

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 20 JULY, 2023

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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)

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It feels so good to be back to school this week after a restful and refreshing holiday. I always appreciate the happy, excited greeting of the children throughout the first week back. We have welcomed a number of new families to the school, with 20 new students starting on the first day! I hope you are all settling into our Te Totara community and already feel part of our school family. Also welcomed into our learning environment this week are a number of College of Education teachers from the University of Waikato who are completing their final practicums in some of our learning areas. It is a privilege for us to contribute to their learning journey.

Many of our classrooms are enjoying a focus this week on our special Matariki holiday season by sharing food, activities, the history and stories of this important time in the calendar year.

We have a very rich curriculum ahead this term with our main topic being a Science focus on Planet Earth and Beyond - the Night Sky. This will be important learning about the natural world and how it impacts our lives. We are also working in the Visual Arts curriculum area towards our Arts Exhibition, to be held in Week 8 this term. The theme of this will be linking in with our Science unit. Our teachers and students always create wonderful artworks - this time I think they will be 'out of this world!'

Alongside other exciting events planned like our X-Cross Challenge, it is going to be a busy, exciting term.

#### anne Fraser

Principal

### NO PARKING ALLOWED AT LEARNING LINKS, HECTOR DRIVE (Opposite the School)

Learning Links, our wonderful preschool neighbour across the road has asked for our help as their families are having difficulties finding a carpark in their car park at times.

It appears that a number of our parents and caregivers who don't have children at the centre have been parking in the Learning Links car park during pick up times.

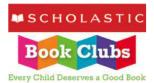


PLEASE DO NOT park in their car park, unless you have a preschool child from Learning Links to pick up.

Learning links car park is ONLY for families who have preschool children at Learning Links.

We support the staff at Learning Links monitoring this, you will be asked to move if you are found to be parking in their premises without the above reason. Please be respectful of this request.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We very much value the great relationships we have fostered with our neighbouring community organisations.



#### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER - ISSUE NO. 5**

This week your child was given a Scholastic Book Club catalogue. These orders close at **9.15am on Friday 28 July 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 scholastic.co.nz/LOOP
- 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.

## ROUTINE VISION & HEARING CHECKS IN SCHOOL Friday 18 August, 2023 @ 9.30am

Information on Vision and Hearing Checks in School



Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects. Which children are routinely checked?

- Children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check
- Children absent from previous visit, require retests or follow up In special circumstances, parents, teachers or others may request a vision or hearing check

If any parents/caregivers <u>do not</u> want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.

### **NEW SCHOOL LUNCH PROVIDERS** ezlunch is now here!

Available every day! Order by 9.00am

Starting from this week, you can order your favourite school lunch! Choose from Subway's 6 inch, footlong, mini subs, wraps (including gluten free) or warm and cold mains, snacks, and desserts from Fastlane's Feedzone Café while supporting our school.

All orders are placed through KINDO by clicking here! Simple and easy!

You can order (or cancel) by 9.00am on the day of delivery or schedule in advance. Your lunch will be delivered to the school in time for lunch. Our caterers are:

Monday, Thursday & Friday	Tuesday & Wednesday
<b>SUBWAY</b>	FASTLANE

Click <u>here</u> to view the sample menus for both Subway and Feedzone (Fastlane Fitness). **ezlunch orders are made online through your myKindo account.** 

One account for the whole family! Get started now and be ready... visit <a href="https://www.mykindo.co.nz">www.mykindo.co.nz</a> to start ordering!



Need Help? Visit support.mykindo.co.nz or Ph: 0508 454636 weekdays 8am-4pm www.mykindo.co.nz www.ezlunch.co.nz

#### 2023 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.

## kindo. The online one stop school shop

#### 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

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.



#### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be held in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm on Friday, 21 July 2023. This week students from Neptune and Milky Way Pods will attend assembly and Milky Way 18 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 Serena Wang
Lions Ganeve Sandhu
Red Sticks Rizo Galvadores
Strikers Mantej Panjeta
Tigers Mea Maru



Ballers TBA

#### Netball

Ferns Rachel Goile
Rockets Kiyara Mahla
Invaders Sophie Mcleod
Meteors Chloe Tsui

Comets TBA

PLAYER OF THE DAY

#### DATES COMING UP

Mon 17 July TERM 3 BEGINS

Wed 26 July PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm in the Staff Lounge Tues 8 Aug Te Totara X Challenge and Cross Country Trials

Thurs 10 Aug Te Totara X Challenge and Cross Country Trials (postponement date)

Wed 16 & 17 Aug
Fri 18 August
Mon 21 August
Tues 29 Aug

Learning Plan Interviews
Vision & Hearing Checks
Mid-Term Break - NO SCHOOL
Fairfield Cluster Cross Country

Thurs 31 Aug Fairfield Cluster Cross Country (postponement date)

Thurs 31 Aug Board Meeting at 6.30pm

Wed 6 & 7 Sept Photolife Class & Individual School Photos

Thurs 7 Sept School Art Exhibition 3-6:30pm

Tues 19 Sept Photolife Groups & Cluster Sports Photos

Thurs 21 Sept Board Meeting at 6.30pm Fri 22 Sept END OF TERM 3, 2023

Mon 9 Oct TERM 4 BEGINS

#### TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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

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#### **WELCOME TO TERM 3**

This year is surely speeding along, and winter has truly set in. A very warm welcome back from the PTA! We hope you all had a relaxing break and enjoyed the school holidays. 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, aift cards, activities and more!



Between 8:00 pm Friday 30th June and 2:00 pm Monday 24th July 2023, you can now get a bonus \$20 Farmers eGift card or Countdown eGift card when your purchase a 12 month Single City or Multi City Membership or a \$40 Farmers eGift card or Countdown eGift card when you purchase a 24 month Single City or Multi City Membership. (3-month membership not included). 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.

We thank you for your continued support.

#### **NEXT PTA MEETING**

The next PTA Meeting will take place on Wednesday 26 th July at 7:30pm in the Staff Lounge. All parents and caregivers of students of Te Totara Primary School are able to attend, so please book this date in your diary today!

We would love to have you join us. We will also be discussing and finalising our next events to be held in Term 3 & 4.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Next PTA Meeting Wednesday 26th July 2023 at 7.30pm

Your PTA Committee: Kerri, adelle, Navreet, Kerry, Garima and Kirsty

### **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.





Hamilton Book Month is on throughout August with no and low-cost events. Come and see NZ book movies at the museum, three book launches, two storytelling sessions, author talks, a night at the library to help you write your family history, poetry event based on art exhibitions, two fiction panel events, four workshops covering writing horror and

suspense, zines, pictures books and transmedia including graphic novels and animation plus a local authors book fair.

Authors include Catherine Chidgey, Lee Murray, Brannavan Gnanalingam, Kyle Mewburn, Graci Kim, Raymond McGrath, Feana Tu'akoi. Almost all events are free, some require registration. See details at <a href="https://www.hamiltonbookmonth.com">www.hamiltonbookmonth.com</a>



#### NORTHERN UNITED SPORTS CLUB



Introducing Northern United Fantails, a fantastic programme that runs for 8 weeks designed to attract new female players aged 4-8 years old to try football in a safe and enjoyable environment.

Our goal is to increase the number of girls participating in football by offering flexible opportunities to play the game they love. With Fantails, your little ones can make friends, have fun, improve their skills, and stay active through the beautiful game.

When: Starting Monday 24th July, 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Duration: 8 weeks
Where: Discovery Park, Flagstaff
Cost: \$40 per term

For more information and to register - please visit: www.northernunitedfootball.co.nz/Football-1/northernunited-fantails



At Northern United our Vision is to create a lifelong love of sport at all ages, and we are excited to advise that our Community Play programme is back for Term 3, running alongside our Fantails Programme.

Community Play is a Give-it-a-Go program for children aged 4 to 8 wanting a taste of football over a short time period and without Saturday games.

When: Starting Monday 24th July, 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Duration: 8 weeks
Where: Discovery Park, Flagstaff
Cost: \$40 per term

For more information email jnrboysftbl.nusc@gmail.com, or To register - https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/238330