

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 2ND JUNE, 2022



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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 3RD JUNE - Teacher Only Day MONDAY 6TH JUNE - Queen's Birthday Holiday A reminder school will be CLOSED for these days.

School opens again on Tuesday 7th June, 2022

2022 BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Board of Trustees elections are coming up in September 2022 and we wanted to give everyone plenty of opportunity to think about standing for the Board.

What is a school Board of Trustees?

Almost all state and state integrated schools in New Zealand have a board of trustees. School board membership includes parent representatives, a staff representative, a student representative (where there are students above Year 9) and the Principal. Your Board may also include other types of trustees.

Who can become a trustee?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can put their name forward to be on a school board during the Board of Trustee elections.

What do Trustees do?

The Board is accountable to its parents and community and for student progress and achievement. Here are some specific things a board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and plans for the school and monitors the school's progress against them.
- Monitors and evaluates student progress.
- Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Maori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special learning and behaviour needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfils the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance.



Nominate yourself or someone vou know to be a school board member



What skills do trustees need?

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences around the table to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing of the school's performance are in place.

What help do school Trustees get?

New Zealand School Trustees Association provides free advice around employment and governance, support and resources. NZSTA also provides a variety of professional development opportunities for trustees.

The below link provides further information as to what being a school Board Member entails:

Community Member Guide to the Role of the School Board of Trustees

** In preparation for the BOT online elections, please ensure the school holds email addresses for both caregivers/parents on file. Contact the School Office on 07 853-0039 to check. **

2023 SCHOOL TERM DATES

- Term 1Wednesday 1st February Thursday 6th April (10 weeks)Public Holiday: Monday 6th February (Waitangi Day)
- Term 2Monday 24th April Friday 30th June (10 weeks)Public Holiday: Tuesday 25th April (ANZAC Day)Teacher Only Day: Friday 2nd June (TBC)Public Holiday: Monday 5th June (Queens Birthday)
- Term 3Monday 17th July Friday 22nd September (10 weeks)Te Totara mid-term break:Monday 21st August
- Term 4Monday 9th October Friday 15th December (10 weeks)Teacher Only Day: Friday 20th October (TBC)Public Holiday: Monday 23rd October (Labour Day)

** LOST PROPERTY VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED **

We would really appreciate volunteer help to sort out our Lost Property Box. If you can spare approx. 1 hour of your time once a fortnight, we would love to see you! It would entail checking the names on uniform items and returning them to their rightful owners.

If you have any questions or you would like to help out, please contact Marise on (07) 853-0039 ext. 858

Please, please remember to name your school uniform items. We will endeavour to return named school uniform items of clothing to their rightful owner, however any unnamed school uniform will be given to the School Office and sold at the end of term, with the proceeds returned to the school.



EARLY ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL - BEFORE 8.15AM

Children are welcome to arrive at school from 8.15am onwards. We have noticed a number of students arriving around 8.00am or even earlier. Teachers have planning to do before school in their classrooms and are unavailable to supervise any students arriving before 8.15am. The school gates will be locked until this time. We offer a Before School Care facility; Enrolment Forms are available online from our school website: www.tetotara.school.nz

FOUND SCOOTERS

These scooters have been in our Caretakers shed for a long time, some for up to a year.

If you are the owner, please talk to our Caretakers - John or Pete who can return them to you. If these scooters are unclaimed at the end of this term, they will be donated to the Red Cross.





WELCOME: YOUR GUIDE TO HAMILTON 2022 HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL BOOKLETS

This guide to Hamilton is produced and distributed by Hamilton City Council to provide basic settlement information for people who have recently moved to the city to live, work, study or start a business. It is also for those who have been forced to flee their homeland and seek refuge in New Zealand.

We have 10 copies of this booklet available in our School Office for families who may find it useful. Please find it on our display wall under Migrant Family Resources, where we have other helpful information.

Rototuna Junior High School

Information Evening for 2023 Enrolments Thursday 16 June 2022 - 6.45 pm

Prospective students and whānau are all welcome, please come along to Te Rangimārekura (Large Theatre) at 6.45 pm - full tours of the school will be held on our Open Day in Term 3 (date to be confirmed).

ROTOTUNA

We would appreciate if masks were worn for this event



TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

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

Hockey

Strikers	TBA
Blue	Hannah Watts and Derrick Wu
Red Sticks	Kelsey Petzer
Red	Aarav Dutt
Lions	Evie Bourne
Netball	
Meteors	Florence Johnston
Magics	Jaelynn Te Kani
Comets	Hannah Soori
Invaders	Rhylie Edwards
Ferns	Ella Beros
Shooters	Ashlynn Lawrie 18/5 & Phoenix Gothorp 25/5

DATES COMING UP

Fri 3 June	Teacher Only Day
	- SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 6 June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
	- SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 13-17 June	Book Week
Wed 15 June	PTA AGM @ 7.30pm + PTA Meeting
Fri 17 June	Pyjama Day
Wed 22 June	Te Totara X Challenge
	(postponement Tues 28th June)
Fri 24 June	Matariki Celebration Public Holiday
	- SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 8 July	TERM 2, ENDS @ 3.00pm
Mon 25 July	TERM 3, BEGINS @ 8.55am



School boards bring families, communities and schools together to deliver quality education for our children.

Anne Fraser

Principal

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>



ICE BLOCK DAY

The PTA held their first ice block day in 12 months today and we had lots of fun. Thank you to all the students who purchased an ice block, we hope you enjoyed it.

PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Parents & Caregivers of Te Totara Primary School students

You are invited to the

PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 15th June 2022 at 7:30pm in the Staff Lounge, Te Totara Primary School (Turn right as you enter into the Hall)

What is the PTA (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.

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 Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary and 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 positions please email the PTA at pta@tetotara.school.nz or send us a message via our Facebook page.

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, all while organising fun and exciting fundraising activities for our school community.

WHAT DOES THE PTA DO?

- Does your child like playing in 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 friendship 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 last year funded these sets.

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, Ice-block Days or to help plan other fun fundraising events.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

If you want to SAVE BIG now is the time to purchase an entertainment membership. A 12 month membership is packed full of valuable 2 for 1 and up to 50% off offers at places like Leap, KFC, The Coffee Club, Timezone, Hoyts, Hamilton Zoo, Bowl and Social, Confinement Escape Rooms & Vivo Hair.

Support Te Totara Primary School PTA by using the following link to purchase your Entertainment Membership. Remember 20% of the purchase price goes back to Te Totara Primary School PTA. Click on the link:

https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/15502m5

UPCOMING EVENTS

PTA AGM – Wednesday 15th June at 7:30pm PTA Meeting – Wednesday 15th June, following AGM

Your PTA committee: Shelley, Julyan, Rilesh, Kerry & Kerri

👑 entertainment.



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.





OUTHWELL SCHOOL



Rototuna New World Scholarship

Applications are now open for a prospective student entering Year 7 in 2023. 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 2022. Enquiries to <u>registrar@southwell.school.nz</u>

