

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)

Tena koutou e Te Totara whanau,

A very warm welcome back to Term 2. The school seems very settled this week. Our students and staff seem to have had a refreshing break and are excited to see each other again.

This week we are reflecting on Anzac day. This day is often in the holidays so it is great to be able to share this commemoration with our learners. We will be holding a little ceremony of reflection with the students on Friday morning. This will have many of the elements of the public ANZAC ceremonies so our learners can understand the meaning behind this ceremony at their level. Our New Zealand flag will be lowered to half mast for the day. The students have created some artwork poppies which will be put under the flagpole at the front of the school for most of the school day.



They will then be gathered and made into a piece of art in the Matariki foyer. It is important that the children understand our shared history, the impact of conflict and the value of living in a peaceful way within our homes, communities and the wider world.

Lest We Forget

We have an exciting term of learning ahead, including a Junior Production for our Year 1-2 classes. This is always a highlight in our calendar. One of the important ways we can share students' learning with our community through our Seesaw App and we really value your comment back onto the student work we share. Just a very quick sentence or comment can bring a smile to your child's face as they know you appreciate their efforts. This is an important partnership between the teacher, your child and you as their whanau. Thank you for your help in this way.

I am looking forward to a wonderful term.

Anne Fraser - Principal

WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR TERMS 2 & 3

At this time of the year we are noticing an increasing need for warmer clothing. Although not compulsory we advise wearing **black under garments** i.e. singlet, long sleeve polypropylene. Also, our winter uniform requirements are plain black socks or tights and plain black shoes.

A number of students are appearing with different coloured jackets/sweatshirts. Children are asked to **wear the red Te Totara Micro Fleece top as prescribed only**. We understand families may still be sorting their children's winter uniforms due to the stores being closed and we would appreciate it if your children could please be in the correct full winter school uniform within the next two weeks.



GIRLS WINTER UNIFORM	BOYS WINTER UNIFORM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Polar Fleece Top • Red Polo Shirt (different from Sports shirt) • Black Skort OR Black Poly Cotton Long Pants OR Black Poly Cotton $\frac{3}{4}$ Pants • Black Socks OR Black Tights • Plain Black School Shoes • Te Totara Beanie – Red or Black (<i>optional</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Polar Fleece Top • Red Polo Shirt (different from Sports shirt) • Black Cotton Shorts OR Poly Cotton Long Pants OR Poly Cotton $\frac{3}{4}$ Pants • Black Socks • Plain Black School Shoes • Te Totara Beanie – Red or Black (<i>optional</i>)
<p>Extras for warmth such as polyprops or singlets <u>must be plain black.</u></p>	

NAMING OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please, please, please can you make sure all items of school uniform are **clearly named**. Please do not assume that your child will know that something belongs to them "because it has a black dot on the tag". If an item of clothing is found out on the fields it cannot be returned unless it is named. We go out of our way to identify and return lost property, but are unable to do this when clothing is not named.

We ask ALL families to please check your child's uniform on a weekly basis to ensure they are wearing their own uniform rather than someone else's.

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 **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.

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.

2023 SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 2 Monday 24th April – Friday 30th June (10 weeks)

Public Holiday: Tuesday 25 April (ANZAC Day)

Teacher Only Day: Friday 2nd June (no school)

Public Holiday: Monday 5th June (King's Birthday)

Term 3 Monday 17th July – Friday 22nd September (10 weeks)

Our Mid-Term Break - Monday 21st August (no school)

Term 4 Monday 9th October – Friday 15th December 2023 (10 weeks)

Teacher Only Day - Friday 20th October (no school)

Public Holiday: Monday 23rd October (Labour Day)



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week's and next week's assembly will be held **in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm on Friday 28 April**. This week students from **Orion and Earth Pods** will attend assembly and **Earth 37** will be sharing. Families from this classroom will be invited to attend via their classroom teacher.

DATES COMING UP

Mon 24 April	TERM 2 BEGINS
Tues 25 April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
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
Tues 20 June	Junior School Production - "How Does Your Garden Groove"
Wed 21 June	Junior School Production - "How Does Your Garden Groove"
Thurs 29 June	Board Meeting at 6.30pm
Fri 30 June	END OF TERM 2, 2023



TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

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WELCOME TO TERM 2

This year is surely speeding along and the weather is getting colder. A very warm welcome back from the PTA. We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed the school holidays.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PTA?

Are you interested in joining the PTA? If so, keep an eye on this newsletter to find out when the Annual General Meeting will be held in June, (Date to be confirmed). All parents/caregivers are invited along to find out about the PTA and what it does for our children at Te Totara. The PTA is in need of some new members, (especially a communications person), this coming year, so please

have a think about how you can help our school and how the PTA contributes to our school community.

Our next meeting next Wednesday 3rd May at 7:30pm in the Staff Lounge.
(Turn right when entering Matariki). Invite a friend and come along to see what it is all about.



A calendar for the month of May 2023. The year '2023' is at the top in large black font. Below it, 'MAY' is written in white on an orange background. The days of the week are listed as S, M, T, W, T, F, S. The dates 1 through 13 are shown in a grid. The number '3' is circled in red, indicating the date of the meeting.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13

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.

What kind of skills are required to be part of the PTA?

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 are the perks of being part of the PTA?

Meet other parents and make new connections and friends. Gain a great insight into the workings of the School. Seeing the smiling faces of the children at Events

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). These people liaise with the school around how the money will be spent e.g. new playground, tennis court roof etc and also that the school community are kept informed about PTA events, like Discos and Fun Runs.

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.

The PTA would love to meet you, find out what you have to offer to help the school community come together and have some fun.

How much time is involved?

As much or as little as you are able to give to the PTA. If you take on an executive position, you will be required to attend the majority of the meetings (approx 8 x one hour meetings per year). The PTA also needs plenty of people to help at events.

ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP

Save on the things you love to do with an entertainment membership. If you use the link below to make your purchase you will be supporting Te Totara PTA as 20% of the purchase price will be donated back to us. We thank you for your continued support.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

PTA Meeting Wednesday 3rd May @ 7.30pm (Staff Lounge)
PTA AGM Date to be confirmed for June

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