

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 HOLIDAYS ****

MONDAY 30TH JUNE TO FRIDAY 11TH JULY, 2025

**The School Office will be open on Friday 11th July, 2025
from 9.00am - 2.00pm for Enrolment enquiries**

Term 2 begins on Monday 14th July at 8.55am

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,

As we come to the close of Term 2, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful achievements of our students, staff, and school community over the past few months. It has been a busy term, filled with a variety of exciting learning opportunities, extracurricular activities, and some wonderful experiences. A highlight last week was of course our Junior School Production "The Not-So-Creepy Crawlies" - alongside the wonderful singing, dancing and participation from all, was the wonderful message. We are reminded of the differences each child brings and how we need to show kindness to all no matter what.

We are incredibly proud of how our students have embraced their learning, developed new skills, and demonstrated resilience in the face of challenges. Whether through academic accomplishments, personal growth, or involvement in school events, they have shown what it means to be a STAR at Te Totara. We know this will continue into Term 3 and we look forward to welcoming our children back in Term 3 refreshed and ready.

Thank you to our dedicated Teachers, Support Staff, After School Care Team, and Parents for their continued support in making this term a successful one.

A couple of important reminders for Term 3. Please make sure all children are wearing their correct school uniform. Black school shoes are also required. We have had an uptake of children bringing chewing gum and lollies to school. These are not allowed and will be confiscated. Please make sure children are not bringing these to school.

Wishing everyone a restful and enjoyable break. We look forward to seeing you all back for Term 3!

James Murray
Principal

GYMNASTICS FESTIVAL

On Thursday 12th June we had 38 of our Te Totara students participate in the Hamilton Gymnastics Festival. Everyone worked hard to learn routines for the vault, floor and beam. We had a fantastic day and all of the children performed like Te Totara STARS! We are so proud of you!

Results:

1st Kayla Pretzer (Springers Y3/4)

1st Seth Whitelegge 2nd Arshdeep Singh (Springers Boys Y5/6)

1st Hayley McCleod 2nd Ashley James (Flyers Y3/4)

2nd Keila Tafuna, 4th Ayva Baxter, 6th Selina Chen (Flyers Y5/6)



Stay up to date with a snap of your fingers



IT'S EASY!

Our School Communication All In One Spot

TE TOTARA SCHOOL APP

Have you downloaded our School App yet? It's so easy! Go to the App store on your Apple or Android device and search "**School Apps NZ**" to download the App to your phone or tablet and then add "**Te Totara**".

The School App features:

- **An absentee icon that notifies the School Office about your child's absence from school. This is required BEFORE 9.00am EACH day for our Attendance Register.**
- **A Fees and Donations link to KINDO**
- A link to our School Newsletter
- Contacts and events
- **Alerts - allow notifications and you will get updates from the school around activities, postponements and cancellations**



STUDENTS LEAVING TE TOTARA

If you have not already notified us and are planning to leave our school at the end of this term, it would be very much appreciated if you could please advise us by emailing Marise Crow at: receptionist@tetotara.school.nz

Please advise the last day they will be attending our school and their new school's details so that we can post their Student Records directly to the new school.

If you have a child coming to Te Totara in the near future, we would love to have an Enrolment Form, it would certainly help with future planning.

TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Election Date: Wednesday 10th September, 2025



All state and state-integrated schools are required to hold School Board elections every three years, and the next round will take place this year, in 2025.

The School Board is an important part of our school as they set the strategic direction for our school, consult with our school community about our school, ensure the school's funding is spent wisely and ensure that we are giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi within our school.

Our School Board is made up of 5x Parent Representatives, the Principal and 1x Staff Representative (*elected by staff*).

The current School Board has appointed [Election Pilot](#) as our Returning Officer, and the election will be conducted online. They have been assisting schools with elections for over 20 years and have been the only election provider accredited by the Ministry of Education to provide online election services since online elections started in 2022.

Nomination and voting forms will be sent to all eligible voters by email directly from Election Pilot. If we don't have an email address for you, nomination and voting papers will be sent by post so no one will miss out.

School Board Elections must be held in accordance with the provisions in the Education and Training Act 2020 and the Education (Board Elections) Regulations 2022. Your name and contact details have been provided to the School Election Pilot to enable the provision of election services for our school as required by legislation.

They will use your contact details for the provision of election services for Te Totara Primary School only and your details will be deleted 60 days after the election date as required by legislation. If you have any questions about the election process, please contact the Returning Officer directly on **0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369)** or via email: election@electionpilot.nz

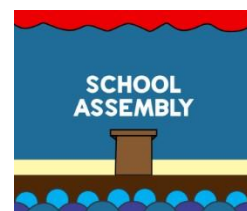
We will continue to keep you updated through the various stages of the election process. Our election date is **Wednesday 10th September, 2025**.

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

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES - MATARIKI HALL

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

Fri 27 June Orion & Ra Pods - **Ra 32 is sharing**



TE TOTARA SPORTS PLAYER OF THE DAY

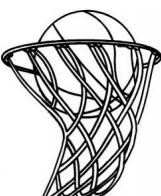
If you are a Coach or Manager, please email the POD by **Wednesday 1pm** to stephy@tetotara.school.nz



Hockey

Lions
Green Sticks
Red Sticks
Strikers

TBC
TBC
14/6 Jyansh Prakash
7/6 Kara Pretorius
14/6 Kayla Petzer



Netball

Comets
Future Ferns
Invaders

18/6 Nishka Kumar
25/6 Samara Dhariwal
18/6 Mia Dahms
25/6 Leisa Shah
18/6 Kiyara Mahlam
25/6 Tessa Sweetman





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** in the **Hall** from **1:00pm to 1:40pm** starting **Monday 14 July 2025**. The last session will be held on Monday 15 September 2025.

This is full 10-week program. The fee is \$198 for the program.

REGISTRATION

If your child would like to be part of this for **Term 3**, please visit our website:

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 and click **Parents Centre**

DATES COMING UP

Thurs 26 June
Friday 27 June

Board Meeting @ 6.30pm
Last day of Term 2!

Mon 14 July
Tues 22 July
Mon 11 Aug
Wed 13 Aug
Thurs 14 Aug
Mon 25 Aug

Term 3 Begins
PTA Meeting
Mid Term Break - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
Learning Plan Interviews - **SCHOOL CLOSING AT 2.00pm**
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Photolife Class & Individual Photos
School Cross Country & X Challenge
Fairfield Cluster Cross Country
Photolife Class & Individual Photos
Fairfield Cluster Cross Country Postponement Date
Photolife Groups & Cultural Photos
End of Term 3

Tues 26 Aug
Wed 27 Aug
Thurs 28 Aug
Tues 2 Sept
Fri 19 Sept



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**



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





HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

MONDAY 30TH JUNE - FRIDAY 11TH JULY

KIDS VS COACHES



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

BOOK ONLINE AT

 **KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ**



OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!



ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR TERM 3 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)
- 4.35 Senior Hip Hop (girls aged 9– 16)
- 5.05 Jitterbugs Advanced (by selection only)

Tuesday (Common Ground Gym in Flagstaff)

- 3.30 Jitterbugs Junior (girls aged 5 ½ – 7)
- 4.00 Jitterbugs Junior Plus (girls aged 7 – 8)
- 4.30 Jitterbugs Intermediate (girls aged 8 – 16)

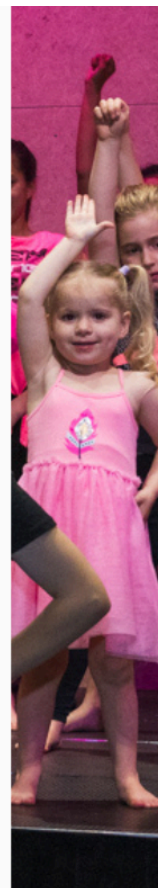
Wednesday (Common Ground Gym in Flagstaff)

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

Classes start Monday 21st July 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.

Cost: \$140 for one Jitterbug, or \$270 for two Jitterbugs.

Email Jolie at jitterbugsdancelessons@outlook.com or check out the jitterbugs dance lessons facebook page or website for more info



Hamilton LEGO® User Group

Hamilton



BRICK SHOW

Kids Lego® Masters Competition

9 - 10 August - Claudelands Events Centre



WIN

*An invitation to display your Lego creation at Waikato's biggest Brick Show!

*Free passes to the Show!

*Lego prizes for yourself and your classroom!



Entries close Sunday 20th July For more information visit <https://hamlug.co.nz/competition/>

ICAS, AMC & Otago Maths exam papers for practice

- ✓ **ICAS Maths, English, Science, DigiTech, Writing & Spelling papers:**
2010-2019 papers A to J available for school years 3 – 12.
- ✓ **Australian Maths Competition (AMC):** 2004-2024 Papers for years 4 – 12.
All those ICAS and AMC test papers come with answers.
- ✓ **Otago Maths Problem Challenge Competition:** Books 1 - 7 for years 6 – 8.

Each of these 7 Otago maths books contains **all competition questions** with **fully worked solutions**. They provide invaluable resources, not only as preparation for new Problem Challenge competitions (such as Otago Maths, ICAS, AMC, WaiMaths, Kiwi Maths Competition), but also for training problem-solving skills at levels from school Years 5 to 9. All 6 books are unused in original good as new condition.

I will email more details and two free papers to parents/students who are interested in these materials, please email me a message with subjects and year level: ruthhtang@gmail.com
Thank you, Ruth Tang



SPRING BOARD DIVING

WAIKATO DIVING

LEARN TO DIVE

- AGES 6+
- CONFIDENT IN DEEP WATER.
- FREE INTRODUCTORY LESSON!

ADULT CLASS

- AGES 18-65+
- CASUAL FEE!

CLUB DIVING

- AGES 6+
- REGIONAL, NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS.
- MULTIPLE SESSIONS PER WEEK

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