

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 20TH JUNE - MATARIKI PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**A reminder school will be CLOSED**

***School opens again on Monday, 23 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,

Welcome to all our new students into Te Totara. We wish you a happy time in our school that is fun and filled with learning.

We are so lucky to have wonderful assemblies every Friday where our children share their learning and receive certificates for their success. We are grateful for all the families that are able to make it to the assembly.

The weather certainly hasn't been great and we thank our community for their patience at pick-up times. Please make sure that you park respectfully and make sure to drive right up to the crossing, where the teacher stands, when picking up/dropping off your child so the line of traffic can flow nicely.

Please make sure that if you have any concerns, make a mutually convenient 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.

Well done to all our children who competed in the Chess Tournament last week and also at the very muddy Tough Guy Tough & Gal Challenge yesterday. It certainly looked fun.



*James Murray*  
Principal



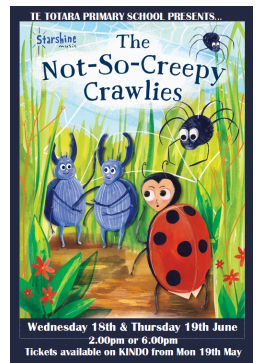
JUNIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION - YEARS 1&2

## "The Not-So-Creepy Crawlies"

**\*\* Tickets Sales close at  
3.00pm Friday 13th Junne**

**ORDER THOUGH KINDO ONLY \*\***

**\*\* 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 Thursday. 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.

## SCHOOL START TIME - 8.55AM

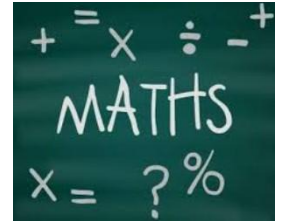
**Just a reminder to our families that our school day starts promptly with the bell at 8.55am. That is when the classroom roll is taken. If students are not in class by this time they will be marked LATE and will need to sign-in at the School Office.**

**We do monitor students' absence and lateness to school which is discussed at our weekly Administration Meeting.**



## MATHS CURRICULUM NEWS

After our Teacher Only Day with Bruce Moody on 3rd June I wanted to share some information around the changes that have been made in the new curriculum.



Bruce Moody started working with Te Totara in 2013 and has huge knowledge and understanding of the teaching of Maths. He has guided and helped teachers develop their teaching skills and knowledge in Maths teaching which resulted in Te Totara's high achievement results over the years.

Our new Maths Curriculum, which we have been using for the past 6 months, has moved from a child centred readiness for learning focus to being focused on knowledge that **needs to be known** by the end of a year level. This means that there is now maths work a child **needs** to know by the end of the year.

A lot of the achievement expectations from the 2007 curriculum have been moved to a younger age group:

For example:

- Adding and subtracting numbers up to at least 100 (e.g.,  $43 - 28$ ,  $37 + 18$ ) was year 4 and 5 learning and is now the end of Year 3
- Adding and subtracting unit fractions with same denominators ( $\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} - \frac{3}{8}$ ) was year 5 and is now year 3.
- Multiplying 3 digit by 2 digit numbers was Year 8 learning and is now year 6 learning.
- Using the order of operations was Year 8 learning and is now year 6 learning.
- Adding and subtracting whole numbers and decimals to two decimal places (e.g.,  $250.11 + 135.29 = 385.4$ ) was Year 8 learning and is now Year 6.
- finding a fraction or percentage of a whole number where the answer is a whole number (e.g.  $\frac{3}{8}$  of 48; 30% of \$150) was Year 8 and is now year 6

Times tables changes:

- Year 2's now need to be able to see the relationship between skip counting and the 2's, 5's and 10's multiplication facts.
- Year 3's now need to know the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables and division facts. This was year 4.
- Year 4's now need to know the 4 and 6 times tables and division facts. This was year 5.
- Year 5's now need to know the 7s, 8s, and 9s times tables and division facts.
- Year 6's now need to know all times tables and division facts to  $10 \times 10$ .

Our teachers and support staff are working hard to help our tamariki achieve the required learning. With the new curriculum expectations, your child's results may look different. This is to be expected as we work through the changes in the new document over the next few years. Curriculum change can take a long period of time to adjust to, and as much as we want our children to be where they need to be, according to the new curriculum, for some of our children this will take time and careful teaching. We appreciate your patience as we continue to grow our understanding and knowledge of the new curriculum phases.

If you would like to know more information around the New Curriculum and the expected learning for your child please click this link to the Parent Portal from the Ministry of Education for ways that you can support learning at home.

<https://www.education.govt.nz/parents-and-caregivers/schools-year-0-13/parent-portal/guide-for-the-new-zealand-curriculum-years-0-to-8>

As always, if you have any questions about your child's learning please talk to your child's teacher.

Ngaa mihi nui

*Jo Stewart*

Deputy Principal and Curriculum Leader



## SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS - SEPTEMBER 2025

### What is a School Board?

Almost all state and state integrated schools in New Zealand have a School Board. Our School Board membership includes 5x Parent Elected Representatives, 1x Staff Elected Representative and the Principal.



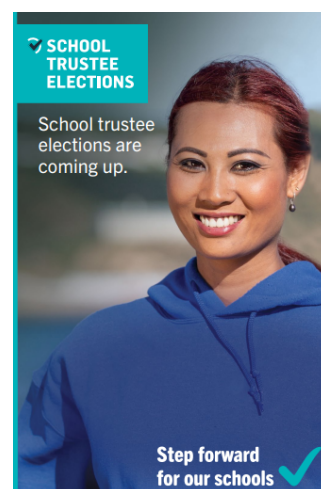
### Who can become a Board Member?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can put their name forward to be on a School Board during the Board elections.

### What do Board Members do?

The Board is accountable to its parents and community and for student progress and achievement. Here are some specific things a School Board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and plans for the school and monitors the school's progress against them.
- Monitors and evaluates student progress
- Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Maori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special learning and behaviour needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfills the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appoints and supports the Principal and assesses their performance.



### What skills do Board Members need?

Board Members are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences around the table to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing the school's performance are in place.

### What help do Board Members get?

New Zealand School Trustees Association provides free advice around employment and governance, support and resources. NZSTA also provides a variety of professional development opportunities for trustees.

For more information, click on the blue link: [Community Member Guide to the Role of the School Boards](#)

## HAMILTON JUNIOR REGIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT

**Thursday 5th June, 2025**

On Thursday 5 June, eleven students competed in the Chess Tournament held at Rototuna Primary School. Te Totara had 2 teams competing at the event with 7 rounds played over the day. One of the teams has made it through to the regionals in Auckland. Congratulations to all 11 students who competed so well. A huge thank you to the parents who transported the children to and from the tournament and stayed to support their child. It was a terrific experience for our young players.





## ARBOR DAY - WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE, 2025

Thirteen Te Totara students joined over 650 students from across Hamilton to plant 10,000 native trees at Minogue Park in Forest Lake as part of this year's Arbor Day celebrations. A huge thank you to our wonderful parent helpers – Kerri, Jodie, Leanne, and Katie – for supporting our students and making this special trip possible.



We had an amazing time helping the environment, and we're already looking forward to returning to see how much the trees have grown!



### DONATED COMPOST

A big thank you to **Lucky from GrassMaster** for continuing to support our composting and maraa kai. Lucky has been dropping off lawn clippings and leaves for our compost. Last week he donated a truck load of mulch for our garden paths. This will help keep our maraa kai looking great. Thank you Lucky!

## TOUGH GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE - WEDNESDAY 11th JUNE, 2025

Today we took 45 of our Year 5&6 students to compete in Tough Guy & Gal Challenge at Ngaruawahia Christian Youth Camp. As you can see from the photos, they had loads of fun running in the mud!





**Just a heads up.....**

**LEARNING PLANS ONLINE 2.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 25TH, JUNE, 2025**  
**ACCESS THESE THROUGH THE PARENT PORTAL UNDER THE "REPORTS" ICON**

A Learning Plan for each student will be put onto the online Parent Portal on **Wednesday 25th June, 2025 @ 2.00pm**. If your child started at school in Term 2 (or late in Term 1) you may not receive a Learning Plan yet.



An email will be sent on the 25th to those families **who have not logged** into the Parent Portal before. This email will be sent using the email address we have on file. The email will come from eTap and contain your User ID and Password details for using the Parent Portal. Please check your spam or junk folder for this email if you do not receive it. **Make a note of your login/password details for next time.** Once you have been able to log-in, we suggest that you change your password. If you have logged into the Parent Portal, before you can use the same User ID and Password you were provided with.

**You can download a copy of the Learning Plan from the Parent Portal and save it to your computer. If you are a new user and do not get an email with login codes on 25th June, please contact Marise Crow by email at [receptionist@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:receptionist@tetotara.school.nz)**

The work involved in writing these Learning Plans is significant and reflects our goal of developing a personalised plan for each student. A lot of thought has gone into these Learning Plans around what your child can do and what their next steps in Reading, Writing and Maths are.

We ask that you:

- Go through the Learning Plan with your child
- Look especially at the "Next Steps" and "STARS Goal set by Student, Teacher and Family" sections and use these to support learning at home.

**It is important that we have your correct email address for you to be able to get the email link, please feel free to contact the School Office if you wish to check this (07) 853-0039. For our separated families, please make sure we hold both caregiver email addresses on file.**

If you do not have access to a computer, please call the School Office on (07) 853-0039 and we will arrange for a printed copy of the Learning Plan for your family.

**EARLY ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL - BEFORE 8.15AM**

Children are welcome to **arrive at school from 8.15am onwards**. We have noticed a number of students arriving around 8.00am or even earlier. Teachers have planning to do before school in their classrooms and are **unavailable to supervise any students arriving before 8.15am**.

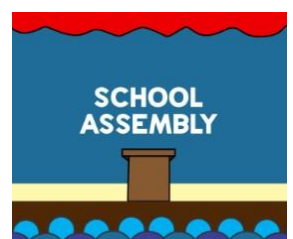


We offer a Before School Care facility in our Matariki School Hall, please see our website [www.tetotara.school.nz](http://www.tetotara.school.nz) for more details.

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES - MATARIKI HALL**

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

**Fri 13 June** Matawhero, Earth & Milky Way - **Milky Way 20 is sharing**  
**Fri 20 June** **NO ASSEMBLY - Matariki Public Holiday**



## 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

Lions

26/5 - Lu-May Botes

6/6 - Lilian De Beer

Green Sticks

26/5 - Ian Bal

6/6 - Korbyn Vlok

Red Sticks

6/6 - Caitlyn Mercer

Strikers

TBC



### Netball

Comets

3/6 - Heidi Jackson

Future Ferns

3/6 - Hayley Mcleod

Invaders

11/6 - Emmabella De Beer



### A MAGIC MEETING

A few of our Year 5 and 6 Netballers drove down to Te Aroha to participate in a Netball survey on Sunday.

They caught up with two members of the Magic Team while they were there!

Thank you to those parents who brought their girls down to enjoy a day filled with Netball games.

## 2026 School Term Dates

**Term 1:** (Note: Teacher Only Days Monday 2nd February & Tuesday 3rd February, 2026)

**Wednesday 4th February - Thursday 2nd April (9 weeks)**

Friday 6th February (Waitangi Day) (**no school**)

**Term 2: Monday 20th April – Friday 3rd July (11 weeks)**

Monday 27th April - Anzac Day observed (**No school**)

Monday 1st June - King's Birthday Public Holiday (**No school**)

**Term 3: Monday 20th July – Friday 25th September (10 weeks)**

Monday 10th August - Our Mid-Term Break (**No school**)

**Term 4: Monday 12th October – Thursday 17th Dec at 1.00pm (10 weeks)**

Friday 23rd October - Teacher Only Day (**No school**)

Monday 26th October (Labour Day) (**No school**)

Note: There may be 1 more Kāhui Ako TOD to be added to the 2026 School Calendar







### Click Subscribe for notifications!

You can find the link on our website or for the latest episode click here [TT TV Week 7, Term 2 2025](#)

### KINDO SCHOOL DONATION RECEIPTS - INLAND REVENUE

IRD approved donation receipts are automatically generated from KINDO, for any item that the school has marked as a donation. You can view your donation receipts from your **"Account"** then **"My Orders"** tab on KINDO. Please click [HERE](#) for detailed instructions to our Fees and Donations page on our website.

**kindo.**



### DATES COMING UP

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
Mon 20 June	MATARIKI PUBLIC HOLIDAY - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Wed 25 June	Learning Plans (online) available to families @ 2.00pm
Thurs 26 June	Board Meeting @ 6.30pm
Friday 27 June	Last day of Term 2!
Mon 14 July	Term 3 begins



## 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**



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**KIDS RUGBY CAMP**

**MON 1 & TUE 8TH JULY**

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**HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

KEEPING KIDS ACTIVE!  
Boys & girls ages 5 - 13  
8:30-3pm  
All abilities welcome  
Overall sport skill development  
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## Year 3-6 Skill Camp

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# HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

MONDAY 30TH JUNE - FRIDAY 11TH JULY



Get ready for the ultimate showdown, Kids vs Coaches! It's the game where **YOU** take on the coaches in a series of wild, fun-filled challenges. Show off your skills, outsmart the coaches, and prove you've got what it takes to win! Will you be the next champion, or will the coaches keep their crown?

Some activities may need to be swapped for other exciting ones.  
Go online to check out a full up-to-date timetable for your venue

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# WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2025

ROTOTUNA PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

MON 30 \$59	TUE 1 \$59	WED 2 \$59	THUR 3 \$59	FRI 4 \$65
 <b>SLUMBER PARTY</b> Kids will enjoy an exciting movie screening, groove at our lively dance party, sing their hearts out during karaoke, and get creative decorating their very own picture frames to take home	 <b>MIDWINTER XMAS</b> Celebrate a magical Mid-Winter Christmas with festive cookies, tree decorating, chalk stencil art, and fun snowman dot painting!	 <b>PIZZA LAB</b> Get ready for a deliciously fun Pizza lab where kids can make mini pizzas, roll up tasty pizza rolls, create pizza-themed crafts, and even make their own dough!	 <b>CARTOGRAPHY</b> Explore the world on Cartography with map games like Geo Guess, create your own fantasy maps, craft a working compass, and enjoy hands-on map-themed activities!	 <b>KIWI CAMP</b> Enjoy the adventure of Camping with tent building, survival pack making, tasty s'mores, campfire crafts, and a buzzing visit from a beekeeper with live bees!
MON 7 \$59	TUE 8 \$59	WED 9 \$59	THUR 10 \$65	FRI 11 <sup>TH</sup> \$59
 <b>PAINT JAM</b> Get messy and creative at Paint Jam with finger painting, puffy paint fun, cotton bud art, and colorful string painting.	 <b>SENSORY DAY</b> Sensory play, including oobleck stress balls, play dough, and exciting sensory games.	 <b>CHESS TOURNAMENT</b> Join us for a fun-filled Kids Chess Tournament Day where staff teach the rules, guide players, and enjoy friendly games together.	 <b>BAKE--A THON</b> Whip up some sweet fun making cookies, chocolate fudge, and delicious cupcakes!	 <b>WILD WEST</b> Saddle up for a Wild West adventure with wanted poster fun, sheriff badge crafts, and lasso practice like a true cowboy or cowgirl

**Bookings:** [kiwiclubrototuna.aimyplus.com](http://kiwiclubrototuna.aimyplus.com) or

**Email:** [kiwiclub05@hotmail.com](mailto:kiwiclub05@hotmail.com) or 021 2949351

**Registration Closes 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**- No Refund or Cancellations after this date.**

**Bring: morning tea, lunch & drink bottle- (Afternoon tea provided)**

## Important information

Kiwi Club is held at Rototuna Primary School hall

We must be in receipt of full payment of fees & before we can confirm your booking.

Subway lunches \$6.50 each Wednesday, forms to be handed in before 9am.

PLEASE NO NUTS PRODUCTS, This includes Nutella.

Please remind staff of food allergies on baking days, our staff are trained in food safety and management and will ensure a high standard of health and safety for baking and activities.

Please keep your child home if feeling unwell or has signs & symptoms of feeling unwell.

There is no refunds after the program has started or for absent/sick days.

Work & Income subsidies needs to be pre-arranged with Manager, as our full fee might not be covered. Full terms and conditions available on [aimyplus.com](http://aimyplus.com).





# SCHOOL HOLIDAY BAKING CHALLENGE

HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT BAKES?

- ✓ Learn to bake 3 delicious recipes these school holidays.
- ✓ FREE fun from the comfort of your own home.
- ✓ \$350 worth of prizes to give away!
- ✓ Suitable for all ages and skill levels.

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> to Wed 9<sup>th</sup> July



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**FAIRFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

## Information Evening

Wednesday 23 July 2025  
6.30pm to 8.00pm  
in the Auditorium

## Open Days

Wednesday 6 August 2025  
9.00am to 2.30pm

Wednesday 13 August 2025  
9.00am to 2.30pm

Email queries to:  
[mail@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz](mailto:mail@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz)

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From 1 July 2025

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