

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 4TH MAY, 2023

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Kia Ora (Maori/NZ), Hello (English), Bula (Fijian), <u>Welkom</u> (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)



ANZAC CEREMONY 2023

We had a special Anzac ceremony for all our learners last Friday. The student's poppy artwork was arranged in the area around our flagpole, this was very striking. Some students had even written family names for those who had served in the war. Our ceremony reflected many aspects of the usual Anzac ceremony with our National Anthem, the Last Post, the Ode to the Fallen Soldier and a minute's silence, all under our NZ flag at half mast.

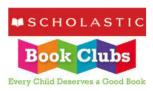
We were so proud of all our Te Totara school family (including our lovely support dog Milo) for the respectful way they participated in our Anzac tribute.

Do pop into our main office foyer to see the very striking large artwork that has been assembled using student poppies and the words 'Lest We Forget.'









SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER - ISSUE NO. 3

This week your child was given a Scholastic Book Club catalogue. These orders close at **9.15am on Friday 12th May, 2023.**

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 <u>scholastic.co.nz/LOOP</u>
- 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.

2023 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 <u>ONLY</u> 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.

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 \$20.00

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.

LIBRARY OPEN EVERY MORNING

Our library is now open to students, parents and caregivers every morning during term times, from 8.15am-9.00am. We lend extra books directly to parents and caregivers - six books per child. Our Librarians, Michelle and Esther, are happy to help you select books for your children, please ask if you'd like some suggestions.





SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's and next week's assembly will be held in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm on Friday, 5 May 2023. This week students from Neptune and Milky Way Pods will attend assembly and Neptune 24 will be sharing. Families from this classroom will be invited to attend via their classroom teacher.



EROTOTUNA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



Tuesday 9 May Wednesday 31 May

6:15pm - welcome and overview 6:30pm - tour the school / experience RJHS

Meet in Te Rangimāreikura (large theatre)

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

If you are a Coach or Manager, please email the POD by **Wednesday 1pm** to <u>stephy@tetotara.school.nz</u>

Hockey

Blue Sticks Lions Red Sticks Strikers Peyton Ellis Sam McCosh Eknoor Badwal Travis Moth



Netball

Te Totara Ferns

Iris Chen

DATES COMING UP

Fri 19 May	Pink Shirt Day
Thurs 25 May	Board Meeting at 6.30pm
Fri 2 June	Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 5 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Wed 14 June	PTA AGM & Meeting @ 7.00pm
Tues 20 June	Junior School Production - "How Does Your Garden Groove"
	Performances at 2.00pm & 6.00pm (Tickets on sale 15th May via KINDO))
Wed 21 June	Junior School Production - "How Does Your Garden Groove"
	Performances at 2.00pm & 6.00pm (Tickets on sale 15th May via KINDO))
Thurs 29 June	Board Meeting at 6.30pm
Fri 30 June	END OF TERM 2, 2023

Mon 17 July TERM 3 BEGINS

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

EMAIL: <u>pta@tetotara.school.nz</u> <u>www.facebook.com/TTPTA</u> Please 'like' our Facebook page to ensure you keep in the news loop: <u>www.facebook.com/TTPTA</u>



THE PTA AGM MEETING DATE SET

The PTA Meeting date has been set so book out your calendar now as it would be great to meet you!

When:	Wednesday 14 th June 2023
Time:	7:00pm to be followed by a general PTA Meeting
Where:	Staff Lounge (turn right as you enter into Matariki Hall)
Who's invited:	Anyone who is a parent or caregiver of a child who attends Te Totara Primary School.

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE AGM?

The AGM is where the Committee decides who will be on the Executive Team for the following year (Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Communications Officer). The PTA is on the lookout for a new Communications Officer this year coming year and other people who are keen to help out when required. If you would like to put your name forward or would like further information on the Comms position please email the PTA at <u>pta@tetotara.school.nz</u>.

WHAT IS THE PTA?

PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association. It's a group of parents and families associated with Te Totara whose aim it is to bring the school children and school community together, to fundraise and coordinate fun activities for the children and community.

I'D LIKE TO JOIN THE PTA BUT I DON'T HAVE TIME?

We hear this a lot from people. The PTA isn't as much of a time commitment as you think. Meetings are approximately 1 hour long and are held roughly 8 times a year. A bit more time is required for event planning, but the events we are likely to hold over the next year will be smaller and won't need large amounts of planning time.

WANT TO SEE YOUR FRIENDS ON A REGULAR BASIS?

Join the PTA with another school parent and you will be able to catch up with them on a more regular basis while organising fun and exciting fundraising activities for our school community.

WHAT DOES THE PTA DO?

- Does your child like having a dry space to play in like the Galaxy on a wet day? They do. The PTA contributed funds when the artificial grass courts were covered.
- Does your child like the playground by Matariki? Great. The PTA fundraised to provide this and also the shade sail overhead.
- Do you like seeing the new memorial garden between the Staff Lounge and Orion block? Wonderful. The PTA provided the funds to the School to enable this to be developed.
- Has your child played with the Lego Spike Education sets in their class? They have awesome! The money they raised in the Spellathon in 2021 funded these sets.
- Does your child like the new confidence course on the back field.

DO I NEED ANY SPECIAL SKILLS?

No. The PTA requires a diverse range of skills. Some examples include:

- Organisation and planning skills
- Communication or written skills
- Physical lifting or transporting purchases for events to the school.
- All kinds of skills are welcome and needed to make the PTA successful. This helps share responsibilities and load across more people.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

You can take on an executive role, attend meetings as a committee member or help out at events, such as selling drinks at Disco's.

ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP

Do you want to help your Mum save on the things she loves, if so the good folk at Entertainment Membership are currently running a Mother's Day promotion.

From 8.00pm Monday 1st May to 2.00pm Wednesday 24th May 2023 every 12 month single city of multi city Membership purchased will receive a \$20 Sephora or Farmers eGift card, and every 24 month single city of multi city membership purchased will receive a \$40



Sephora or Farmers eGift card. By clicking on the link below, 20% of the purchase price will be donated back to Te Totara Primary School PTA.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

PTA AGMWednesday 14th June at 7.00pm (Staff Lounge)PTA MeetingWednesday 14th June at 7.30pm (at the conclusion of the AGM)

Your PTA Committee: Kerri, Adelle, Narreet, Kerry & Angelique

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.







CHILDREN'S ASTHMA STUDY CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for children with asthma to take part in a study comparing two different asthma inhalers

To take part in this study you must:

- ✓ Have been diagnosed with asthma by a doctor
- ✓ Be aged between 5 and 15 years
- ✓ Only use a reliever inhaler

For more information, contact:

- 🗸 Dr Tiwini Hemi
- ✓ Phone: 07 960 2123
- Email: enquiries@clinicaltrialswaikato.co.nz









3 In person + 2 phone calls

Inhalers provided free of charge

Asthma education

Reimbursement for travel expenses







This study has been approved by Northern B Health and Disability Ethics Committee (20/NTB/200)



