

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,

We are enjoying some fabulous weather at the moment which made our Learning Plan interview days last week go very smoothly. Thank you so much to you all for picking up your children at 2.00pm, allowing these important conversations with our families to begin promptly at 2.30pm. It is great to see our families catching up in the sunshine whilst waiting for their interview. Another chance to reconnect as a community while building and strengthening the home-school partnership.

Please make sure if you have any concerns to make time to see your child's teacher. We are always here to help and make time to work through any concerns. Children are always going to have some not so positive interactions with each other, but it is how we deal with that and model it which makes it a learning experience. We must work in partnership to support our children.

One of the many highlights in my day is when I get to go around the classrooms and see all the children happily engaging in their learning. On any given day there are many aspects of the curriculum covered and I enjoy talking with the children about their new learning. Two questions I like to ask them are: what are they proud of today? and what have they learnt today that will help them tomorrow? These are great questions to ask children at the end of the day and it can also help not just in learning but with peer relationships and how they interact with others.

Term 2 is fast approaching and we have two teachers that are leaving us. Anna Livingstone and Dori Villasol-Aonso will be finishing at the end of this term. Anna is moving on to concentrate on her family and Dori is retiring from full-time teaching. We will honor these two wonderful teachers towards the end of the term. Their teaching jobs have been advertised and once appointments have been made I will notify their classroom families and the community.

I wanted to thank all those parents that were able to attend our evening with Rob Cope. We will be sending out some 2 minute videos every Tuesday from Rob so please take time to view them. We will also let families know when and what we are teaching at school.

Last week our Years 3-6 children were lucky enough to have a wonderful opportunity to learn more around chess. Paul and his team have a flyer for children to continue this over lunchtime at school. There is a cost involved so please look at the attached flyer in the newsletter.



Have a wonderful end to the week and weekend.

James Murray
Principal



CHESS COACHING PROGRAM

Dear Parents,

Playing chess in school helps students achieve many learning outcomes faster and more effectively. Put simply, chess makes kids smarter. Chess enables all students to shine and develop intellectually in a way they really enjoy. Playing chess develops self-confidence, concentration and problem-solving skills.

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We are pleased to be starting a **brand new Chess Coaching Programme** at our school and look forward to bringing the excitement, competition and educational benefits of chess to your children.

Chess Power has been educating Chess in many schools in Auckland and across New Zealand. Our coaches are all professionally trained and accredited and our support systems are world class.

WHAT HAPPENS IN A CHESS POWER COACHING PROGRAMME?

- ✓ Grow Kids Minds™!
- ✓ Improve concentration and focus
- ✓ Develop important life skills – fair play and decision making
- ✓ Develop Tactical & Strategic thinking
- ✓ Prepare for Chess Tournaments against other schools
- ✓ Develop a love of chess, of learning and of thinking
- ✓ Play Chess Online safely and for free



Each session starts with a formal lesson; all players will learn a new strategy, idea or skill each week. Then they put those skills into practice with activities and games. All games are monitored and supervised by the coach who provides individual feedback along the way.

Throughout the programme, we reward kids that do well and encourage and support kids that are struggling. At completion of the programme we recognise each child with a certificate based on their performance.

CLASS DETAILS

Sessions will be held weekly on **Mondays** from **1:00pm to 1:40pm** starting **Monday 24 March 2025**. The last session will be held on Monday 7 April 2025.

This is an introductory 3-week program. The fee is \$69 for the program.

REGISTRATION

If your child would like to be part of this for **Term 1**, please visit our website:

www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration

It is easy to register. Just choose your school and fill out the online form. A payment link will be available to you on the form.

To learn more...

Visit our website **www.chesspower.co.nz** and click **Parents Centre**

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION SURVEY FOR PARENTS - CLOSES TOMORROW FRIDAY 21ST MARCH, 2025

The Ministry of Education requires all schools to consult with their community on the school's delivery of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum every two years. We welcome your input into this area of the curriculum through a quick survey.

Please click on the link: [Health and Physical Education Survey](#)

The survey should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.



Many thanks for your input into this curriculum area.

Ngaa mihi

To Stewart

Deputy Principal



MATHS CURRICULUM TEACHER ONLY DAY - TUESDAY 3RD JUNE, 2025

As part of the implementation of the new Maths Curriculum the Ministry of Education has allocated 2x Teacher Only Days in 2025 for schools to provide Professional Development to their staff in the area of Maths education.

Te Totara will be holding our first Maths Teacher Only Day on Tuesday 3rd June. We will be working with Bruce Moody around the changes that have been made in the curriculum throughout this day.

To confirm... School will be **CLOSED** on the following dates:

- **Friday 30th May** for our annual Te Pae Here Teacher Only Day
- **Monday 2nd June** is King's Birthday Public Holiday
- **Tuesday 3rd June** Maths Curriculum Teacher Only Day

SICK CHILDREN WHO NEED TO GO HOME

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 support.



LOST & FOUND PROPERTY BIN

A reminder that our Lost & Found Property Box can be found outside the large sliding doors of the Matariki Hall (under cover). **Please check this bin weekly.**

Any unclaimed un-named school uniform will be resold as "pre-loved" uniforms through the School Office.

Please remember to clearly name your child's clothing, even school hats.

BIKING AND SCOOTERING TO SCHOOL

SAFETY HELMETS MUST BE WORN!

Helmets provide the best protection against head and brain injury, whether your child is riding a bike or scooter. Please ensure your child is wearing a properly fitted helmet before leaving for school in the morning. It could save their life!

We also highly recommend students **LOCKING** up their scooters and bikes on our school grounds.



2025 FEES, SPORTS REGISTRATIONS & DONATIONS PAID VIA KINDO

This online system allows you to pay for our school's fees (Mathletics/Mathseeds, Voluntary School Donation, Lost Library Book Costs etc) and is also the **ONLY** way to register/pay for your child for sports teams.

Please Note: Aquatics will be charged after your child's class has had their lessons.
ALL other 2025 fees have now been loaded to your child's KINDO account



Available to pay/register via KINDO now:

- Netball (Years 3-6 only) - **Cut-off date Thursday 27th March @ 3.00pm**
- Hockey (Years 1-6) - **Cut-off date Thursday 27th March @ 3.00pm**
- 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



***** PLEASE NOTE:** If you do not receive confirmation from KINDO you have "successfully registered", then you have not completed the sign-up process. Your item may still be in your cart, please ensure you complete the process ***

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.

OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2025

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available on our school website www.tetotara.school.nz

The Board has determined the following places are likely to be available to OUTZ students from Term 3, 2025 onwards. Enrolment period: **28th June - 17th December 2025:**

20 places for Year 0 students (whose 5th Birthday falls within the above enrolment period)

The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

For students seeking enrolment within the above enrolment period, the deadline for receipt of OUTZ applications is **1.00pm on Friday 11th April, 2025** and should be emailed to: receptionist@tetotara.school.nz

Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately. Students who live in the home zone are entitled to enrol at the school.

Applications from OUTZ students will be processed in accordance with the Ministry of Education Order of Priority. Please visit our school website www.tetotara.school.nz under "Out-of-Zone Enrolments" for further information. Click the red link: **OUTZ Enrolment Form**

If the number of OUTZ applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot supervised by a Justice of the Peace, a Practising Lawyer or a Police Officer in accordance with Section 11G (1) of the Education Act 1989.

If a ballot for OUTZ is required, it will be held on **Thursday 24th April, 2025**. Parents will be informed of the outcome by **Wednesday 30th April, 2025**.

Note: If your child is successful in gaining an OUTZ place, in order to comply with the MOE criteria, your child MUST start school before the end of the 2025 school year or they will forfeit their OUTZ place.

SMART WATCHES REMINDER

Smart watches are able to be worn at school for the purpose of telling the time only. If the watch is used as a communication or recording device then your child will be asked to put it in the teachers desk at the beginning of each day and collect it before leaving school at the end of the day. Your child's teacher may ask that the watch is kept at home if there are any continuing issues.



Please remember if you need to get a message to your child at school then it is best to contact the School Office, and the office staff will make sure your child gets the message. This allows your child to focus on their learning without interruption.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES - MATARIKI HALL

School assemblies will be held **in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm every Friday.**

Fri 21 March: Matawhero, Earth & Milky Way6 Pods - **Earth 37** will be sharing

Fri 28 March: Orion and Ra Pods - **Ra 30** will be sharing



DATES COMING UP

Fri 21 March
Thurs 27 March
Wed 9 April
Fri 11 April
Fri 11 April

Waikids Routine N/E Vision & Hearing Checks in School
Board Meeting @ 6.30pm
PTA - Online Meeting @ 7.00pm
PTA Ice Block Day
END OF TERM 1, 2025 @ 3.00pm

Mon 28 April
Fri 23 May
Fri 30 May
Mon 2 June
Tues 3 June
Wed 18 June
Thurs 19 June
Thurs 26 June

TERM 2 BEGINS
PTA Disco - Winter Wonderland (*more details to follow*)
TEACHER ONLY DAY - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
KINGS BIRTHDAY STAT HOLIDAY - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
TEACHER ONLY DAY (MATHS) - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
Junior School Production - 2.00pm & 6.00pm Performances
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Board Meeting @ 6.30pm



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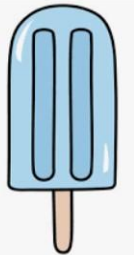
EMAIL: pta@tetotara.school.nz www.facebook.com/TTPTA

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PTA - WHAT DO WE DO?

As the name suggests we are the Parents & Teachers Association (PTA) 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!



NEXT ICE BLOCK DAY - FRIDAY 11TH APRIL, 2025

PTA's next Ice Block Day will be on Friday 11th April (last day of Term). Please don't forget to provide a \$2.00 coin to your children to enjoy the yummy treat.

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!

Join now to claim over **\$70 in instant value** and go in the **draw to win** incredible prizes! By joining today, you'll unlock over 15,000 valuable offers with a **FREE Multi City Upgrade** (\$50 value) and **receive a BONUS \$20 Woolworths Gift Card** – but hurry, this offer won't last!

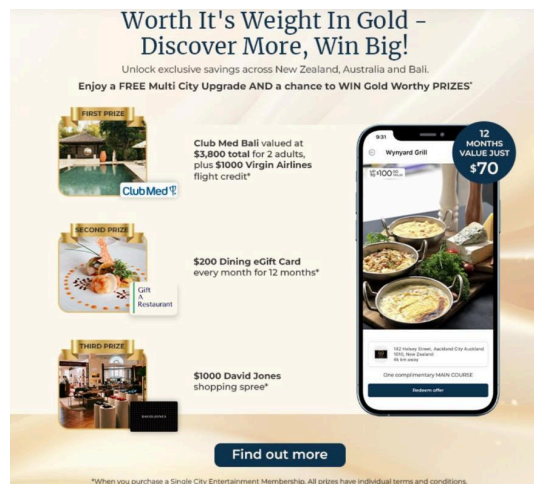
Plus, **you could WIN one of these incredible prizes:**

- **5-night Club Med Bali Luxury Getaway + Virgin Australia Flight Voucher** - Enjoy a luxurious all-inclusive getaway for 2 adults, valued at \$4800!
- **\$2400 in Gift A Restaurant Gift Cards** - enjoy a monthly \$200 gift card for 12 months to redeem at over 600 restaurants.
- **\$1,000 in David Jones Gift Cards** – shop your favourite luxury brands, on us!

Your Entertainment Membership also gives back - **\$14 of your purchase goes to a fundraiser of your choice**. Join. Save. Win. Don't miss out – offer and prize entries close soon!

NZ – Bonus Membership Upgrade & Chance to Win 8:00pm NZDT, 16/01/2025 - 1:59 pm NZDT, 31/03/2025. Thank you for your continued support!

If you use the link below, 20% of every membership purchased is donated back to support Te Totara Primary School PTA: <https://subscribe.entertainmentnz.com/fundraiser/15502m5>



PTA MEETING

Our next PTA meeting will be held online on Wednesday 9th April at 7.00pm. A link to join will be sent out closer to the time. All parents and guardians are welcome to join.

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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CIRCUS IN THE CENTRE



Come and play!

Have a go at circus in Garden Place!

Look for the colourful bunting on the lawn in Garden Place and join circus professionals to try hula hooping, juggling, spinning plates, and more!

January 25/01/2025

February 01/02/2025
08/02/2025
15/02/2025
22/02/2025

March 01/03/2025
15/03/2025
22/03/2025
29/03/2025

April 05/04/2025

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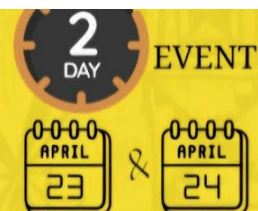
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TERM 1 - TOPA
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



10.30 AM
TILL
3.30 PM

Book your spot before 11 April 2025!

Any Bookings from 12 April
will be charged the full-day price
\$80 - Students
\$100 - Adults

2025 PASIFIKA PERFORMING ARTS & CULTURAL WORKSHOPS

VENUE: UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO,
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TURN AND GYMNASTIC CIRCLE

Easter Holiday Programme

APRIL HOLIDAYS
8:30AM - 3:30PM
FULL DAY: \$45
EASTER ACTIVITIES AND GYMNASTICS ALL DAY

Enrol Now: <https://turnandgymnastic.nz>



Gymnastics, Games and Free Time Everyday



Monday 14th April: Science discovery day
Tuesday 15th April: Wheels day
Wednesday 16th April: Fort building and
ice blocks.
Thursday 17th April: Easter activities.

Tuesday 22nd April: Carnival day.
Wednesday 23rd April: Animal day.
Thursday 24th April: Bounce it day.

