

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), Salām (Muslim)

**REMINDER: School finishes at 2.00pm on
Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th March, 2025
for Learning Plan Discussions.
Students will need to be collected at 2.00pm**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tihei mauri ora, nau mai, haere mai, tena koutou katoa, E nga whanau, e nga kaiako, e nga tamariki, e nga manuhiri, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa



Kia Ora Whānau,

Welcome to Week 6 of Term 1. We have had all our welcome assemblies. Thankyou to everyone for making sure all our new students were given a wonderful welcome to Te Totara. We know your children will thrive at Te Totara and we look forward to a fantastic working relationship.

Next week are the Learning Plan Discussions. This is a good opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and keep up-to-date with their learning goals. Please make sure you book your appointment, details on how to book are included in this newsletter. **We also ask that all children are picked up at 2.00pm on both days** so we can allow teachers and families to start quickly. Thankyou for your support with this.

On Tuesday 18th March from 7.00pm - 9.00pm in the Matariki Hall, we have Rob Cope coming into talk with parents around the online world. **This is free to all school parents and we are asking at least 1x Adult per family to sign up please.** This is an opportunity not to be missed and it will be hard-hitting and informative. Make sure you register for this event.

This week we also have people from Chess Power in Auckland facilitating and promoting chess. All our children in Years 3-6 will get this opportunity on Thursday/Friday.

If you have any concerns with your child at school you must make contact with your child's classroom teacher in the first instance. There are many things that happen in a school day and finding out from the classroom teacher first is really important. After that you can contact the Team Leader and then Mrs Lewis, Mrs Stewart and myself.

Thank you to all our families for your constant support. Have a great week.

James Murray
Principal

LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSIONS

BOOKINGS OPEN NOW

School finishes at 2.00pm **Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th March, 2025** for Learning Plan Discussions

We have arranged **15 minute time slots** for discussions from 2.30pm onwards, there will be a change over bell so that everyone is aware of timings. If you have more than one child, you might like to have a break between each interview. To ensure the smooth running of our Learning Plan Discussions, we would be grateful if all our parents/caregivers kept to the timetable. There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress on:

Wednesday 12th March, 2025

2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm, 5.00pm, 5.15pm, 5.30pm (teachers break between 5.45pm-6.15pm), 6.15pm, 6.30pm & 6.45pm

Thursday 13th March, 2025

2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm, 5.00pm, 5.15pm, 5.30pm & 5.45pm

How do I book a time?

To make an appointment time for your child/ren, please use our online booking system

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/3a352>

(Booking code: 3a352)



Bookings close on **Monday 10th March, 2025 @ 3.00pm**. Sorry, we will not be able to accept bookings after this date/time.



PLEASE NOTE:

School will finish at **2.00pm** both Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th March for **ALL** students. Students will need to be collected at **2.00pm** - Thanks.

Te Totara Primary School presents:

The Ultimate Parents Guide to...

Understanding our kids **Online World**
and how to keep them safe.

Tuesday 18th March

7.00pm-9.00pm

Matariki Hall

Please register your attendance here: [Register for Our Kids Online on Eventfinda](#)

Rob Cope will be hosting an information evening called **The Ultimate Parents Guide to understanding our kids online world and how to keep them safe**. He will discuss smartphones and cyberbullying. **We require 1x Caregiver from each family to attend.**

Click here: [Our Kids Online Parent Evening Info](#) for the promotional video about what to expect.

MATHS CURRICULUM TEACHER ONLY DAY - TUESDAY 3RD JUNE, 2025

As part of the implementation of the new Maths Curriculum the Ministry of Education has allocated 2x Teacher Only Days in 2025 for schools to provide Professional Development to their staff in the area of Maths education.

Te Totara will be holding our **first Maths Teacher Only Day on Tuesday 3rd June**. We will be working with Bruce Moody around the changes that have been made in the curriculum throughout this day.

To confirm... School will be **CLOSED** on the following dates:

- **Friday 30th May** for our annual Te Pae Here Teacher Only Day
- **Monday 2nd June** is King's Birthday Public Holiday
- **Tuesday 3rd June** Maths Curriculum Teacher Only Day

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION SURVEY FOR PARENTS - CLOSING FRIDAY 21ST MARCH, 2025

The Ministry of Education requires all schools to consult with their community on the school's delivery of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum every two years. We welcome your input into this area of the curriculum through a quick survey.



Please click on the link: [Health and Physical Education Survey](#)

The survey should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

Many thanks for your input into this curriculum area.

Ngāa mihi

To Stewart

Deputy Principal



YUMMY APPLES SCHOOL STICKER PROMOTION

A SHARE OF \$200,000 FREE SPORTS GEAR AVAILABLE TO EVERY PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL IN NEW ZEALAND'S NORTH ISLAND.

Our school is collecting the Yummy cut-out labels from apple bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual Yummy apple stickers for our school's share of the \$200,000 free Sport sports gear prize pool.



Yummy apples are available from New World, PAK'nSAVE and participating Four Square stores. The more we collect, the more sports gear we get! Please save them and get your child to bring them into their classroom teacher. At the end of the year they will be sent away and our school will get a share of \$200,000 free sports gear split between primary and intermediate schools in the North Island.

You are welcome to download these sticker sheets or bring in individual yummy stickers to the classroom teacher:

[Sticker Collection Sheet](#)

[New Variety Sticker Collection Sheet](#)

Thank you so much for your support!

SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2025 **Enrolment Period of 28th June - 17th December, 2025**

(children turning 5 years of age between these dates)

The Board is looking to accommodate, if possible, younger siblings and children of staff in the 2025 school year. To help determine this, we need to have OUTZ Enrolment Forms into the School Office to help with this process. Please complete an Enrolment Form for each child, which is available online from our school website by clicking on the following link: 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 **28th June - 17th December, 2025**. This will be completed late April, 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 1.00pm on Friday 7th March, 2025.

Note: If your child is successful in gaining an OUTZ place, in order to comply with the MOE criteria, your child MUST start school before the end of the 2025 school year or they will forfeit their OUTZ place.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

One of the things we are continuing to focus on in 2025 is student attendance. You will hear us talking about this with you, with our students and it remains a strong subject of conversation in the staffroom.

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (*not organised by school*) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school can be tricky. If you are still unsure, get in touch with us and let's work together to support your learner.

If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, talk to us.

If you are finding it hard to get your child to school, please talk with us so we can work together. Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school.

Our school continues to build a culture that fosters attendance every day by having:

- School staff who have strong relationships with students and family.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who you are, where you come from and what you value.
- A school whānau that takes all practical steps to make sure your child is at school and progressing in their learning.
- A school that is safe and welcoming for everyone in our school community.

If you have any attendance queries and issues, please contact us so we can work together.



Ministry of Education
Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga

LIBRARY HELPER WANTED

We are looking for a volunteer to work in the library on Thursday or Friday mornings from 9.00am-12.20pm. Our volunteers issue and return books for our classes. Full training is given. For more information, please see Michelle Simms in the library or email her at: michelles@tetotara.school.nz.



2025 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. ALL other 2025 fees have now been loaded to your child's KINDO account



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 NEWSLETTER

Please note that our school newsletter will now be published **every second week (fortnightly) on Thursdays**. You will receive a link to the newsletter via the School App and email if you have subscribed. Please make sure your notifications are turned "on" on the School App.



TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

If you are a Coach or Manager, please email the POD by **Wednesday 1.00pm** to stephy@tetotara.school.nz



Touch
Pacers

Ethan Sun (24/2/25)
Sophie Ko (3/3/25)



SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES - MATARIKI HALL

School assemblies will be held **in the Matariki Hall at 2.00pm every Friday.**

Fri 7 March:

Orion & Ra Pods - **Ra 29** will be sharing

Fri 14 March

Neptune & Marama Pods - **Neptune 27** will be sharing



DATES COMING UP

Wed 12 March

Learning Plan Interviews - **School Closes at 2.00pm**

Thurs 13 March

Learning Plan Interviews - **School Closes at 2.00pm**

Wed 13th March

Cluster Swimming Sports

Tues 18 March

Rob Cope - Understanding Our Kids Online World and How to Keep Them Safe
7.00-9.00pm in the Matariki Hall

Fri 21 March

Waikids Routine N/E Vision & Hearing Checks in School

Thurs 27 March

Board Meeting at 6.30pm

Wed 9 April

PTA - Online Meeting @ 7.00pm

Fri 11 April

PTA Iceblock Day

Fri 11 April

END OF TERM 1, 2025 @ 3.00pm

Mon 28 April

TERM 2 BEGINS

Fri 23 May

PTA Disco - Winter Wonderland (*more details to follow*)

Fri 30 May

TEACHER ONLY DAY - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Mon 2 May

KINGS BIRTHDAY STAT HOLIDAY - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Tues 3 May

TEACHER ONLY DAY (MATHS) - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

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and how to keep them safe.

Cyberbullying
Social Media
Gaming
Online Predators
Online Porn
Smartphones
Filters
Boundaries

Come and hear Filmmaker & Author Rob Cope in what promises to be a hilarious, straight talking Parent to Parent talk
Watch the promotional video here - [Our Kids Online Parent Evening.](#)

TUESDAY 18TH MARCH 2025 | 7PM - 9PM
31 HECTOR DRIVE, ROTOTUNA NORTH, HAMILTON

TE TOTARA PTA NEWS

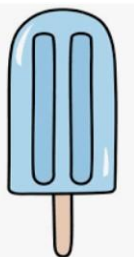
EMAIL: pta@tetotara.school.nz www.facebook.com/TTPTA

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



PTA - WHAT DO WE DO?

As the name suggests we are the Parents & Teachers Association (PTA) and we help organise events and raise funds that we donate to the school for various causes. Some of our events include, but are not limited to School Discos, Ice-Block Days, Spellathons etc. We have donated these funds to the school to help with the obstacle course, school camps and various other events. If you feel motivated and want to make a difference while you meet a bunch of cool parents, please come and join us at the next PTA meeting!



NEXT ICEBLOCK DAY - 11TH APRIL

PTA's next Ice Block Day will be on 11th April. Please don't forget to provide a \$2.00 coin to your children to enjoy the yummy treat.

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!

Join now to claim over **\$70 in instant value** and go in the **draw to win** incredible prizes! By joining today, you'll unlock over 15,000 valuable offers with a **FREE Multi City Upgrade** (\$50 value) and **receive a BONUS \$20 Woolworths Gift Card** – but hurry, this offer won't last!

Plus, **you could WIN one of these incredible prizes:**

- **5-night Club Med Bali Luxury Getaway + Virgin Australia Flight Voucher** - Enjoy a luxurious all-inclusive getaway for 2 adults, valued at \$4800!
- **\$2400 in Gift A Restaurant Gift Cards** - enjoy a monthly \$200 gift card for 12 months to redeem at over 600 restaurants.
- **\$1,000 in David Jones Gift Cards** – shop your favourite luxury brands, on us!

Your Entertainment Membership also gives back - **\$14 of your purchase goes to a fundraiser of your choice**. Join. Save. Win. Don't miss out – offer and prize entries close soon!

NZ – Bonus Membership Upgrade & Chance to Win 8:00pm NZDT, 16/01/2025 - 1:59 pm NZDT, 31/03/2025. Thank you for your continued support!

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>

PTA MEETING

Our next PTA meeting will be held online on Wednesday 9th April at 7.00pm. A link to join will be sent out closer to the time. All parents and guardians are welcome to join.

Your PTA Committee:

Kerry, Nate, Navreet, Lorinda, Garima & Aless

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Club Med Bali valued at \$3,800 total for 2 adults, plus \$1000 Virgin Airlines flight credit*

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\$200 Dining eGift Card every month for 12 months*

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\$1000 David Jones shopping spree*

12 MONTHS VALUE JUST \$70

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*When you purchase a Single City Entertainment Membership. All prizes have individual terms and conditions.

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**



SUBURBS JUNIOR RUGBY WEIGH-IN

Children between 4 -13 years wanting to play Rugby/Rippa Rugby in 2025.

Suburbs Junior Rugby is having its Weigh-In on **Sunday 9th & 16th of March.**

Weigh-In Times:

10-11am : Children, aged 4-9 years (6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th Grades)
11-12pm : Children aged 10-13 years (10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th Grades)

Players must register online before attending Weigh-In
New players must bring birth certificate or passport to certify age.



Flagstaff Park, Commodore Avenue, Hamilton, 3210



<https://tinyurl.com/register-to-play-rugby>



suburbsjnrrugby@gmail.com



For more Information and updates, follow:

<https://www.facebook.com/SuburbsCommunitySportsClub>



Te Miro Twister

XC Mountain Bike Race



30th March 2025

Choose from the below races:

2.5km Suitable for Littlies or Beginners

(2 or 4 Laps will finish after 45 minutes)

7km, 14km, 21km or 42kms (Approximately)

E-Bike Classes Available in 21 and 42kms

Plenty of Awesome Spot Prizes

Sausage Sizzle and Drinks for Sale

No Eftpos Available Please Bring Cash

For more information and course maps go to:

temiromtbclub.co.nz

Any queries email: temiromtbevents@gmail.com

Registration now open, enter on the following link:

<https://my.raceresult.com/325980/>



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WATERBOY**
WITH  **Lugtons**

PRESENTS

PIAKO COLOUR FEST

SUNDAY 13 APRIL | 10AM ONWARDS
CAMPBELL PARK, MORRINSVILLE

Suitable for **all ages & fitness levels** -

Step onto the track in white, and cross the finish covered in colour! Walk, jog, or sprint as many laps as you like through our course bursting with powdered paint.

Cost

Adults (18 & over) \$30

Kids (5-17 year olds) \$25

Under 5s FREE

Family pass

(2 adults & 2 kids) \$90

Merch T-shirts available \$20



For more information contact
laura@thewaterboy.co.nz



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TICKETS HERE!**

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