



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER, 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), Mbofe, 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,

What a real privilege it was to attend the Tamaiti Pasifika Celebration on Saturday. The children performed with so much joy, passion and enthusiasm. Our children were well rehearsed in their performance and were unfazed by all the people. All those that attended and watched would have been carrying smiles all weekend as it was so much fun to see the children happy. Thankyou to all those that were involved.

Good luck to all our athletes who are competing at Southwell School for the Fairfield Cluster on Monday. Give everything your best effort and SHINE all day long. Thankyou to our staff and families who will be there to support our children.

It has been pleasing to see our children making sure they have sunscreen and a hat on each day, especially as the days are getting hotter. Please make sure your child checks the lost property as there are a number of items in the box. Lost Property is located outside the Matariki Hall beside the playground.

James Murray
Principal



SCHOOL DISCO - TOMORROW NIGHT!

Friday 22nd November, 2024

Dress up in summer beach wear! (Dress up is optional)

Don't forget your \$2 entry. The discos are cash only so please make sure you bring plenty! Snacks, drinks and glow toys will be sold on the night. See the PTA section in the newsletter for prices.

Time: 5:15pm - 6.00pm (Year 0-2)
6:15pm - 7.00pm (Year 3-4)
7:15pm - 8:15pm (Year 5-6)
Entry: \$2.00 per student

NOTE: ENTRY & PICKUP/EXIT ENTRY to the Disco is through the main doors into Matariki Hall.

PICK-UP/EXIT ALL CHILDREN MUST LEAVE WITH A PARENT. No child will be allowed to scooter or walk home by themselves, no matter how close they live to school. It will be dark and we need to make sure everyone gets home safely. **Parents MUST come into Matariki Hall via the side doors from the carpark to collect their children. The Disco sessions will finish at the time shown, so please be on time.**

TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL - WINNERS OF \$1,000 COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP FUND

Our school was kindly nominated by one of our parents to receive \$1,000 sponsorship to expand our school's maara kai.

Thank you to Tompkins Wake for their generous sponsorship towards our school's vegetable garden! With your contribution we're excited to expand our garden, providing fresh, nutritious produce while inspiring young minds to understand and appreciate where their food comes from.

Thank you for helping our garden grow!

"Tompkins Wake is a law firm at the centre of New Zealand's economic and commercial heartland. They strive to make a tangible difference to the communities they serve."



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END OF YEAR CELEBRATION - MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER AT 5.45PM

First postponement date: Wednesday, 11th December, 2024

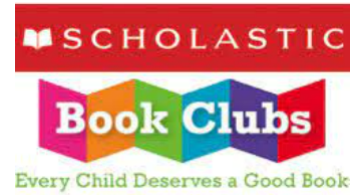
This is our annual event to celebrate another great year at Te Totara. Here is some information to help make it a special event:

- It is a school event, so children need to be in a clean and tidy uniform. **Students must be at school by 5.45pm and meet their class at the back field.** Please leave your child with us; we will take care of them.
- Students will need to stay through the whole event.
- There will be very limited parking available at the school car park and none in the turning bay. It will be best to find a car park on a nearby street and walk.
- It is like a concert in a park so bring a picnic, a rug to sit on, something to eat and drink and enjoy a variety concert. You are welcome to come earlier than 5.45pm if you wish to eat with your child before the concert.
- We use the hill behind Ra and Earth as outdoor stages where children perform.
- Toilets are open in the Ra and Earth blocks.
- Pre-schoolers are welcome to use the playground away from the performers so they don't distract from the performance.
- Other children not involved in the school are asked to be respectful and if they want to play, then the court area is a good place. **There are likely to be over 2500 people at the event so we strongly advise walking to the event.**
- Please **NO umbrellas** as it blocks the view of people behind. Low set chairs only are advisable if needed.
- **NO dogs** are allowed on our school grounds.
- We will have a "Paparazzi" section at the front for parents/caregivers of those performing to use to get a good photo.
- **If the weather is not good, we will postpone it to Wednesday 11th December 2024, same time or Monday 16th December if still not fine.**
- **Notifications will be put on the school Facebook page, school app and the website.**
- **The event is weather dependent, so may be cancelled at the last moment, but we will do our best to let everyone know as early as possible.**
- At the end of the event we will need to stagger people leaving due to Health & Safety, so please be prepared to wait a little time. Announcements will be made by our Principal to ensure everyone moves off safely.



NEW SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER CATALOGUE CLOSES TOMORROW!

Reminder the Scholastic Book Club orders close tomorrow, Friday 22nd November at **9.15am**. **Please Note: We DO NOT ACCEPT CASH at all.**
You will need to order through the Scholastic LOOP app.



SCHOOL YEARBOOKS

Our School Yearbook orders have now closed. These will be printed soon and delivered to your child before the last day of school... we are hoping it will be sooner though. A big thank you to our major sponsors this year:

Archie's Cafe, Rototuna Optometrists, The Brand Makers, Mr Rental, Fergus Bar & Kitchen, Tompkins Wake.

We appreciate your support and can't produce such a wonderful book of school memories without you.



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

On Saturday our TOPA Group performed at the [TOPA Tamaiti Pasifika Celebration 2024](#) at St Paul's Collegiate. We are so proud of our Te Totara TOPA group! Out of 11 schools, we made the top 4 again which is a huge achievement! Well done on all the hard mahi, to achieve fourth place!

Also a huge congratulations to Evie in Year 4 who was third place in the Design Category for her amazing 'Shoe Design' about her Culture and Whakapapa. The judges were impressed with her Scottish theme and how proud she is of her heritage.

Thank you to all the Whānau, Tamariki, Te Totara Staff that came and supported us. Well done to all the children, they brought their smiles, energy and joy!

We would also like to thank our very own Miss Grimson, Miss Campbell and Whaea Landy! They have worked tirelessly to support our tamariki in this fantastic achievement!

We are so very proud of our Te Totara Stars! He whetū koe!



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:

- **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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PICK-UP & DROP-OFF ZONE IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL

- The **drop-off zone** in front of the school is also a convenient area to pick up your children. **All drivers must remain in the vehicles, the children are asked to come straight to the front of the school and look for their car.** When they see their car the students are taught to go straight to the car if it is in the lane closest to the school buildings, or if the car is in the lane furthest away the students need to come down to Mr Murray at the marked traffic hump and he will cross them safely.
- The drop-off zone has two access lanes so you can turn into either the left or right lane depending on where you are going when you exit the drop off. **If you are going to travel north up Hector Drive towards Rototuna Junior High then please use the left lane closest to the school.** Always indicate your intention then turn left onto Hector Drive as you exit the zone.
- We ask that you remain in the lane you are in throughout the drop-off zone, it is dangerous to cross over the lanes.
- Mr Murray monitors the safety of this area, it is a very efficient process and we endeavour to keep it moving well. It is generally all cleared of cars by 3.15pm, so great for those prompt getaways!

Please note this zone is for quick pick-ups and drop-offs of students ONLY.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK HERE AND LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE. Thank you for your co-operation.



NO PARKING

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 sunburst), "Tick" (with a checkmark), "Pay" (with a credit card), "Pick" (with a calendar), and "and go!" (with a checkmark). Each icon has a corresponding text box below it. The "and go!" box includes a promotional offer: "Your delivery is under way plus you're in to win \$1,000 cash*". On the right side of the graphic, there is a photograph of a smiling boy and a woman looking at a laptop screen together.

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.

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**

DATES COMING UP

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| 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> |
| Fri 6 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 |



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



SCHOOL SUMMER JAM DISCO

Get out the t-shirts, shorts and jandals out because the PTA's Summer Jam Disco is TOMORROW NIGHT and we can't wait to see you there. Don't forget your \$2.00 entry.

The Discos are cash only (no EFTPOS) so please make sure you bring plenty!

Snacks, drinks and glow toys will be sold on the night. Prices are as follows:

- ❖ Chips/Lollies \$2.00 bag
- ❖ Drinks Fizzy or Water \$2.00 bottle
- ❖ Glow Star Wands \$3.00 each
- ❖ Fibre Optic Wands \$3.00 each
- ❖ Glow rings \$2.00 each
- ❖ Glow Spinners \$2.00 each
- ❖ Glow Bracelets 3x for \$1.00

PARENT HELPERS

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help at the Discos, you should have now received an email advising where you are needed. If you have any questions, please email the pta: pta@tetotara.school.nz or send us a PM via our Facebook page. Please come directly to the entry doors with your child and

make yourself known and you will be let in prior to the session starting.

If there are any parents dropping their child off to the 2nd and 3rd Disco session who would like to stay and experience the Disco, we are still after 2x helpers for each session to mind the exit door. If you can help out, please make yourself known at the entry door and you will be pointed to a PTA member.

ENTRY & EXIT PROCEDURE:

ENTRY: Please enter the Disco through the main doors into Matariki Hall by the Administration block.

PICK-UP/EXIT: **ALL CHILDREN MUST LEAVE WITH A PARENT.** No child will be allowed to scooter or walk home by themselves, no matter how close they live to school as we need to make sure everyone gets home safely.

At the conclusion of each Disco the children will be seated in Matariki and parents **MUST** come into Matariki Hall, via the side doors from the carpark, to pick up their child. The Disco sessions will finish at the time shown below so please be on time as we do not to be calling you to find out when you will be arriving to pick up your child.

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| Date: | Friday 22nd November, 2024 |
| Time: | 5:15pm - 6pm (Year 0-2) 6:15pm - 7pm (Year 3-4) 7:15pm - 8:15pm (Year 5-6) |
| Entry: | \$2.00 per student |

ICE BLOCK DAY

Another Ice Block Day is just around the corner on Friday 6th December (please note change in day). **We need 3 helpers to help sell ice blocks** so if you can give up an hour of your time on this day from 12.15pm, please email the PTA at pta@tetotara.school.nz

Selling Ice Blocks is a quick and easy way to help the PTA if you have been meaning to assist all year and haven't quite got their yet. You need to be comfortable taking cash and giving out ice blocks.

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!

With school holidays just around the corner this Entertainment Membership deal could be just the one you have been waiting for. When you purchase any Single City Membership between 8:00pm NZST, Tuesday 19th November and 1:59pm NZST, Monday 2nd December 2024 your Single City Membership will be upgraded to a Multi City Membership at no additional cost, and you will also receive a \$30 Bonus Woolworths eGift Card via email within 30 days from the date of purchase.

Not only do you get a great deal on your membership but if you use the link below 20% of every membership purchased is donated back to support the Te Totara Primary School PTA

<https://subscribe.entertainmentnz.com/fundraiser/15502m5>

The advertisement features a white background with a smartphone displaying the Entertainment app, a wrapped gift box with a gold ribbon, and a green Woolworths eGift Card. Text on the left reads: "It's The Season for Savings and Giving!" followed by "Purchase a Single City Entertainment Membership and receive a complimentary Multi City Membership Upgrade." and "Plus, we'll gift you a Bonus Woolworths Gift Card - valued at \$30!". A blue button says "Find out more". A blue starburst in the top right corner says "LIMITED TIME OFFER ONLY \$70 (WORTH \$110)".

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 22nd November – School Summer Jam Disco

Friday 6th December – Ice Block Day

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**



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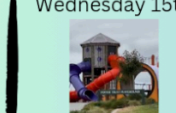
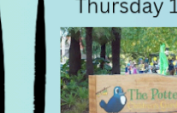





17th December 12.30pm - 6pm,
18th-20th December 8.30am - 3.30pm

FOR GIRLS AGED: 7-15

COST: \$20 PER DAY Rototuna Library
30 North City Road,
Rototuna North, Hamilton


www.youthtown.org.nz | @youthtownnz | 0800 004 566

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| <p>Tuesday 7th</p>  <p>Claudelands Park</p> | <p>Wednesday 8th</p>  <p>Hamilton Gardens Playground</p> | <p>Thursday 9th</p>  <p>Taitua Arboretum</p> |
| <p>Tuesday 14th</p>  <p>Destination Playground</p> | <p>Wednesday 15th</p>  <p>Potter Trust Playground</p> | <p>Thursday 16th</p>  <p>The Potter Children's Garden</p> |
| <p>Tuesday 21st</p>  <p>Hamilton Gardens Walk</p> | <p>Wednesday 22nd</p>  <p>Minogue Park</p> | <p>Thursday 23rd</p>  <p>Tamahere Park</p> |

ENQUIRE TODAY!

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

FROM AGES 5-13 YEARS



Explore the parks of Hamilton in our Park Explorer Holiday Programme. Based in the central suburb of Frankton, this small numbered Home based child care service provides quality care in a low stress, and low stimulating environment. Perfect for children who prefer a quiet and calm environment.

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Parkexplorerholidayprogramme@gmail.com

PHONE

02102415971

FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61566748487140>

| OPEN HOURS | FEES |
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| 7th-23rd January 2025 | Short Day (Up to 6 hrs) \$30 |
| Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Only 7am-5.30pm | Extended Day (above 6hrs) \$40 |
| | Wet Day activity \$5 |

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HAMILTON MUSICAL THEATRE'S
PRODUCTION OF:



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THE
LION KING ©Disney
 

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
ELTON JOHN & TIM RICE

ADDITIONAL MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
EBO M, MARK MANCINA, JAY RIFKIN, and HANS ZIMMER

BOOK BY
ROGER ALLERS & IRENE MECCHI

BASED ON THE BROADWAY PRODUCTION DIRECTED BY
JULIE TAYMOR

JANUARY 14-18, 2025

TICKETS FROM
iTICKET

DIRECTOR
FIONA GREAVES

MUSICAL DIRECTOR
ALEX PELHAM-WAAREA

CHOREOGRAPHER
PRISCILLA LEOW

Music Adapted & Arranged and
"Lion Hawaiian Irest" written by Will Van Dyke

"It's a Small World" written by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

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Travelling overseas soon?

You must do a
New Zealand Traveller Declaration
when you come back.

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Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

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