

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), Geia 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,

As we near the end of the year I just want to thank all of our community for their support and understanding. We know as a school we are constantly evolving and needing to change things to suit the community and our children. This term I have seen so much joy in our celebrations and in our children's learning. It has been so wonderful to see so much progress in learning and children putting in loads of effort. Our Structured Literacy BSLA programme in the junior school has been progressing and evolving well over the past couple of years. We are also looking at other initiatives higher up in the school like 'The CODE' that follows on from BSLA. Over the course of next year we will be continuing our Maths PD to support teacher capability and consistency across our school. This will have a direct focus on number knowledge and problem solving skills. We will share more around this in the New Year when we start teaching. Currently our children will be completing some testing as the teachers are updating their Learning Plans.

### Procedure for Concerns

School and home are a partnership and we want to work together for each child to reach their potential. ***If there are any concerns throughout the year with your child, please contact your child's classroom teacher in the first instance. If you feel you need to speak with someone else, then make contact with the Team Leader of that area. It is very important to follow this process. Your child's classroom teacher should always be the first person to talk to. There are many things that happen for children during their day and if you are concerned it is best to email the classroom teacher with a time to meet to discuss your concern.*** We need to make sure we have all the information before we discuss the concern and work in partnership to grow the capacity of our children.

Term 4 is also a good reminder that for anytime the children are outside, we are making sure our children have their hats on. **NO HAT, NO PLAY.** We have a number of children that are not wearing their hats. **Could you please make sure your child has a named school hat to wear at school.**



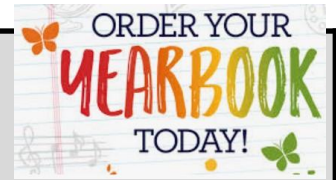
*James Murray*  
Principal



# 2024 YEARBOOK

## ORDERS THROUGH KINDO ONLY

### \$30.00 PER BOOK



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.**



## YEARBOOK COVER COMPETITION OUTSTANDING ENTRIES

Congratulations to all the amazing and talented artists at Te Totara Primary School. Here is a sample of the outstanding entries we received. The amazing art work of **Louis Marquand** will be featured on this year's cover.

Don't forget to order your Te Totara Yearbook through KINDO now!





**YEAR 6 LEAVERS SUPPER - SAVE THE DATE!!**  
**WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2024 @ 6.30PM**

This will be a night to remember... our Year 6's are leaving us for new adventures! More details will follow.



**STUDENTS LEAVING TE TOTARA AT THE END OF 2024 (other than Year 6 students)**

If you have not already notified us and are planning to leave our school at the end of 2024, it would be appreciated if you could please urgently advise us by emailing Marise Crow at: [receptionist@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:receptionist@tetotara.school.nz)

If you have a child coming to Te Totara in the near future, we would love to have an Enrolment Form - it would be very much appreciated and certainly help with our future planning. Enrolment Forms can be downloaded from our school website.

**PARENT PORTAL - CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS OR FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES**

Just a reminder that if you have changed any of your details i.e. phone, address, email etc; to please let the School Office know so we can update your records accordingly.

**Please check your contact details are correct through the Parent Portal either via our School App OR at [www.atschool.co.nz](http://www.atschool.co.nz) using the User ID and Passwords that were provided with your child/ren previous Learning Plan.** If you have recently joined our school, you will be emailed a User ID and Password early in December, 2024.

You are welcome to check your contact details with the School Office on (07) 853-0039.



**GUMBOOT FRIDAY FUNDRAISER**

Thank you to those who supported Gum Boot Day last Friday. We raised \$176.00. All money raised will go towards FREE counselling for kids.

If you still wish to donate please visit [www.gumbootfriday.org.nz](http://www.gumbootfriday.org.nz)





## TE TOTARA COMPOST UPDATE

Our ākonga (students) have been working hard on our community composting system. So far we have diverted over 1 000 litres of kai (food) from landfill! Our neighbours from Learning Links and Summerset Retirement Village help us collect green waste and each of the pods has a compost bucket where we add our banana peels, apple cores and other green waste. Tino pai Te Totara!





## 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.

## OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS - TO BE PAID THROUGH KINDO

As at today's date, the following amounts are still outstanding:



2024 School Camp	\$5,575
Lost Library Books	\$678
Mathletics/Mathseeds	\$4,325
Aquatics	\$12,745
Voluntary School Donation	\$41,664

*NOTE: Eldest children are charged @ 2x \$60.00 = \$120.00, siblings are charged 1x \$60.00*

**We would really appreciate all outstanding fees being paid by the end of this term. Invoices will be emailed to families today.**

Any queries regarding your invoice, please do not hesitate to contact Kylie Cocurullo, our Business Manager at: [kyliec@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:kyliec@tetotara.school.nz)

**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.*

## COLLECTING UNWELL CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL

Just a little reminder..... If your child is unwell and you have received a phone call from the School Office, please sign your child out using the VisTab tablet and then a **staff member will take you to the wellness room** to collect your child. For the privacy of other students who may be in the wellness room, please do not just walk in without being accompanied by a member of our staff.

If your child is sick please keep them at home until they are well. If your child has diarrhoea or vomiting we ask that they do not return to school unless they are well and have had **no further diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours prior to returning – these bugs can be highly contagious.** Thank you for your assistance in this.

## 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:

- **Cluster Athletics - Selected Year 4-6 Students ONLY**  
Cut-off Date is 3.00pm on Thursday 14th November, 2024
- **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)  
Eldest children are charged 2x \$60.00 = \$120.00
- **Mathletics/Mathseeds**

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The online one stop school shop



## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY- MATARIKI HALL

This week's assembly will be held **in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm Friday, 8th November, 2024.** This week students from **Neptune and Milky Way** will attend the assembly and **Milky Way 21** will be sharing.



## DATES COMING UP

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 from 9am - 9.45am
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	<b>FINAL DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR - SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM</b>
Thurs 30 Jan	2025 - TERM 1, BEGINS @ 8.55am





# HIGHLIGHTS FROM SENIOR ATHLETICS DAY







# Summer Jam



Disco - 22nd November

\$2  
Entry

Te Totara Primary School Hall



## Sessions

Year 0-2: 5:15-6:00pm

Year 3-4: 6:15-7:00pm

Year 5-6: 7:15-8:15pm



Glow sticks, snacks and drinks will be  
for sale on the night

A Te Totara PTA fundraiser





# TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: [pta@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:pta@tetotara.school.nz) [www.facebook.com/TTPTA](http://www.facebook.com/TTPTA)

Please 'like' our Facebook page to ensure you keep in the news loop: [www.facebook.com/TTPTA](http://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!

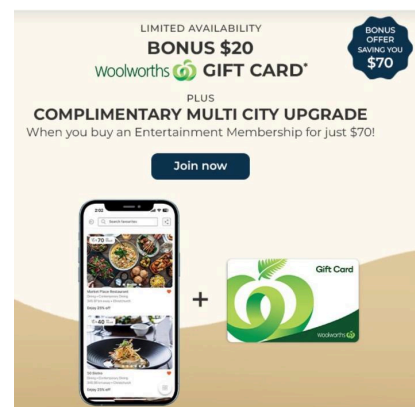
**Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm via Zoom. Check our Facebook page for the zoom link which will be shared closer to the date.**

## 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, 4/11/2024 - 11:59am NZDT, 12/11/2024**

**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. \$2 entry.

*We need parent helpers for Disco Night. Please let us know if you can help out for one of these slot sessions. Contact [pta@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:pta@tetotara.school.nz). Thank you!*

## 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, 13<sup>th</sup> 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**

# ST. PETER'S PRESENTS **Broadway Extravaganza**

A Year 7 to 9 Production

Wednesday 13 November: 7:00pm

Thursday 14 November: Matinee 1:30pm

Thursday 14 November: 7:00pm



General Admission: FREE