

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 1 JUNE, 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)

** SCHOOL CLOSED ** FRIDAY 2ND JUNE - Teacher Only Day MONDAY 5TH JUNE - King's Birthday Holiday A reminder school will be <u>CLOSED</u> for the above days. School opens again on Tuesday 6th June, 2023

THANK YOU SO MUCH

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the fantastic response from our Te Totara families to the early pick up on Wednesday afternoon. I would like to have avoided the early finish, however with all our teaching staff involved in the meeting from 1.00pm - 3.00pm, we would only have had 1 staff member available to supervise the 600 students on site yesterday. Fortunately, due to our wonderful After School Care staff and our Learning Assistant helpers we were able to cater for our enrolled ASC students through this time. However for the rest of our students, after considering the Health and Safety implications, particularly if there was an emergency during this time, it was decided that an early pick-up was required.

Thank you so much for your positive response to this request with all students gone from the site by 1.00pm. It is fantastic to work alongside such a supportive community at Te Totara.

'E hara taku toa, i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini.' My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective.

Anne

Principal

CHICKENPOX

We have a number of students away with chickenpox. According to the Ministry of Health Infectious Diseases Guidelines:

- Early signs are a fever and spots with a blister on top of each spot.
- Time between exposure and sickness is 10-21 days after being exposed.
- This disease is spread by coughing and sneezing and by direct contact with weeping blisters.
- Chickenpox is contagious from 1-2 days before the blisters appear.
- Exclusion from school is 1 week from the date of the appearance of the rash, or until blisters have dried.

If you are unsure whether your child should return to school, please see your Family Doctor.

A copy of the Infectious Diseases Guidelines can be found on the school website under the Health & Medical red quicklink tab or click the link: <u>Chickenpox Information</u>





SCHOOL SORES (IMPETIGO)

Just a reminder to keep an eye out for blisters on exposed parts of the body, such as hands, legs and face. The blisters burst and turn into a sore with a yellow crust that gets bigger each day. The sores are itchy and spread easily to other parts of the skin. Impetigo is easily spread to other children and adults by direct contact with the discharge from infected skin. They are highly contagious and children are infectious until sores are healed. To avoid the risk of infection, please ensure all open sores are kept well covered. If you have any concerns, please visit your Doctor as antibiotics are required to treat Impetigo. For more information regarding visit:

MOH Infectious Health Chart

MESSAGE REGARDING STUDENT SAFETY

I have had a report from a concerned community member of a person deliberately taking photos of children, this time in the Moonlight Drive area. This incident has been reported to Police and they are taking the incident seriously.

I thought it was important to keep you informed so we can keep our tamariki safe. If you see any suspicious behaviour in our community, please do not hesitate to contact the police.

Anne Fraser

SCHOOL DONATION TAX CREDIT CLAIM FORM

For future reference, you will be able to download a copy of the tax receipt required from your "My Orders" tab of your KINDO account. Please change the record type once on the My Orders page to "Donation Receipts". You will be able to select the receipt required or opt for a tax The online one stop school shop summary for a certain time period, as the picture below:

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For your information, your donations qualify for a 33% tax credit. You can claim this rebate from the Inland Revenue Department by completing a form IR526 - "Tax Credit Claim Form for Donations Claims Only". Please click on the link: **IR526 - Tax Credit Claim Form**

**** COMING SOON ****

NEW SCHOOL LUNCH SERVICE PROVIDERS - TERM 3 ONWARDS

A heads up to our families who currently use the School Lunches ordering system.... as from Term 3 onwards we will have new School Lunch providers - Subway and Fastlane Fitness Cafe.

ALL lunches will need to be ordered through KINDO so please make sure that you are registered for KINDO.

If you have a credit with our current School Lunch Order providers, please ensure you use it before the end of this term.

More information will follow over the coming weeks including menus from both suppliers.









kindo.

JUNIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION - YEARS 1&2 "How Does Your Garden Groove?"

TICKETS ON SALE NOW VIA <u>KINDO ONLY</u> Cut-off date is Thursday 15th June at 3.00pm

Tuesday 20th June 2023 @ 2.00pm & 6.00pm

Both performances by: Orion 7 & 9, Matawhero 4 & 5 and Neptune 25 & 27 Wednesday 21st June, 2023 @ 2.00pm & 6.00pm Both performances by: Orion 8 & 10 and Neptune 24, 26 & 28

ALL TICKETS ARE \$6.00 EACH

Children 3 years old and under are FREE, <u>provided they are</u> <u>sitting on the knee of a paying adult ticket.</u> Otherwise, you <u>must</u> purchase a separate ticket for them.



TUESDAY 20 JUNE @ 2PM OR 6PM Orion 7,9 Matawhero 4,5 Neptune 25,27 WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE @ 2PM OR 6PM Orion 8,10 Neptune 24 26 28

Limited to 300 tickets each performance. Sorry, <u>NO</u> door sales on the night.

NOTE: Once you have received confirmation from KINDO that your tickets have been purchased, your production tickets will be given to your <u>oldest child to bring home on Fridays</u> - please check your child's school bag for the tickets. If you have not received confirmation of your ticket order from KINDO, you have not completed the process. Please check your "shopping cart" for your order and go to checkout.

FOUND ITEMS

If any of the items in the photo belong to your family, please call into the School Office to collect it.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER WANTED

Our school library needs a volunteer on Fridays from 9am-12pm. Our volunteers help with issuing and returning books for classes. Full training is given. If you are interested please contact our Library Manager, Michelle Simms - michelles@tetotara.school.nz Volunteering at the library is a great way to get work experience or to get to know our staff and students better. Thanks,

Michelle Simms



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held **today in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm on Thursday, 1st June 2023.** This week students from **Matawhero, Ra, Marama Pods** will attend assembly and **Marama 14** will be sharing. Families from this classroom will be invited to attend via their classroom teacher.

TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

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

Hockey

Blue Sticks Lions Red Sticks Strikers Tigers

Netball

Ferns Rockets Invaders Meteors Comets Zeppelin Bingham Akansha Kumar TBA Kenzie Humphrey Millie Malhi

Amelia Cullen

James Walker

Evie Bourne

Isla Gibson

Mea Maru

Miniball

Ballers

Tigers

18 May 2023: Luca Kaukau and Mivan Desai 25 May 2023: Kashvi Arora Mea Maru

WHY DO YOU PAY SO MUCH FOR YOUR KIDS TO DO ALL THEIR SPORTS?

Below is a Facebook post from an "unknown" source that we felt was worthy of sharing with our school community.

One of my friends asked "Why do you pay so much money for your kids to do all their sports"? Well I have a confession to make; I don't pay for my kids to do sports. Personally, I couldn't care less about what sport they do.

So, if I am not paying for sports what am I paying for?

- I pay for those moments when my kids become so tired they want to quit but don't.
- I pay for those days when my kids come home from school and are "too tired" to go to their training but they go anyway.
- I pay for my kids to learn to be disciplined, focused and dedicated.
- I pay for my kids to learn to take care of their body and equipment.
- I pay for my kids to learn to work with others and to be good team mates, gracious in defeat and humble in success.
- I pay for my kids to learn to deal with disappointment, when they don't get that placing or title they'd hoped for, but still they go back week after week giving it their best shot.
- I pay for my kids to learn to make and accomplish goals.
- I pay for my kids to respect, not only themselves, but other athletes, officials and coaches.
- I pay for my kids to learn that it takes hours and hours, years and years of hard work and practice to create a champion and that success does not happen overnight.
- I pay for my kids to be proud of small achievements, and to work towards long term goals.
- I pay for the opportunity my kids have and will have to make life-long friendships, create lifelong memories, to be as proud of their achievements as I am.
- I pay so that my kids can be out on the field or in the gym instead of in front of a screen...

I could go on but, to be short, I don't pay for sports; I pay for the opportunities that sports provides my kids with to develop attributes that will serve them well throughout their lives and give them the opportunity to bless the lives of others. From what I have seen so far I think it is a great investment! ~Unknown~





DATES COMING UP

Fri 2 June	Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 5 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Wed 14 June	PTA AGM & Mtg @ 7.00pm
Tues 20 June	Junior School Production
	- Shows at 2.00pm & 6.00pm
	Orion 7 & 9, Matawhero 4 & 5 and Neptune 25 & 27
Wed 21 June	Junior School Production
	- Shows at 2.00pm & 6.00pm
	Orion 8 & 10 and Neptune 24, 26 & 28
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

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

When:Wednesday 14th June 2023Time:7:00pm to be followed by a general PTA MeetingWhere: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.

Nominations are now open for all positions, (Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Communications Officer) however, it is only our Communications Officer who has advised she will be stepping down, meaning we need to fill this position at the AGM. If you would like to put your name forward for this or any position, or would like further information please email the PTA at pta@tetotara.school.nz.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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



Come along to the AGM*, Wednesday 14th June 2023 at 7:00pm

in the Staff Lounge,

(turn right as you enter into the Hall)

*Annual General Meeting

What is the PTA?

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

Id like to join the PTA but I don't have time!

We hear this a lot from people. The PTA isn't a huge commitment, approximately 8 x 1 hour meetings per year. A few extra hours will be required in the lead up to events.

Want to see more of your friends?

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

In the last few years the PTA has...

- Contributed funds to our school so the artificial grass courts in the Galaxy can be covered, to give your child a dry place to play on wet days.
- Provided funds for the playground by Matariki and once this was installed we funded the shade sails.
- Provided funds to turn the unused area of grass between the Staff Lounge and Orion block into a wonderful friendship garden.
- Held a Spellathon, and all the money raised was given to the school to purchase Lego Spike Education sets.

What can I do to help?

You can take on an executive role, (Chairperson. Deputy Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary or Communications Officer), or you can attend meetings as a committee member.

For further information please visit the Te Totara Primary School PTA Facebook page or email pta@tetotara.school.nz

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.

Edventure Young Explorers Camp

Mon 10th - Thu 13th July, 2023 (2nd week of the holidays)

We have an amazing week lined up with bush walks, archery, air rifle, rock climbing, fire building and cooking, hut building, tenting (optional), orienteering, team building and confidence activities, & night activities. Based at Aongatete Lodge- near Katikati, BOP

Check out the *NEW*: <u>Edventure Tauranga Facebook Page</u>; or e-mail: <u>todd@edventure.co.nz</u> for more information.

ROTOTUNA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL KEY DATES:

Wednesday 31st May, 2023 - Information Evening - For all prospective students and their families from 6.15pm. No need to register, just come along

Thursday 1st June, 2023 - Enrolment Applications Open

Bulk enrolments open - Complete an online enrolment application: <u>https://www.rhs.school.nz/enrolments</u>

Friday 13th October, **2023** - **Close date for Friend Request Form**. We will again be offering confirmed enrolments the opportunity to request to be placed into an Advisory Class or Hapu with a friend. This option will be available to students who's enrolments are confirmed by the 13th of October. A link to a Google Form will be emailed to all enrolments once they are confirmed

Thursday 7th December, 2023 - Orientation Day for confirmed enrolments

Our Orientation Day date is the 7th of December this year, where all of our new students are invited to come and experience our school

Tuesday 30th January, 2024 - Powhiri and first day of school for confirmed enrolments







There's absolutely nothing wrong with blowing your own trumpet... or saxophone! Brass and woodwind lessons now available with:



Contact **Carl** for more info: carl.watkins@musiqhub.co.nz 027 388 9558









Rototuna New World Scholarship

Applications are now open for a prospective student entering Year 7 in 2024. This scholarship provides support to a student whose financial situation may not allow them to attend Southwell School. The Scholarship is tenable for the duration of the successful student's education at Southwell School in Years 7 and 8. The value of the scholarship is \$5000 per annum.

> Applications close 30 July 2023. Enquiries to <u>registrar@southwell.school.nz</u>

2024 Enrolments

Do you have specific questions around your child's transition to our school next year?
Book a 20 minute appointment with either a member of the Senior Leadership Team or our Inclusive Learning Team

Thursday 29 June - 9.00 am - 7 .00 pm & Friday 30 June - 9.00 am - 2.00 pm Book online through School Interviews - www.schoolinterviews.co.nz - code: v3fsy



