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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,



Term 4 is racing by. Thank you to the Neptune teachers and parents that went on the Zoo Trip during the week. We are very fortunate to have the support of our families so our children can enjoy these experiences. Also, good luck to our athletes who will be competing at the upcoming Fairfield Cluster Athletics event at Southwell School.

Just a reminder about wearing jewellery at school. Below is information taken from the School Uniform Policy:

Items of jewellery can be easily lost or damaged at school. They may also cause injury to the wearer or other students. For safety reasons these are not to be worn. The school accepts no responsibility in the case of loss, damage or injury. However, students may wear:

- One small earring stud per ear. NO hoops or sleepers.*
- A watch.*
- A necklace of religious or cultural significance – to be worn underneath clothing.*
- A Medical Identification Tag (Medic Alert) if required*


I also want to thank our community for their continued patience at pick-up time. It's pleasing to see our families showing patience and good parking habits as we keep the safety of our children at the forefront of our minds.

The teachers are assessing all children and updating the Learning Plans. We will inform the community when these are ready to view.


Have a fantastic weekend.

James Murray
Principal





2024 YEARBOOK
LAST DAY TOMORROW
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 tomorrow, Friday 15th November 2024 @ 3.00pm.**
Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS SUPPER - RSVP REMINDER

WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 2024

This week our Year 6 students have been given an invitation to attend the Leavers Supper and an RSVP slip to return to the School Office.



They have been asked to please bring a plate of finger food to share for supper. Adults, please bring your own beverages and drinking vessel. Paper plates and cups for the supper will be provided.

Unfortunately, due to limited space and capacity requirements in the Matariki Hall, parents/caregivers only - no siblings please (maximum of 2 adults only). We are really looking forward to this special evening!

Please return your RSVP slip to the School Office Mooloo Box by Friday 29th November.

TOPA PASIFIKA CELEBRATION 2024

Saturday 16th November @ St Paul's Collegiate School

Talofa lava, Kia orana, Malo e lelei, Bula Vinaka, and warm Pacific greetings!

We are excited to be part of the upcoming **TOPA Pasifika Competition** on **Saturday, 16th November 2024** at **St Paul's Collegiate School Chapel**. This event is an exciting opportunity for our tamariki to showcase their talent, culture, and hard work, and we can't wait to see our Te Totara Stars shine!



Here are the details to help make the day smooth and enjoyable:

Event Details:

- **Date:** Saturday, 16th November 2024
- **Time:** 10.00am - 3.00pm (Our performance is at 11.05am)
- **Meeting Time:** Meet Miss Grimson by 9.30am please, Venue opens at 9.00am
- **Venue:** St Paul's Collegiate School Chapel, 77 Hukanui Road, Fairfield
- **Food & Drinks:** Food Trucks will be available to buy food/drinks
- **Entry for General Public:** Gold coin donation at the door

Meeting and Supervision: Please ensure your child arrives by **9.30am** to give us time to prepare and settle in for our performance. After the event, we will release each child only after confirming their presence with myself or Miss Campbell.

Programme for the Day: We are performing at **11.05am**. I understand there are other Saturday events and thank you for letting your child be a part of this wonderful event. If you plan to stay for the whole event, enjoy the amazing talent, food trucks and atmosphere. Prize Giving will be at 2.50pm. Programme of Events

Food and Drinks: Please provide your child with some lunch and a water bottle if they are staying for the day.

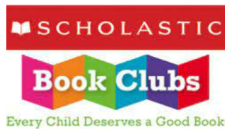
Thank you for your ongoing support and aroha. Let's make this a celebration to remember for our tamariki, our families, and our school.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me or Miss Campbell. We're here to make this a fantastic experience for everyone involved.

Meitaki ma'ata and Fa'afetai lava

Jessica Grimson

Rā 33 Classroom Teacher



NEW SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER CATALOGUE

This week your child was given a Scholastic Book Club catalogue. These orders close at **9.15am on Friday 22nd November, 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](https://www.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.

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES - VIA KINDO

Invoices were emailed to families earlier this week via KINDO.

A massive thank you to all our families who have already paid, we really appreciate it!

If you have any queries regarding your invoice, please contact our Business Manager (Kylie Cocurullo) via email at: kyliec@tetotara.school.nz



Please note: The eldest/only child's Voluntary School Donation of \$120.00 for the whole school year has been loaded on KINDO as follows (2x \$60.00 = \$120.00).

2024 Voluntary School Donation	\$60.00	Paid \$0.00	Outstanding \$60.00	\$ 60.00	<input type="radio"/>
2024 Voluntary School Donation (Eldest Child \$120.00 per year)	\$60.00	Paid \$0.00	Outstanding \$60.00	\$ 60.00	<input type="radio"/>

Voluntary School Donation - what is it used for?

We want to provide our children with the full benefits of extensive resources, additional learning programmes and special opportunities that we can all be very proud of. This can only be achieved with your help and support.

Voluntary School Donation funds are used to purchase additional sports gear, reading resources, library books, music, art equipment and helps subsidise our swimming programme.

The voluntary school donations are currently set at \$120.00 for the first or only child and \$60.00 for the second and subsequent children. There has been no increase in our school donation since 2016. School donations are voluntary, but we would be highly appreciative of any payments.

This donation is tax deductible and a 1/3 can be claimed back from the IRD. The IR526 form is downloadable from the IRD website.

Other Fees

Mathletics or Mathseeds

Mathletics is a web-based programme that can be adapted to meet student's individual abilities. Mathletics provides instant feedback on each student's performance which helps to maintain a high level of student motivation.

We have been impressed with how engaged the students are and how quickly they start to improve their mathematical skills and mental arithmetic.

It can be beneficial in the earlier years for an adult to sit with their child while on the programme. Although this is a great way for parents to engage with their child's Maths learning, we realise that this is not always possible for busy families.

This programme has been so successful in previous years and we are excited to be able to provide you with a subscription to Mathletics for **\$20.00 per child** for a year (*usually a one-year subscription costs \$99 per child*). Subscribing to Mathletics will entitle students to 24-hour web access both at home and in school.

A User ID and Password will be distributed to your child by the classroom teacher shortly after they start at Te Totara Primary School.



Aquatics

On our school website www.tetotara.school.nz you will find Swimming Pool information. The fees are currently \$60.00 per student per year.

The purpose of the swimming programme is to:

- Encourage students by making their learning to swim experience fun and rewarding.
- Provide a progressive curriculum which focuses on developing water confidence and then builds fundamental swimming skills to a level which confidence and competence is achieved.
- Motivate students through tangible rewards which illustrate their individual progress.
- Track all students' achievements through the National database.



We would like to thank our families for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

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 per book**
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**
- **Pay it Forward - \$10.00, \$20.00 or \$50.00**

Currently, any "pay it forward" monies we receive will go towards the 2024 Year 5&6 School Camp fees for some of our families who may be struggling to cover the entire camp costs

Kindo Questions? Kindo Helpdesk on 0508 454636 (toll free)

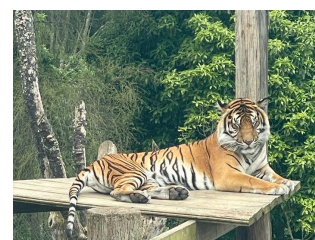
If access is denied, it is most likely that our school does not have your current email address recorded on your child's file. Please do not hesitate to contact the School Office on (07) 853-0039 to amend.

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HAMILTON ZOO SCHOOL TRIP

Our Neptune superstars went to the Hamilton Zoo! We had so much fun learning about the features of animals that help them to survive in their habitats! Thank you so much to all the parent helpers for making our day a great success. Check out more photos on our Facebook page.



TE TOTARA BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE FEE INCREASE



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our mission at Before & After School Care is to ensure that our families will always have the best childcare available and we strive to provide a high quality of care for our families. We have avoided raising our fee for as long as possible, but due to increases in running costs over the last few years our fees have recently been reviewed by the School Board, and it has been decided to increase the fees. **This will take effect from 1st January, 2025.**

Our fees will be increasing to \$8.50 per hour for permanent bookings and \$10.50 per hour for casual bookings.

We understand a price increase is never great news, however it is important to consider the following:

- This is the first increase since 2019.
- Even with this increase our prices remain highly competitive.
- We will continue to provide a varied menu for afternoon tea, as well as providing other options for children with dietary requirements (*gluten/dairy free, allergies*)
- We maintain a friendly and welcoming environment where your child/ren feels safe, secure and can have fun with their peers.
- We are Oscar approved and here to help complete the required forms to check if you might be eligible for a subsidy.
- We provide a discount for families with 3 or more children.
- We are a school run and operated programme and all staff are employed by Te Totara Primary School, where all profits made are put straight back into the school.

Bookings for 2025 will open online on **Monday 11th November, 2025.**

Please email: afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz if you have any questions or queries.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Kind Regards,

Katrina and the Team at Before & After School Care

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

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.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY- MATARIKI HALL

This week's assembly will be held **in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm Friday, 15th November, 2024.** This week students from **Matawhero, Ra and Marama** will attend the assembly and **Matawhero 2 & 3** will be sharing.



STUDENT STATIONERY FOR 2025

Order your child's stationery now and avoid the rush!

We know getting ready for the first day back at school can be a challenge for parents and kids. That's why we've teamed up with OfficeMax to make your back to school shop super easy.

If you order in December 2024, you'll go in the draw to WIN 1 of 5x \$1000 cash prizes *

You can choose to receive your order straight away or in January.

** Terms & Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details.*

You'll find your child's school stationery list **online by visiting:** www.myschool.co.nz/tetotara

Simply select your child's year level in 2025 and follow the instructions on the website.

Please note: You do not need a Student ID, please leave this field blank. If you have a 5-year-old new entrant starting in Term 1, 2025 your child will be classified as a Year 1.

OfficeMax MySchool makes Back to School easy for you with these great benefits:

- **Free Delivery - for orders over \$70.00 ^**

Choose delivery to your home or workplace. Receive your order during the holidays, straight to your door at a time that suits you. See myschool.co.nz for delivery windows.

^ T&Cs and exclusions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details.

- **Pay now or in easy instalments** - Internet banking, credit card, debit card or pay in 4 interest free payments over 6 weeks with Zip* ** Terms & Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz/zip for more details*
- **School Rewards** —Buying through OfficeMax MySchool also earns "School Rewards" for our school which we can redeem for much needed educational supplies, equipment for our classrooms or to help those students in need.
- **Beat the back to school rush** - avoid busy shopping malls and traffic queues by shopping online from the comfort of your home so your child starts the school year with the correct stationery.
- **WINZ quotes** - available by contacting 0800 724 440 or via email enquiry@myschool.co.nz
- **Order the easy way** - online at myschool.co.nz/tetotara OR call the OfficeMax My School Team on Freephone 0800 724 440 from Monday to Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm.

Many of our families used this online system last year and will be familiar with the ordering process. **If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the School Office on 07 853-0039.**

The graphic features the OfficeMax MySCHOOL logo at the top right. The main heading is "Ordering is super easy" in large blue letters. Below this, five orange circular icons represent the steps: "Click" (with a cursor icon), "Tick" (with a checkmark), "Pay" (with a credit card icon), "Pick" (with a calendar icon), and "and go!" (with a checkmark). Each icon is accompanied by a brief description of the step. To the right of the icons is a photograph of a smiling boy and a woman looking at a laptop screen together.

Click
Go to myschool.co.nz to find your school list

Tick
Check that you want everything on the list

Pay
Enter your details and choose how to pay

Pick
Pick when you want your order delivered, before Christmas or in the new year

and go!
Your delivery is under way **plus you're in to win \$1,000 cash***


Please ensure you have placed your online order no later than **Wednesday 15th January, 2025** to ensure delivery before school starts on **Thursday 30th January, 2025.**


Please ensure your child/ren have all their school stationery items before Term 1 begins.

DATES COMING UP

Wed 20 Nov	WaiKids Routine N/E Hearing Testing
Fri 22 Nov	PTA School Disco - "Summer Jam"
Mon 25 Nov	Fairfield Cluster Athletics Day <i>(Selected students only)</i>
Wed 27 Nov	Volunteers "Thank you" Morning Tea from 9am - 9.45am
Wed 4 Dec	Year 6 Leavers Supper - <i>Details to follow</i>
Thurs 5 Dec	PTA - Iceblock Day
Fri 6 Dec	RJHS Orientation Day 9.30am - 12.00 midday <i>(only for students who have had their enrolment confirmed by RJHS)</i>
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




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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!

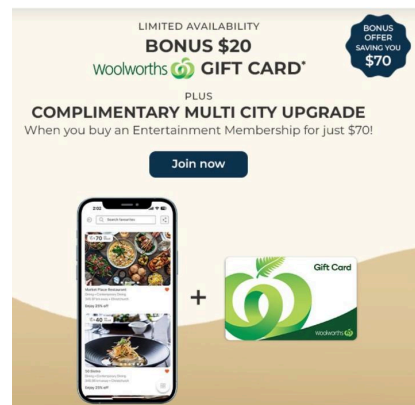
Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 13th November 7.00pm via Zoom. Check our Facebook page for the zoom link which will be shared closer to the date.

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, 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. 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, 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**



Hamilton BMX Club Brings You A Day At The Track To:

BE A BMX QUEEN



WOMEN, LADIES, GIRLS, MUMS,
DAUGHTERS AND EVEN GRANDMAS

COME TRY BMX

Sunday | 24th Nov | 9am-11am

Morning Tea Provided

Hamilton BMX Club, Minogue Park, Forest Lake

Must Bring: Long-sleeve Top, Pants, Covered Shoes

Can Bring: Off Road Bike, Gloves, Helmet

(Available from Club: BMX Bikes, Gloves, Full Face Helmets)



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