

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)

**** SCHOOL CLOSED ****

FRIDAY 30TH MAY - TEACHER ONLY DAY
MONDAY 2ND JUNE - KING'S BIRTHDAY
TUESDAY 3RD JUNE - MATHS TEACHER ONLY DAY

A reminder school will be CLOSED for the above days.
School opens again on Wednesday, 4th June 2025 as normal

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,

Week 5 of a short term has been jam packed with meetings, learning and lots of connection with our community. Thank you to those families that help out with sports, and have attended our Huis and Expos. This Friday 30th May is our Te Pae Here Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day. The staff will be having professional learning at Rotorua Junior High with our partnership schools. On Tuesday 3rd June we have a maths Teacher Only Day. This will be for our staff to learn, understand and plan utilizing the new Maths expectations. We are very much looking forward to the Teacher Only Days and we thank our community for their support. We hope families are able to have a relaxing and enjoyable long weekend.

As you will read below from Mrs Stewart, the Curriculum is changing and the expectations are a lot more challenging. This means that things will change for your child's Learning Plans, and please remember your first port of call is your child's teacher. Please read the information below carefully and moving forward we will inform our community of the changes and implications.

Recently, we have had visits from the Police and the Hamilton City Council about parking and driving habits around schools. In order to help us with that, we ask that you park appropriately and respectfully as our main goal is to make sure every child gets to their destination safely. Please be kind and patient to those drivers and families around you.

I also need to highlight that Te Totara Primary School has a "No Smoking and No Vaping Policy". This means you are legally not allowed to smoke or vape in and around school property. Please make sure you follow this policy.

School and home are a wonderful partnership and we are always grateful for the support we receive from our community. If you have any concerns, please contact your child's teacher to understand what it is we can work together on.
Thank you again and we hope you have a wonderful long weekend.



James Murray
Principal

NEW CURRICULUM EXPECTATIONS AND LEARNING PLAN INFORMATION

Later this term your child's Learning Plan will be available to you through the Parent Portal, login details will be emailed to you closer to the time. Due to the changes in the new curriculum the Learning Plans will look slightly different to other years.

This statement from the Ministry of Education explains what these changes may mean for our Learning Plans that will be coming out later this term.

"As part of our focus on lifting student achievement we have introduced new, knowledge-rich and internationally-comparable curriculum this year for Maths in Years 0-8 and English in Years 0-6, and Te Reo Rangatira Years 0-6 and Pāngarau Years 0-8 wāhanga ako.

This means we are currently changing from the old to the new curriculum. We want to acknowledge that schools and kura will only have been using the new curriculum from the start of 2025, which includes new teaching and assessment methods and content.

Because of this you could see a change in your child's progress or achievement compared to previous years, which may be the result of changes in the curriculum expectations for your child's year level. If you have concerns or questions about your child's achievement, we strongly suggest you talk with your child's teacher or kaiako. They will also have used their own observations, classroom tasks and other tests to report on the progress your child is making."

At the primary school level, the new Curriculum has moved from using Levels 1- 4 to Phases 1 (Yr 0-3) and 2 (Yr 4-6). At Te Totara, we have split each Phase into Early, Mid and End for more detailed assessment. The new Curriculum focus is on children achieving the required learning by the end of a year of learning.

Year	Te Totara Phase expectation by the end of the year.	New Curriculum Phases
1	Early Phase 1	Phase 1 (Year 0-3)
2	Mid Phase 1	
3	End Phase 1	
4	Early Phase 2	Phase 2 (Year 4-6)
5	Mid Phase 2	
6	End of Phase 2	

Curriculum changes take a number of years to put in place and our teachers are working hard to make sure these new expectations are managed in a kind and sensitive manner for your child/ren.

Your patience as we work through these changes is very much appreciated. If you have any concerns please talk to your child's teacher.

Ngaa mihi nui

Jo Stewart

Deputy Principal & Curriculum Manager



HEADS UP..... 2025 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Election Date: Wednesday 20th September, 2025

Further information will follow regarding the upcoming Board Elections. In the meantime, if you have recently changed your email address, please let the School Office know so that we can update your child's student record accordingly.

ATTENDANCE, ACHIEVEMENT AND ASSESSMENT

Supporting attendance during winter

Regular school attendance is vital for learning, social development, and overall well-being. As we enter the winter, there will naturally be times when it is appropriate for tamariki to stay home and recover from illness.

However, minor symptoms do not always require time away from school. Below is a link to information that will help parents and caregivers decide when it is okay to send their child to school, when they should keep them at home and when they should contact a health professional for advice. Link on the blue link for more information:

[Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school – Ministry of Education](#)



Te Tāhuhu o
te Mātauranga
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION



LOCKING OF BIKES AND SCOOTERS

There have been a few scooters taken from the bike rack area near the pool. **These scooters were unlocked.** We have reviewed the risks in this area in order to reduce further incidents happening.

Our best advice is to **LOCK YOUR CHILD'S BIKE OR SCOOTER EVERYDAY.**

If your child intends to play on the playground after school for a short time, please ask them to go and get their bike/scooter first and have it with them.

We would expect that all of our children who are not enrolled at After School Care would have left the school premises by 3.15pm.



All bikes that come to school must have a bike lock that is used by your child, so their bike cannot be moved from the bike racks during the school day.

WANTED: SPARE CLOTHING/SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR OUR SICK BAY

We are desperately in need of some clean spare clothing for our sick bay area. In particular, **we need new girls and boys underwear**, Te Totara skorts and black shorts. If you are happy to donate we would really appreciate it. Please drop them into the School Office.



NOTE: Over the past few weeks we have handed out quite a lot of our spare uniform clothing, and we would really appreciate those items being returned to the School Office as soon as possible after they have been washed.

If you know your child may be prone to having toileting accidents, or getting wet on the playground, please pack some spare clothes in their school bag every day. Many thanks for your support.

JUNIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION - YEARS 1&2

"The Not-So-Creepy Crawlies"

Tickets on sale now via KINDO!

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

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:

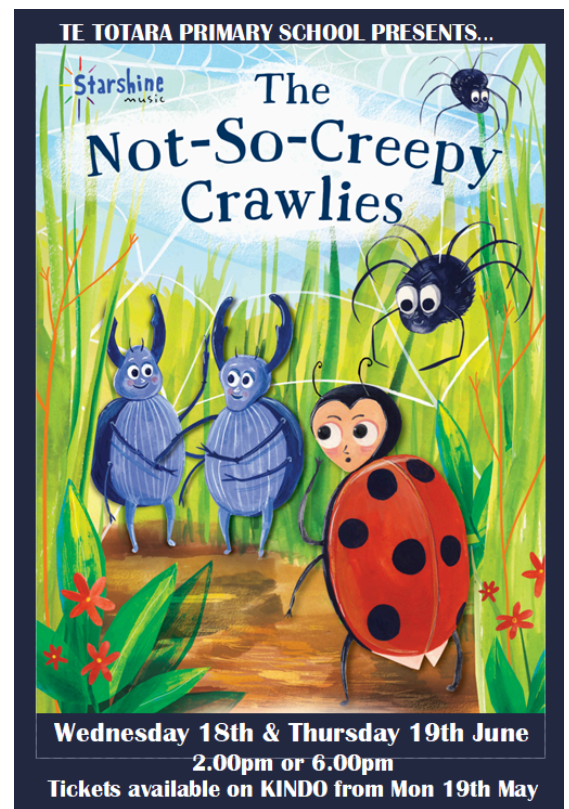
Orion 8, 10 & 11 and Neptune 24, 25 & 26

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.



- After you top up your KINDO account with money, please remember to complete the next step and purchase your production tickets.
- If you have not received an email confirming your ticket purchase from KINDO, you have not completed the process and your order will still be sitting in your "cart".
- You must bring your tickets to the performance. No ticket = No entry
- Please do not be late, the performances start at 2.00pm & 6.00pm promptly

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 Friday. Please check your child's school bag for the tickets.

- Please do not purchase a 2.00pm ticket for any siblings who attend Te Totara. **ALL** our students will have an opportunity to see the Junior Production with their class during school time at the dress rehearsal on Tuesday 17th June.

9:30am Rehearsal Team A (Wednesday's Cast) - Watching will be Ra, Milky Way & Satellite Class
Classes on stage are: **Matawhero 4, Orion 7&9 and Neptune 27, 28 & 39**

12.00 midday Rehearsal Team B (Thursday's cast) - Watching will be Earth, Marama & Satellite
Classes on stage are: **Orion 8, 10 & 11 and Neptune 24, 25 & 26**

Parents please talk to your older child's classroom teacher if the rehearsal timetable means they will not see their younger sibling perform.... the classroom teacher may be able to arrange for them to join a different class to watch it.

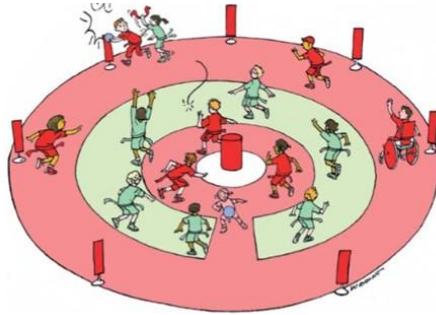
KI O RAHI TOURNAMENT

Ki O Rahi is a traditional Maori ball game, a fast-paced team sport, played in circular fields.

It combines elements of netball, handball, and tag rugby.

On Tuesday 13th May, 41 of our students went to RSHS to compete in a Ki o Rahi tournament with Endeavour School. Ki o Rahi is a game played with multiple different rules. To score a point(s) players either have to hit the barrel that is being defended by 2 players from the other team or they have to pass to someone in their team to touch the pole and then run into the centre circle to touch the ball on the ground without getting ripped to score a try. Only 4 of our 5 teams and 5 of Endeavour's 6 teams made it to the semi-finals. Te Totara faced off against each other to get to the finals and took away 1st and 2nd place!

Written by Anzelle from Milky Way 19



SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL CAR PARKS

Thanks so much to almost everyone who takes care around the school, on behalf of our children. Some tips to make sure we have a safe school:

- **Parking in Disabled car parks is not permitted at any time unless you have a current "Mobility Parking" permit on display in your vehicle.** We have a number of families who legitimately require these car parks. Please do not park there otherwise.
- If you are in the main car park, please **don't double park** as it causes a grid lock behind you from cars entering and exiting the school car park.
- **Please do not leave your vehicle if you are parked in the drop-off zone,** this allows for the continued flow of traffic.
- Be extra careful when backing out of a parking space, there may be children behind you that you cannot see.
- The use of hand-held mobile phones is not permitted while driving.



SCHOOL DONATION

We're inviting our school community to support our annual School Donation. These donations help us go beyond the basics and provide additional staffing, learning resources, cultural programmes, and sports opportunities that make our school unique. Thank you to those families who have already paid your donation, every dollar makes a difference and helps us do more for our learners. School Donations are tax-deductible - you can claim 33% back through Inland Revenue.

We really appreciate your support, thank you.

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The online one stop school shop

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*

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Available to pay/register via KINDO now:

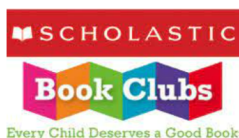
- **Aquatics** (added to your KINDO account when your child's class is swimming)
- **Voluntary School Donation** (\$120.00 first/only child / \$60.00 each sibling)
- **Mathletics/Mathseeds**



***** 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)

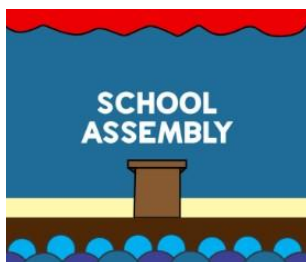
If access is denied, it is most likely that our school does not have your current email address recorded on your child's file. Please do not hesitate to contact the School Office on (07) 853-0039 to amend.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER CATALOGUE NO. 4

This week your child was given a Scholastic Book Club catalogue. These orders close at **9.15am on Friday 6 June 2025.**

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



SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES - MATARIKI HALL

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

Fri 30 May
Fri 6 June

NO SCHOOL - Teacher Only Day
Neptune & Marama Pods - **Marama 14 is sharing**

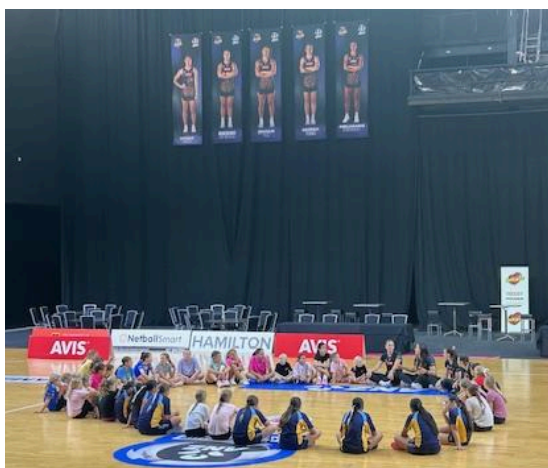
NETBALL SKILLS SESSION WITH MAGIC!

On Saturday 24 May 2025 Avis NZ hosted a Netball Skills Session for players aged 7 to 16 at the Globox Arena. The session ran from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. This was a free event and open to the public but limited to 60 attendees.

Some lucky Te Totara students attended the workshop - **Emmabella de Beer, Kiana Katipo, Summer Edwards-Prowse**. The girls had a warm up session with The Magic players Georgia Tong, Oceane Maihi, Reeghan de Bono and Kate Taylor.



After the warm up they played some netball focussed games followed by a skills session. After the session the girls had the opportunity to ask the players some questions and get their autographs. They were also lucky enough to get tickets to the game on Sunday vs The Tactix.



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	17/5	Evie Bourne
Green Sticks	17/5	Demi Clark
Red Sticks	17/5	Ashely James
	10/5	Reuben Henderson
	24/5	Jack Murray
	3/5	Roman Flutey
Strikers	17/5	Aizak Sebastian
	24/5	Holly Shanks



Netball

Comets	20/5	Lena Kim
	27/5	Indigo Smith
Future Ferns	20/5	Ruby Middlemiss
	27/5	Zinique du Plessis
Invaders	7/5	Kiana Katipo
	14/5	Summer Edwards-Prowse
	21/5	Jennifer Liang



DATES COMING UP

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

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

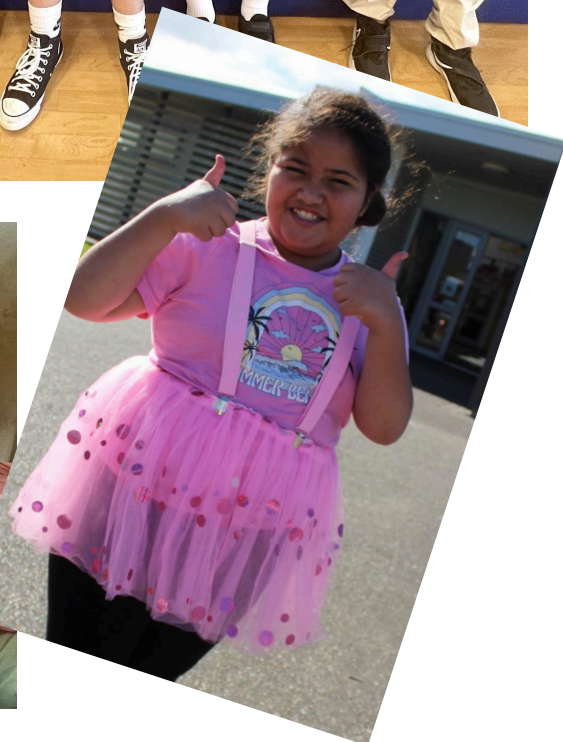
TE KURA NUI O
ROTOTUNA
HIGH SCHOOLS



PINK SHIRT DAY CELEBRATIONS AT TE TOTARA
16 May 2025



**Speak UP
STAND TOGETHER
STOP BULLYING**



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**

Bike to sport

**Bike to your rugby game at Hare Puke Park,
or your hockey game at Gallagher
Hockey Centre and be in to
win Ninja Valley passes!**



When

Saturday 7 June 2025

Hare Puke Park, Rototuna

Saturday 14 June 2025

Gallagher Hockey Centre, Frankton

Live too far away to bike?

Find park and ride options at

hamilton.govt.nz/biketosport

 cycling@hcc.govt.nz

 07 838 6699

 [HamiltonCityCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/HamiltonCityCouncil)

**Bike in
and spin the
winning
wheel for a
prize!**



**Hamilton
City Council**
Te kaunihera o Kirikiriroa

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST TO WATCH
UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2025 FINAL
AT FERGUS BAR & KITCHEN



SUNDAY, 1 JUNE 2025



A FUNDRAISER FOR THE NUSC U16 BOYS TO
ATTEND THE LAS VEGAS
MAYORS CUP FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT IN 2026

\$40 PER TICKET INCLUDING BREAKFAST
OR
\$25 PER TICKET FOR KIDS BREAKFAST OPTION

LIMITED TICKETS SO GET IN
FAST!
BOOK USING THE QR CODE



Fergus

DOORS OPEN - 6.30AM
KICK OFF - 7.00AM



CHILDREN UNDER 18 MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT OR GUARDIAN

EDVENTURE.CO.NZ
ACTIVE OUTDOOR EDUCATIONAL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

AUCKLAND PICK-UP
AVAILABLE



Young Explorers Camp

NGATUHOA LODGE

BOOK NOW

7th-11th JULY, 2025

We have an amazing week lined up with bush walks, archery, air rifle, fire building and cooking, hut building, high abseiling, swimming, kayaking, tubing, mountain biking, night activities and much more!

- Pick-up/Drop off available from Hamilton, Tauranga & NOW Auckland
- Suitable for 7-13 years old
- OSCAR Subsidy available
- Ngatuhua Lodge is set in the Kaimai Ranges behind Omanawa Falls in the beautiful Bay of Plenty



PRICE
\$675
5 days
Mon-Fri

MORE INFO :

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**EARLY BIRD
PRICING AVAILABLE**

WEEK TWO OF THE JULY HOLIDAYS!

SKILLS CLINIC

Fletcher Adams & Kayley McMillan are fundraising to go race in Europe by holding a **SKILLS CLINIC**
Followed by a group ride for those that are keen

DATE: Sat 5th July 10am - 1pm
VENUE: Te Miro MTB Park
AGE: EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Skills covered
Cornering, race lines, drop offs, bunny hops etc.
These skills will be covered in games & group ride

Click on link to register
<https://forms.gle/BgzXSaJ85AZbUcyE6>

FREE

PAYMENT
But we would love it if you could make a donation to our give a little page
PLEASE!!!!