Zoom (Link to follow)
Fri 22 Nov	PTA School Disco - "Summer Jam"
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



2025 School Term Dates

Term 1	(Note: Teacher Only Days Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th January, 2025 - No school) Thursday 30th January - Friday 11th April (11 weeks) Thursday 6th February (Waitangi Day) - Public Holiday (no school):
Term 2	Monday 28th April – Friday 27th June (9 weeks) Friday 30th May - Teacher Only Day (no school) Monday 2nd June - King's Birthday Public Holiday (no school) Friday 20th June - Matariki Public Holiday (no school)
Term 3	Monday 14th July – Friday 19th September (10 weeks) Monday 11th August - Our Mid-Term Break (no school)
Term 4	Monday 6th October – Wednesday 17th December (11 weeks) Friday 24th October - Teacher Only Day (no school) Monday 27th October (Labour Day) (no school)



Ministry of Education Required Half Days - 386 in the 2025 school year.

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.

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!

**NZ – Bonus \$30 Woolworths eGift Card + Multi City Upgrade
8:00pm NZDT, 23/10/2024 - 11:59am NZDT, 04/11/2024**

**Don't miss out, strictly limited time!
Make this Spring an adventure!
Thank you for your continued support!**



SCHOOL DISCO

The Term 4 School Disco will be held on **Friday 22nd November** in the Matariki Hall.

ICEBLOCK DAY

PTA's next Ice Block Day will be *Thursday 5th December*. This will also be our last Ice Block Day this year. Thanks everyone for your continued support to make this initiative a success.

NEXT PTA MEETING

Wednesday, 13th November 7.00pm 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**

Junior surf commences Sunday 3 November at Raglan Surf Lifesaving Club 10am and continues every Sunday. Make friends, learn skills, compete against other clubs, train to be a paid lifeguard and enjoy fun experiences. Open to ages from 5-12 years. 13 year olds can participate in our rookie lifeguard programme and 14+ can begin lifeguard training. Scan QR code to join or e-mail: juniorsurf@raglansurflifesaving.org.nz for more info.

