



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 28TH 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), 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,

Congratulations to all our students that competed so wonderfully at the Fairfield Cluster Athletics on Monday. Thank you to the teachers and parents that were there to help our children be STARS. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school and there were some fantastic results.

I am very much looking forward to the STARS assemblies that are happening over the next few weeks. There is also the Year 6 Dinner and the End of Year Celebration. We look forward to sharing these with you. Please make sure you check the newsletter for all the dates and times.

The teachers and children have been finishing their learning strongly with lessons continuing and assessments being completed. The Learning Plans (School Reports) will be available online through the Parent Portal later this term. These are also a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the success of each child and the progress made.

I also want to thank our superb PTA for all their events this year which culminated in the end of year School Disco. The Disco was fantastic and all the children that were there enjoyed the fun and excellent food on offer. Thank-you to all the PTA and their wonderful helpers who kept our children entertained and safe.

James Murray
Principal

YEAR 6 LEAVERS SUPPER - RSVP REMINDER

WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 2024

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 tomorrow, Friday 29th November.



END OF YEAR CELEBRATION - MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER

Time: 6.00pm concert starts - students to arrive by 5.45pm in school uniform

Venue: Back Field

All whanau welcome - bring a blanket and a picnic!



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 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.
- 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.
- 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.



SCHOOL TENNIS CHAMPS - TE TOTARA STAR

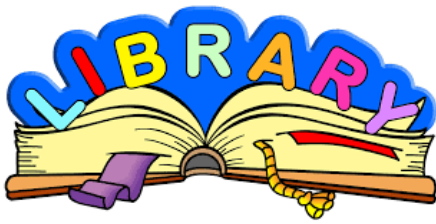
Anastasia Aksenova, a Year 6 student, represented Te Totara Primary in the Waikato Thames Valley Primary & Intermediate School Tennis Champs and performed exceptionally well, securing **second place in the Year 5&6 category.**

This achievement allowed her to compete at the larger regional tournament, the **Waikato Bays Intra-Regionals** at Rotorua Tennis Club on Friday, 22 November. She placed **second in this tournament** as well!

Well done Anastasia, you are a true Te Totara Star! 🌟

TUMMY BUGS

We are noticing a few tummy bugs and viruses going around at the moment. Just a reminder that if your child has had diarrhoea or vomiting they cannot return to school until it has been 48 HOURS since those last symptoms. These bugs can be highly contagious.



STUDENTS' LIBRARY BOOKS DUE BACK NEXT WEEK

Could you please make sure that ALL school library books are returned to the library next week so that we can do our stocktake.

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.

2024 OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS - TO BE PAID THROUGH KINDO



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

2024 School Camp	\$4,140
Lost Library Books	\$811
Mathletics/Mathseeds	\$3,850
Aquatics	\$12,582
Voluntary School Donation	\$38,100

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.

Any queries regarding your invoice, please do not hesitate to contact Kylie Cocurullo, our Business Manager at: 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.

✨ CLUSTER ATHLETICS AT SOUTHWELL SCHOOL ✨

On Monday 25th November, we took a bus load of Te Totara athletes to Southwell School to compete in the Fairfield Cluster Athletics event. Our Te Totara stars were amazing and had lots of fun. Check out our Te Totara Facebook Page for our placings.



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

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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.

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- **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.

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Ordering is super easy

- 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***

*(Note: *Offer subject to terms and conditions. See website for details.)*

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 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

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SCHOOL SUMMER JAM DISCO

Summer time came to Te Totara on Friday night when our last school disco of the year was held. It was great to see many children and parents out and enjoying themselves. A huge thank you to all the parents and caregivers that gave up an hour or two of their time to man the front and back doors and sell snacks and glow toys. Also, to the staff who turned up and especially Mr Murray who stayed for all three discos. The PTA really appreciate all the help that you give us, and your continued support is the reason we can run school discos. We hope you enjoyed helping at the disco too!



ICE BLOCK DAY

Our last Ice Block Day of the year is only a week away on Friday 6th December. **We are still in need of 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 so if you have been meaning to assist all year and haven't quite got their yet, this is your chance. 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>. We thank you for your continued support.



It's The Season for Savings and Giving!

Purchase a Single City Entertainment Membership and receive a complimentary Multi City Membership Upgrade.

Plus, we'll gift you a Bonus Woolworths Gift Card - valued at \$30!

[Find out more](#)

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LIMITED TIME OFFER ONLY \$70 (VALUED AT \$140)

The image shows a promotional graphic for an Entertainment Membership. It features a smartphone displaying the app interface, a white gift box with a gold ribbon, and a green Woolworths eGift Card. The background is light grey with gold confetti. A blue badge in the top right corner states 'LIMITED TIME OFFER ONLY \$70 (VALUED AT \$140)'. The main text reads 'It's The Season for Savings and Giving!' followed by details of the membership upgrade and gift card. A 'Find out more' button is at the bottom left, and a small code 'TMG 42875' is in the bottom left corner.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 6th December – Ice Block Day

Your PTA Committee:

Kerry, Nate, Navreet, Lorinda, Garima & Alexx