

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,

The chilly weather has certainly arrived this week and we have now fully switched to our winter uniform. Please make sure that all school uniform jerseys, jackets and shoes are clearly named, this makes returning these to the child so much easier. Our Lost Property box has been moved to the main gate entry point at the front of the school. If you have missing items please check there first.

Our teachers are busy writing Learning Plans at the moment and there will be some information about changes in our Learning Plans and the new expected levels in the next newsletter. Please read this information from the Ministry of Education carefully. Curriculum change takes time to implement and we are working hard to adjust to the new expectations.

Mrs Newrick and the Year 0-2 classes are busy rehearsing for our upcoming Junior School Production *"The Not So Creepy Crawlies"*. There is information about purchasing tickets in this newsletter.

Kia pai ngā rā whakatā
Have a great weekend.

Jo Stewart
Deputy Principal



PINK SHIRT DAY (Muffi Day) TOMORROW - 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** tomorrow. **Students are welcome to come to school wearing muffi 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 **Pink Shirt Day** is led by the Mental Health Foundation.



SCHOOL DISCO

Friday 23rd May, 2025

Winter Wonderland Disco
Dress up is optional

DISCO PRICE LIST

- ★ Chips/Lollies \$2.00 each ★ Fizzy Drink/Water \$2.00 each
★ Flashing Glasses/Rings \$3.00 each ★ Flashing Spinners \$2.00 each ★
Lanyard Glow Sticks \$1.00 each ★ Bracelet Glow Sticks 3 for \$1.00

Time: 5:15pm - 6:00pm (Year 0-2)
6:15pm - 7:00pm (Year 3-4)
7:15pm - 8:15pm (Year 5-6)

Entry: \$2.00 per student

NOTE: ENTRY & PICKUP/EXIT ENTRY to the Disco is through the main doors into Matariki Hall.

PICK-UP/EXIT ALL CHILDREN MUST LEAVE WITH A PARENT. No child will be allowed to scooter or walk home by themselves, no matter how close they live to school. It will be dark and we need to make sure everyone gets home safely. Parents **MUST** come into Matariki Hall via the side doors from the carpark to collect their children. The School Disco sessions will finish at the time shown, so please be on time.

MESSAGE FROM MINISTER OF EDUCATION - Hon Erica Stanford

I'm delighted to announce the launch of a new Parent Portal – an online resource designed to support families to play their part in their child's learning.

Education is a partnership of what happens in the classroom and what happens at home. Parents, caregivers, and whānau play an important role in supporting their child's learning and development. The new webspace is designed to make it easier for parents, caregivers, and whānau to access clear and up-to-date information on the school curriculum, assessment practices, and ways they can complement their child's learning. Please click on the links:

- [The Parent Portal can be accessed here](#)
- [The latest episode of Melissa Chan-Green's School Shorts podcast explains more about the portal](#)

In my email of Friday 2 May to schools, I expressed my thanks to you for your dedication to your students. Today, I also want to acknowledge the parents, caregivers, and whānau who continue to play a significant role in the education of their tamariki. Together, we can support our young people to be the best they can be.

Ngā mihi nui,

Erica Stanford
Minister of Education



Office of Hon Erica Stanford

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MP for East Coast Bays

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Private Bag 18041, Parliament Buildings, Wellington 6160, New Zealand



JUNIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION - YEARS 1&2

"The Not-So-Creepy Crawlies"

Wednesday 18th June 2025 @ 2.00pm & 6.00pm

Both performances by:

Matawhero 4, Orion 7&9 and Neptune 27, 28 & 39

Thursday 19th June, 2025 @ 2.00pm & 6.00pm

Both performances by:

Orion 8, 10 & 11 and Neptune 24, 25 & 26

**TICKETS ON SALE MONDAY 19TH MAY @
9.00AM THROUGH KINDO ONLY**

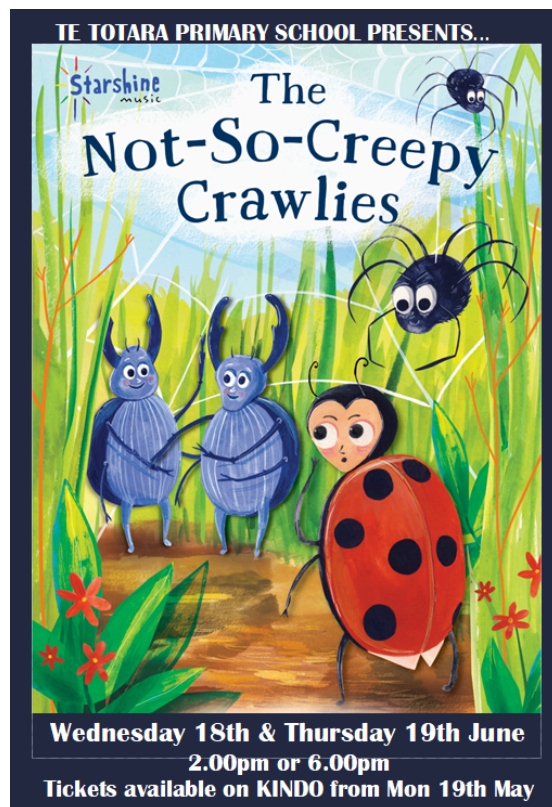
Cut-off date is Thursday 12th June at 3.00pm

**** PLEASE CHECK YOU ARE ORDERING THE
CORRECT TICKETS. SORRY, NO REFUNDS ****

**ALL TICKETS ARE \$10.00 EACH . There is
NO ticket limit.**

**Children 3 years old and under are FREE, provided they are sitting on the
knee of a paying adult ticket. Otherwise, you must purchase a separate ticket for them.**

Limited to 300 tickets each performance. Sorry, NO door sales on the night.



kindo.
The online one stop school shop

NOTE: Once you have received confirmation from KINDO that your tickets have been purchased, your production tickets will be given to your **oldest child to bring home on Fridays** - please check your child's school bag for the tickets. If you have not received confirmation of your ticket order from KINDO, you have not completed the process. Please check your "shopping cart" for your order and go to checkout.

SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES & PROCEDURES (See Jo)



Our school has moved to SchoolDocs for Policies & Procedures, click on the below link for more information: [**SchoolDocs Policies & Procedures - Te Totara Primary School**](#)

Username: **tetotara** and password: **totara**

Term 2 Review - Open

This term, we are continuing to review the Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy section. This term's policies focus on Emergency, Disaster and Crisis Management. For more information about the review, go to the Current Review tab at the top of your SchoolDocs site. A summary is provided below.

Key Policies:

- Planning and Preparing for Emergencies, Disasters, and Crises (Board)
- Communication During an Emergency, Disaster, or Crisis (Board)
- Emergency Closure (Board)
- Emergency Management
- Disaster Management
- Crisis Management



You can give feedback on any policies that have a **Start your review** button. The list above includes policies that the Board will review. Note that anyone can review these policies too; they're not only for the Board. See **Instructions for reviewers** under the **Reviews** tab on your Dashboard

We've Hit a Composting Milestone!

Te Totara School is proud to share some exciting news — we have diverted over 2,000 litres of food scraps from landfill! That's food from both our lunchboxes and the staffroom, all turned into compost right here at school.

This amazing effort is thanks to our hot composting system, which breaks down food waste quickly and safely. Our composting system is predator-free system and super effective!

A big thank you goes out to the Hamilton City Council's Waste Minimisation Fund and the Waikato Regional Council's Enviroschools programme for helping fund this project. With their support, we've been able to build a composting system that helps our school reduce waste and grow healthier gardens.

Every apple core, sandwich crust, and banana peel you've composted has made a difference. Keep up the awesome work, Te Totara! Together, we're helping the planet—one lunchbox at a time.  



CHECK OUT OUR KUMARA HARVEST

Take a look at our huge kumara crop. They need to cure (dry) for two weeks before we can start eating and sharing them. This was an amazing crop from a 1m by 1.5m plot.

The biggest kumara weighed a whopping 2.2 kilos!

We Want Your Autumn Leaves!

Leaves are fantastic for our compost. Rake up your autumn leaves at home, please bring them to school.



1. Fill up a bag of leaves at home
2. Bring them to school and empty your bag in the maara kai between the fence and the carbon store area
3. See Mrs McLaughlin in Neptune 39 for a ticket into the prize draw
4. Take your empty bag home and fill it up again

ANGLESEA CLINIC URGENT CARE - OPEN 24/7 - Ph: 07 858-0800
31 Thackeray Street, Entrance Gate 1&2

Just a heads up to our families, we all know that at times it can be a long wait for a Doctors Appointment... did you know that at Angelsea Clinic Children aged between 0-13 years are "free" between the hours of 5.00pm - 8.00am. Give them a call or visit their website: www.angleseaclinic.org.nz for their current wait times.



[Home](#)

[Fees](#)

[Contact](#)

07 858 0800

Age	Cost
Child 0-13 yrs	FREE
Child 14-17 yrs	\$19
Adult	\$19

Medical Consultation

Fees are based on whether you hold a Community Services Card (CSC).

Age	Standard Cost	With CSC
Child 0-13 yrs (8am – 5pm)	\$25	\$20
Child 0-13 yrs (5pm – 8am)	FREE	FREE
Child 14-17 yrs	\$35	\$30
Adult	\$140	\$50

Additional fees

- A fee of \$175 for non-resident and non-funded patients.
- Additional Charges for special procedures may apply.

LOST PROPERTY BIN RELOCATED

Our Lost Property bin has been moved to the front of the school, just inside the gates at the main front entrance. Please check this bin regularly if your child has lost items of clothing. We would like to remind our families to PLEASE NAME their children's uniform. Thank you.



Friday 30 May - Teacher Only Day

Monday 2 June -
King's Birthday

Tuesday 3 June -
Maths Teacher Only Day



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:

- **Tough Guy & Gal Challenge - Years 5&6 Only** (45 spaces only)
- **Arbor Day (Selected Students Only)** Cut-off 9.00am Monday 26th May
- **Chess Power Regional Tournament** Cut-off 9.00am Monday 26th May
- **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 16th May Matawhero, Earth & Milky Way - **Earth 36 is sharing**
Fri 23rd May Orion & Ra - **Orion 9 is sharing**

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 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



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



Hockey

Lions

Green Sticks
Strikers

3/5 Ganeve Sandhu

10/5 Liam Svenson

10/5 Agam Malhi

3/5 Harshitha Donti

10/5 Dylan Walker



Netball

Comets

Future Ferns

6/5 Kashvi Arora

13/5 Lily Goile

Nicole Pretorius

Green Sticks Hockey Team



Lions Hockey Team



Comets Netball Team



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



All lunch orders are placed through **KINDO** 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 at 1.40pm.



DATES COMING UP

Fri 16 May

Pink Shirt Day - Mufti Day

Fri 23 May

PTA Disco - Winter Wonderland - \$2 per student at door

5.15pm - 6.00pm (Year 0-2)

6.15pm - 7.00pm (Year 3-4)

7.15pm - 8.15pm (Year 5-6)

Tues 27 May

Year 5 & 6 Learning Expo 9am

Fri 30 May

TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Mon 2 June

KINGS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Tues 3 June

TEACHER ONLY DAY (MATHS) - SCHOOL CLOSED

Wed 18 June

Junior School Production - 2.00pm & 6.00pm

Performances by Orion 7 & 9 and Matawhero 4 and Neptune 27, 28 & 39

Thurs 19 June

Junior School Production - 2.00pm & 6.00pm

Performances by Orion 8, 10 & 11 and Neptune 24, 25 & 26

Wed 25 June

Learning Plans available to families

Thurs 26 June

Board Meeting @ 6.30pm

Friday 27 June

Last day of Term 2!

Mon 14 July

Term 3 begins

2025
Dates to
Remember



WHAT CAN I DO?

- Remember your Stars
- Talk to someone you can trust - a teacher, parent, friend
- Ignore it - walk away
- Drop anchor and breathe mindfully
- Respond... Reacting can make it worse
- It's OK to feel scared - sharing is the right thing to do

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, 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!

TE TOTARA SCHOOL 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:



Your PTA Committee:

Navreet, Kerry, Garima, Lorinda, Nate & Alexx