

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), Salām (Muslim)

## 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 back to Term 2. It has been so wonderful to see the children back and have them get straight into their learning and continuing their friendships. We hope all our families had a fantastic time over the school holidays creating those memories with family and friends.



It is a 9 week Term and Term 2 is always a busy learning Term. We have the Junior Production to look forward to and many wonderful opportunities for our children to be STARS.

At the end of last Term we had the Education Review Office visit our outstanding school community. It was a testament to all the people and work done over the past years and those that are continuing. The report highlighted teaching and learning and strong systems throughout. The report will come to the school over the next couple of weeks and the School Board will ratify it. Once this has happened we will share the link with you. Thank you to our families, students and staff past and present at Te Totara for their amazing commitment to learning.

Just some parking reminders as we approach the winter terms. Please make sure you park correctly and do not park on yellow lines. Please be courteous to other drivers as the congestion increases during the winter. We have also been asked to be careful when waiting to turn into our drop-off zone so that we don't block the roads. With this in mind we need to make sure that all children get to where they need to be safely and that we respect the process. If your child is taking too long and in order to keep the flow of traffic, we do ask that you move into the carpark and wait there. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Please make sure if you have any concerns to make time to see your child's teacher. We are always here to help and make time to work through any concerns. Children are always going to have some not so positive interactions with each other, but it is how we deal with that and model it which makes it a learning experience. We must work in partnership to support our children.

*James Murray*  
**Principal**



## PINK SHIRT DAY (MUFTI DAY) - FRIDAY 16TH MAY, 2025

Celebrated annually around the globe, **Pink Shirt Day** began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against bullying, after another student was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In Aotearoa, **Pink Shirt Day** aims to create schools, workplaces and communities where all people feel safe, valued and respected.

Our school will be supporting **Pink Shirt Day** on Friday 16th May, 2025. **Students are welcome to come to school wearing mufti clothing (not school uniform) wearing something pink e.g. t-shirt, ribbon or something similar to support Pink Shirt Day.** Please note: There will be **NO** collection of money for this day.

More information about "**Pink Shirt Day**" can be found at [www.pinkshirtday.org.nz](http://www.pinkshirtday.org.nz) **Pink Shirt Day** is led by the Mental Health Foundation.



**IS IT BULLYING?**

When someone says or does something **UNINTENTIONALLY** hurtful and they do it once, that's


**RUDE**

When someone says or does something **INTENTIONALLY** hurtful and they do it once, that's

**MEAN**

When someone says or does something **INTENTIONALLY** hurtful and they **KEEP** doing it - even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset - that's

**BULLYING**

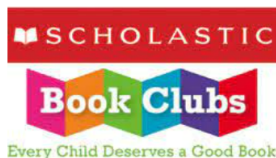
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**If you see BULLYING...**

- ✦ Walk away and tell an adult
- ✦ Don't laugh and join in
- ✦ Be kind to the kid being bullied - show them you care
- ✦ Take them away from the bullying
- ✦ Tell them no one deserves to be bullied
- ✦ Ask the kid being bullied to join in with you and your friends



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## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER CATALOGUE NO. 3

This week your child was given a Scholastic Book Club catalogue. These orders close at **9.15am on Friday 9 May 2025.**

**Please order your books online using the Scholastic Loop app and they will be delivered to your child's classroom when they arrive.**

## CONSULTATION ON THE RELATIONSHIP AND SEXUALITY CURRICULUM DRAFT DOCUMENT

The Ministry of Education has developed a draft framework for RSE that outlines what topics could be taught at each year of schooling.

The focus is on making sure the content is age-appropriate, evidence-informed, and clear about what is covered in RSE at each age, from Year 0 through to Year 13.

This link will take you to information on the draft curriculum and an overview of the topics to be taught at different year levels.

<https://files-au-prod.cms.commerce.dynamics.com/cms/api/qwxsnqcpfm/binary/MLbxpJ>

It is important that you know what is being taught and when, so you can have open conversations with your school and your child prior to this learning taking place. Schools still need to talk to parents about their health education plans, and you can choose to take your child out of any part of sexuality education.

Giving your feedback You will have until Friday 9th May, 2025 to provide your feedback using this form: <https://education.surveymonkey.com/r/3LWYQWV>

You'll be asked three key questions covering age appropriateness of the content, if you think any topics are missing, and if you think any topics need to be removed.





## 2-MINUTE PARENTING

### TIPS & TRICKS

#### OUR KIDS ONLINE



Rob Cope  
—  
Co-Founder &  
Director

## I Give My Kids Lines for Swearing!

If you've been to one of my talks, you'll know I swear, but I don't want my kids to swear while they're young. It's just a personal thing. Maybe you don't mind your kids swearing and that's totally cool too. Your house, your rules.

Washing a kid's mouth out with soap is not a great approach — it's mean, it's a battle, and honestly, it's over way too quickly.

Lines, though? Lines take ages to write out, and that's the whole point — it works. Our kids still don't swear at home because they know they'll be writing for a good long while if they do! "I will only use beautiful uplifting words" Click the link to see more on You Tube: [Our Kids Online](#)

## 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**



**\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE: If you do not receive confirmation from KINDO you have "successfully registered", then you have not completed the sign-up process. Your item may still be in your cart, please ensure you complete the process \*\*\***

**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 ASSEMBLIES - MATARIKI HALL

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

**Fri 2 May** Orion & Ra Pods - **Orion 7 is sharing**

**Fri 9 May** Neptune & Marama Pods - **Marama 12 is sharing**

## DATES COMING UP

Mon 28 April  
Fri 16 May  
Fri 23 May  
Fri 30 May  
Mon 2 June  
Tues 3 June  
Wed 18 June  
Thurs 19 June  
Thurs 26 June

### TERM 2 BEGINS

**Pink Shirt Day - Muffi Day**

PTA Disco - Winter Wonderland

TEACHER ONLY DAY - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

KINGS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

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

Junior School Production - 2.00pm & 6.00pm Performances

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Board Meeting @ 6.30pm

2025  
Dates to  
Remember

Friday 30 May - Teacher Only Day

Monday 2 June -  
King's Birthday

Tuesday 3 June -  
Maths Teacher Only Day



## Rototuna Junior High School 2026 Enrolments

### Important Dates:

- **Information evenings:** Tuesday 6 May - 6.00 pm & Thursday 5 June - 6.00 pm
- **Enrolments Open:** 1 June
- **Discussions with Senior Leadership or Inclusive Learning (20 mins)** Thursday 26th June & Friday 27th June. *We understand that enrolling your child at RJHS may bring up some complex questions, or your child might benefit from extra support. If so, please book an appointment with a member of our Senior Leadership Team or Inclusive Learning Support Team through [schoolinterviews.co.nz](https://schoolinterviews.co.nz) using the code x8qfc.*
- **Open Day Tours:** Tuesday 5 August. There will be two tours, 9.30am and 11.30am
- **Friendship Requests** for enrolled 2026 students close Friday 10th October
- **Orientation Day visit for enrolled 2026 students:** Thursday 4 December

*We are looking forward to welcoming your child to Rototuna Junior High next year*

TE KURA NUI O  
**ROTOTUNA**  
HIGH SCHOOLS





## CHESS COACHING PROGRAM

Dear Parents,

Playing chess in school helps students achieve many learning outcomes faster and more effectively. Put simply, chess makes kids smarter. Chess enables all students to shine and develop intellectually in a way they really enjoy. Playing chess develops self-confidence, concentration and problem-solving skills.

### Put simply, chess makes kids smarter.

We are pleased to be continuing our **Chess Coaching Programme** at our school and look forward to bringing the excitement, competition and educational benefits of chess to your children.

Chess Power has been educating Chess in many schools in Auckland and across New Zealand. Our coaches are all professionally trained and accredited and our support systems are world class.

### WHAT HAPPENS IN A CHESS POWER COACHING PROGRAMME?

- ✓ Grow Kids Minds™!
- ✓ Improve concentration and focus
- ✓ Develop important life skills – fair play and decision making
- ✓ Develop Tactical & Strategic thinking
- ✓ Prepare for Chess Tournaments against other schools
- ✓ Develop a love of chess, of learning and of thinking
- ✓ Play Chess Online safely and for free



Each session starts with a formal lesson; all players will learn a new strategy, idea or skill each week. Then they put those skills into practice with activities and games. All games are monitored and supervised by the coach who provides individual feedback along the way.

Throughout the programme, we reward kids that do well and encourage and support kids that are struggling. At completion of the programme we recognise each child with a certificate based on their performance.

### CLASS DETAILS

Sessions will be held weekly on **Mondays** from **1:00pm to 1:40pm** starting **Monday 6 May 2025**. The last session will be held on Monday 23 June 2025.

**Note: There is no class on Monday 2 June (King's birthday)**

This is full 7-week program. The fee is \$163 for the program.

### REGISTRATION

If your child would like to be part of this for **Term 2**, please visit our website:

[www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration](http://www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration)

It is easy to register. Just choose your school and fill out the online form. A payment link will be available to you on the form.

To learn more...  
Visit our website [www.chesspower.co.nz](http://www.chesspower.co.nz) and click **Parents Centre**



# 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)



## 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, Spell-a-thons 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!

NOTE: Next PTA meeting timings attached.

## TE TOTARA DISCO – Friday 23rd May - \$2.00 Entry

Get ready with your dancing shoes and glow toys. First PTA Disco of the year is here!! This year's theme is Winter Wonderland. For details please see the poster below:



## 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! If you use the link below, 20% of every m

When you purchase an Entertainment Membership between 6:00pm NZST, Tuesday 29th April and 6:00pm NZST, Monday 5th May 2025 you will receive a Free Woolworths eGift Card via email within 60 days from the date of purchase.

- Purchase a Multi City Membership and receive a Free \$40 Woolworths eGift Card
- Purchase a Single City Membership and receive a Free \$20 Woolworths eGift Card



If you used 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.**

## PTA MEETING

Our next PTA meeting will be held **on 6th 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:**

*Navreet, Kerry, Garima, Lorinda, Nate & Alexx*



# 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**

## Rototuna Junior High School

### Information Evening for 2026 Enrolments

6pm  
Tuesday 6th May

Prospective 2026 students and whānau are all welcome.  
We will begin in Te Rangimārekura (Large Theatre).

## HORSHAM DOWNS BADMINTON CLUB

JUNIORS-TERM 2 & 3  
EVERY MONDAY  
6:00PM -7:15PM  
60 KIMBRAE DRIVE, ROTOTUNA  
NORTH, HAMILTON 3210  
(THE PEAK)

QUERIES:  
LESLEY 021 027 84609  
YVONNE 07 829 4846

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**LAST CHANCE TO JOIN US FOR TERM 2 2025!**

# Jitterbugs

DANCE  
LESSONS



## Monday (Rototuna Junior High School Dance Studio)

- 3.40 Jitterbugs Seniors (by selection only)
- 4.10 MiniJam (girls & boys aged 3 – 5½) **5 Spaces**
- 4.35 Senior Hip Hop (girls aged 9– 16) **3 Spaces**
- 5.05 Jitterbugs Advanced (by selection only)

## Tuesday (Common Ground Gym in Flagstaff)

- 3.30 Jitterbugs Junior (girls aged 5 ½ – 7) **2 Spaces**
- 4.00 Jitterbugs Junior Plus (girls aged 7 – 8) **5 spaces**
- 4.30 Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls aged 8 – 16) **4 Spaces**

## Wednesday (Common Ground Gym in Flagstaff)

- 3.30 Jitterbugs Mini's (girls aged 3 – 5½) **2 Spaces**
- 4.00 Jitterbugs Junior/Jitterjam (girls & Boys 5 ½–7) **2 Spaces**
- 4.30 Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls aged 8 – 16) **5 Spaces**

Classes start Monday 28th April 2025. Every term the kids learn two dances and get to go on stage and present these to friends and family at a show. Outfits/t-shirts are provided for the show plus video's to practice to at home. Cost: \$140 for one Jitterbug, or \$270 for two Jitterbugs.

Email jolie at [jitterbugsdancelessons@outlook.com](mailto:jitterbugsdancelessons@outlook.com) or check out the jitterbugs dance lessons facebook page or website for more info

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