

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)

## COMPETITIVE CROSS COUNTRY & X-CHALLENGE - TUESDAY 8TH AUGUST, 2023

We are hoping for a beautiful day on Tuesday 8th August as we have a fun-filled day of physical activities planned! We will be kicking off the day with the competitive Cross Country race. ***This race is for our Year 4-6 students who are hoping to compete in the Cross Country Fairfield Cluster and is optional.*** The approximate times are as follows:

9:15am	Year 6 Boys	9:17am	Year 6 Girls
9:45am	Year 5 Boys	9:47am	Year 5 Girls
10:15am	Year 4 Boys	10:17am	Year 4 Girls

### X-Challenge Race from 11:10am - 2:30pm

The X-Challenge is a fun obstacle course that will be set out on the back field. Children are encouraged to complete the course as many times as they can in their team time slot.

Obstacles will include a climbing wall, cargo net, board/plank walking, tyre run, plank walk, hula hooping, skipping and many other activities.

Children are able to wear their school House colours (see below) on the day but please be aware they are likely to get wet and dirty, so old clothes would be best. **Some warm, dry clothes to change into would be a good idea for after their turn on the course.**

Parents are warmly welcome to come and watch from the right hand side of the hill. We have booked a coffee cart for those of you who would like a hot drink while watching the fun. This will be sited at the pool end of the car park. It will be fantastic to see our families in school again cheering the children on. We look forward to seeing you there.

### X-Challenge Timetable:

11:10am - 11:30am	Year 4
11:35am - 11:55am	Year 3
12:00pm - 12:15pm	Year 2
12:20pm - 12:35pm	Year 0-1
LUNCH BREAK	
1:35pm - 2:05pm	Year 5
2:10pm - 2:30pm	Year 6

**Note: Postponement day - Thursday 10th August**



## TE TOTARA HOUSE COLOURS

There are four houses, all named in line with our STARS theme and space expeditions:

HOUSE NAME:	COLOUR:
Apollo	Yellow
Challenger	Blue
Discovery	Green
Mercury	Red

- Children are placed in houses when they start at Te Totara Primary School. New students with family members already at school will be placed in the same house.
- We will be able to use the houses for different school events and happenings e.g. Athletic Sports, Cross Country.
- Houses will provide our children with leadership responsibilities and provide good-natured competition.
- There are colours for each house.
- There will be a Lead Teacher looking after each house.
- Students will be meeting in house groups before the event e.g. School Cross Country.
- Children are encouraged to wear an item of a colour associated with their school house.

## SCHOOL LUNCH PROVIDERS - ezlunch

Available every day! Order by 9.00am



**NOTE: WE HAVE SPECIFIC DAYS FOR EACH LUNCH PROVIDER:**

Monday, Thursday & Friday	Tuesday & Wednesday

Click [here](#) to view the sample menus for both Subway and Feedzone (Fastlane Fitness)

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.

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER CLOSING TOMORROW - FRIDAY 28 JULY, 2023

A reminder that Scholastic Book Club orders at 9.15am tomorrow, Friday 28th 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](https://www.scholastic.co.nz/LOOP)
2. Through the Scholastic LOOP app
3. In person using EFTPOS at the school office.

**LOOP** is the easy way for families to order and pay for Book Club.

Log in, or create a new account at [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz)

1. If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile
2. Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class
3. Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
4. Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue
5. Make payment via credit card.

**\*\*\* MID TERM BREAK \*\*\***

**SCHOOL CLOSED Monday 21st August, 2023**

Just a reminder that School is closed on **Monday 21st August, 2023**. This date was set last year and is to help with everyone's wellbeing at this time of the year. It is usual that we have increased student illness at this time of the year and in previous years we have noticed a reduction in absences due to illness after this break. We also have this break as there are no Public Holidays during this term.

## **SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2024**

### **Enrolment Period of 16th December, 2023 - 5th July, 2024**

Our School Board is looking to accommodate, if possible, younger siblings of current students and children of staff for the 2024 school year. To help determine this, we urgently need to have OUTZ Enrolment Forms into the School Office to help with this process. Please complete an OUTZ Enrolment Form for each child, which is available online from our school website by clicking the following link: [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz) or by visiting the School Office.

The Board will look at the number of enrolments, the level of projected student growth and determine how many spaces for out-of-zone students are available for the upcoming enrolment period of **16th December, 2023 to 5th July, 2024**. This will be completed in mid October, allowing for lots of time for families to know what is happening. Further information around the number of out-of-zone spaces to be released will be communicated via the school newsletter over the next few weeks.

**Please return the completed OUTZ Enrolment Form, including the relevant documentation, to the School Office by 3.00pm on Thursday 17th August, 2023.**

***REMINDER: School starts at 8.55am and finishes at 3.00pm***

***We are noticing a lot of students arriving late to school. Please ensure your child/ren arrives at school on time and are collected at 3.00pm***



## **LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS**

Learning Plan Discussions will take place on **Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th August, 2023 from 2.15pm onwards**. Further information will follow in next week's newsletter.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**School will finish at 2.00pm both Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th August for ALL students. Students will need to be collected at 2.00pm - Thanks.**



## **SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

This week's assembly will be held **in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm on Friday, 28 July 2023**. This week students from **Ra and Marama Pods** will attend assembly and **Marama 12** will be sharing. Families from this classroom will be invited to attend via their classroom teacher.

## DROP-OFF/PICK-UP ZONE ROAD RULES AND SPEED LIMIT

This area is a great place to quickly drop off and pick up your children. Just a reminder to all our families that the speed limit is **5kms per hour in our drop-off/pick-up zone**. We have had some near misses recently so it is really important that we stick to the 5km per hour speed limit. Most of our community do a wonderful job in looking after our students in this situation however, I am very aware that speed can creep up, therefore we do need to frequently remind our families of this safety protocol.

**Ultimately, it is the driver's responsibility to look both ways for children who may be crossing before driving off.... children can be very unpredictable at times.**

We do have staff rostered on duty in the drop-off zone in the mornings however this is not until 8:30am as they have preparation work to do beforehand.

Please note, current road rules also apply upon entering our drop-off/pick-up zone regarding positioning yourselves in the correct lane for turning out onto Hector Drive. At this stage the left lane closest to our school buildings is still able to be used for right turning as well. When leaving the drop-off zone **if you wish to turn left onto Hector Drive, please position yourself in the LEFT LANE only, closest to the school buildings.** The RIGHT LANE should be for cars turning right out onto Hector Drive. We have seen a few near miss accidents with cars crossing through lanes without indicating and not considering other drivers.

**SAFELY GOING TO AND FROM SCHOOL - Please support us in keeping your children safe by following these simple guidelines:**



**Use the drop-off zone in front of the school**



**Cross Hector Drive, Borman Road and Moonlight Drive using the pedestrian crossing with the lights**



**Walking or on wheels, cross the carpark at the barrier arm.**

- **Parents remain in their cars and children need to buckle up quickly**
- Children are to cross to the furthest lane with Mrs Fraser.
- Park in surrounding streets and use the walkways.

## 2024 SCHOOL TERM DATES

### Term 1

(Note: Teacher Only Days 25th & 26th January, 2024 - No school)

**Wednesday 31st January - Friday 12th April** (11 weeks)

**Public Holidays (no school):**

Tuesday 6th February (Waitangi Day)

Friday 29th March (Good Friday)

Monday 1st April (Easter Monday)

Tuesday 2nd April (Easter Tuesday)

### Term 2

**Monday 29th April – Friday 5th July** (10 weeks)

Friday 31st May - Teacher Only Day (no school)

Monday 3rd June - King's Birthday Public Holiday (no school)

Friday 28th June - Matariki Public Holiday (no school)

### Term 3

**Monday 22nd July – Friday 27th September** (10 weeks)

Monday 26th August - Our Mid-Term Break (no school)

### Term 4

**Monday 14th October – Thursday 19th December** (10 weeks)

Friday 25th October - Teacher Only Day (no school)

Monday 28th October (Labour Day) (no school)



## 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](mailto:stephy@tetotara.school.nz)

### Hockey

Blue Sticks	Peyton Ellis
Lions	Isabelle Stevens
Red Sticks	Blake Stevens
Strikers	Lu-May Botes
Tigers	Avar Sudan

### Miniball

Ballers	TBA
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### Netball

Ferns	TBA
Rockets	Alyssa Pretorius
Invaders	Jaleal Doel
Meteors	Sriya Goli
Comets	TBA



## DATES COMING UP

Tues 8 Aug	Te Totara X Challenge and Cross Country Trials
Thurs 10 Aug	Postponement Date: Te Totara X Challenge & Cross Country Trials
Wed 16 Aug	Learning Plan Interviews - <b>School Finishes at 2.00pm</b>
Thurs 17 Aug	Learning Plan Interviews - <b>School Finishes at 2.00pm</b>
Fri 18 August	Vision & Hearing Checks
Mon 21 August	Mid-Term Break - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Tues 29 Aug	Fairfield Cluster Cross Country
Thurs 31 Aug	Postponement Date: Fairfield Cluster Cross Country
Thurs 31 Aug	Board Meeting at 6.30pm
Wed 6 & 7 Sept	Photolife Class & Individual School Photos
Thurs 7 Sept	School Art Exhibition 3:00pm - 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](mailto:pta@tetotara.school.nz) [www.facebook.com/TTPTA](http://www.facebook.com/TTPTA)

Please 'like' our Facebook page to ensure you keep in the news loop: [www.facebook.com/TTPTA](http://www.facebook.com/TTPTA)



### ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP

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, gift cards, activities and more!

Between 8:00pm Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July and 11:59am Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023, when you purchase a 12-month or 24-month single-city membership you get upgraded to a multi-city membership for free! 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>.

FLASH SALE - DEPARTING SOON!

BUY ANY: **Single City Membership**

RECEIVE A: **Bonus Upgrade**

TO: **Multi City Membership**

One Membership

20 cities

1000's of offers

*We thank you for your continued support.*

### NEXT PTA MEETING

The next PTA Meeting will take place 30th August 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 finalizing our next events to be held in Term 3 and Term 4.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Next PTA Meeting – Wednesday 30 th Aug at 7:30pm

Your PTA Committee: *Kerri, Adelle, Navneet, 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.**



### **KID'S SPEAK OUT!**

**No Confidence – Hate School speeches – Bullies a NIGHTMARE?**

**CLASSES After School:** Kids find their voice and gain real-life skills

**LEADER School Holiday Course:** 1-4 days with Certificate - Age 10+

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