

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)

*** MID TERM BREAK *** MONDAY 11TH AUGUST - SCHOOL CLOSED

Just a reminder that School is closed on **Monday 11th August, 2025**.
This is to help with everyone's wellbeing at this time of the year.

A REMINDER: School finishes at 2.00pm on Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th August for Learning Plan Discussions. Students will need to be collected at 2.00pm

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,

After being blessed with a week of sunshine last week we certainly have had some rain. The children have coped extremely well having to be inside for lengthy times. Thank you to our families for their patience at pick-up and drop-off areas and just a reminder to come all the way to the crossing please so we can move the traffic quickly through.

This term we have noticed a significant number of children on our school playgrounds after school unsupervised. We are asking for your support around this to align with our Policy & Procedures at the beginning and end of the day. At Te Totara Primary **students should not be on site before 8:15am**, unless they are at Before School Care. Students are expected to leave the school quickly at 3:00pm and to be **off site by 3:15pm** at the latest, unless they are under the direct supervision of a parent or are part of our After School Care programme or having a sports practice. Please tell your child that **it is not okay to be on the school playgrounds waiting to be picked up**. Children on the playgrounds without parent supervision is a significant Health & Safety concern and we are unable to provide staff supervision during this time. Please do not be offended if a teacher asks your child if their parent is at school if they are found playing on the playground after school. All children waiting to be picked up **must come to the front of the school** where they can be supervised. To make sure your child is safe we ask for your support with these expectations at home.

At Te Totara, we continue to shine by living our STARS values every day. In the last newsletter I made a mistake with our STARS, these are the correct ones below:

- ✨ Smart Decisions
- ✨ Trying Our Best
- ✨ Always Learning
- ✨ Respectful
- ✨ Self-managing

Thank you for your ongoing support. We're proud of our learning community and the way we work together to support every child. If you have any questions around your child's learning please make sure you make your first point of contact with your child's classroom teacher.

Ngā mihi nui,

James Murray
Principal

LEARNING PLAN DISCUSSION BOOKINGS

BOOKINGS OPEN 9.00AM TOMORROW (Friday 1st August)

Learning Plan Discussions will take place on **Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th August, 2025**.

We have arranged **15 minute time slots** for discussions from 2.30pm onwards, there will be a change over bell so that everyone is aware of timings. If you have more than one child, you might like to have a break between each interview. To ensure the smooth running of our Learning Plan Discussions, we would be grateful if all our parents/caregivers kept to the timetable. There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress on:

Wednesday 13th August, 2025

2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm, 5.00pm, 5.15pm, 5.30pm (*teachers break between 5.45pm-6.15pm*), 6.15pm, 6.30pm, 6.45pm & 7.00pm

Thursday 14th August, 2025

2.30pm, 2.45pm, 3.00pm, 3.15pm, 3.30pm, 3.45pm, 4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm, 5.00pm, 5.15pm, 5.30pm, 5.45pm & 6.00pm

How do I book a time?

To make an appointment time for your child/ren, please use our online booking system www.schoolinterviews.co.nz – our school code is **7whdr**

An electronic confirmation can be sent to you via email upon completion of your booking, **please don't forget to include your email address and select "email" under Parent Bookings** when you have booked an interview time.

If you are unable to access the internet, please phone the school (07) 853-0039 ext. 858 and leave a message with the time slot that you would prefer and Marise will collate these.

We will endeavour to give you the time as close as we can to your preference. If we are unable to assist we will go by first in first served. Please **do not** make arrangements directly with classroom teachers.

Who should come?

We encourage the student, and family members who have an interest in learning, to come along and discuss this with the teacher.

What will the format be?

The discussion is a general one about how the learner is progressing, areas of strength and also discussing next steps in learning and how this can happen.

Bookings close on Friday 8th August, 2025 @ 3.00pm. Sorry, we will not be able to accept bookings after this date/time.

A REMINDER:

School will finish at 2.00pm both Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th August for ALL students. Students will need to be collected at 2.00pm - Thanks.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The whole school will finish at **2.00pm** on Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th August; After School Care will begin at 2.00pm, **for those children enrolled**.



Spaces are limited.... so, if your child/ren normally attends ASC on either/both those days, please advise ASC two weeks in advance if you **DO NOT** require your booking. Otherwise, your child/ren will be booked in for the earlier start time of 2.00pm automatically on those days. Any queries, please email Katrina Strong: afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz

SIBLING OUT-OF-ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2026

Enrolment Period of 18th December, 2025 - 3rd July, 2026

Our School Board is looking to accommodate, if possible, younger siblings of current students and children of staff for the 2026 school year. To help determine this, we need to have OUTZ Enrolment Application Forms into the School Office to help with this process. Please complete an OUTZ Enrolment Form for each child, which is available online from our school website by clicking the following link: www.tetotara.school.nz or by visiting the School Office.

The Board will look at the number of enrolments, the level of projected student growth and determine how many spaces for out-of-zone students are available for the upcoming enrolment period of **18th December, 2025 to 3rd July, 2026**. This process will be completed in mid October, allowing for lots of time for families to know what is happening. Further information around the number of out-of-zone spaces to be released will be communicated via the school newsletter over the next few weeks.

Please return the completed OUTZ Enrolment Form, including the relevant documentation, to the School Office by 3.00pm on Thursday 14th August, 2025.

COMPETITIVE CROSS COUNTRY - TUESDAY 12TH AUGUST, 2025

*This race is for our Year 4-6 students who are hoping to compete in the Cross Country Fairfield Cluster and is **optional**.*

We are hoping for a beautiful day on Tuesday 12th August as we prepare for our competitive Cross Country race. This year the course will include the children starting their race on the back field and running most of the race in Korikori Park then finishing on the back field. All runners will need to change back into their uniform for the rest of the day.

The approximate times are as follows:

9:15am Year 4 Boys

9:17am Year 4 Girls

9:40am Year 5 Boys

9:42am Year 5 Girls

10:00am Year 6 Boys

10:02am Year 6 Girls



2025 FEES, SPORTS REGISTRATIONS & DONATIONS PAID VIA KINDO

This online system allows you to pay for our school's fees and is also the ONLY way to register/pay for your child for sports teams and class trips.



Available to pay/register via KINDO now:

- **RSHS Grease Production - Year 6 students ONLY**
 - Cut off date: Friday 1st August, 2025 @ 9.00am
- **Waikato Regional Gymnastic Festival (Selected Students ONLY)**
 - Cut off date: Friday 1st August, 2025 @ 3.00pm
- **Ki-o-rahi Tournament (Year 6 Sports Leaders Only)**
 - Cut off date: Monday 4th August, 2025 @ 3.00pm
- **Pay it Forward - 2026 School Camp** Donate \$10.00, \$20.00 or \$50.00 to go towards the camp fees of students whose families are experiencing financial hardship
- **Daffodil Day Donation - Friday 29th August, 2025**
 - \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00 or \$30.00 donation to the Cancer Society
- **Voluntary School Donation** (\$120.00 first/only child / \$60.00 each sibling)
- **Mathletics/Mathseeds**



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.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND OTHER CONTACT DETAILS

Just a reminder that if you have changed your address or phone number/email address, please let the school office know so we can update our records.

It is very important we have your current information if we need to contact you regarding your child at school. Please email stephy@tetotara.school.nz or call us on 07 853 0039. Thank you 😊



2025 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS TIMELINE:

Main Roll Closes:	Wednesday 16th July
Nominations Called by:	Friday 18th July
Supplementary Roll Closes:	Monday 4th August
Nominations Close:	Wednesday 6th August (12 noon)
Voting Papers Issued by:	Wednesday 13th August
Election Day:	Wednesday 10th September Voting Closes @ 4.00pm
Declaration of Results:	Tuesday 16th September
New School Board in place:	Wednesday 17th September



NOTE: If you are an eligible voter and the school has your email address on file, you should have received a "Call for Nominations" email on 18th July from Schooled Education, and via post for those we don't have email addresses for.

**** PLEASE CHECK ALL YOUR MAIL... INCLUDING YOUR SPAM & PROMOTIONS INBOX ****

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



TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Our school has moved to SchoolDocs for Policies & Procedures, click on the blue link for more information:

[SchoolDocs Policies & Procedures - Te Totara Primary School](#)

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



Term 3 Review - Opened 30th June, 2025

This term, we are reviewing the Health, Safety & Welfare Policy section. For more information about the review, go to the Current Review tab at the top of our SchoolDocs site. A summary is provided below.

Key Policies:

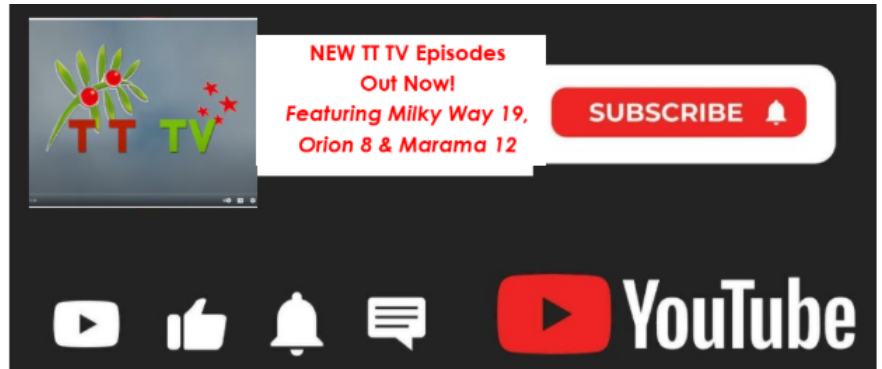
- Child Protection (Board review)
- Abuse Recognition & Reporting (Board review)
- Food & Nutrition
- Safety Checking (Board review)
- Police Vetting
- Missing Student Procedure

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.



Click Subscribe for notifications!

You can find the link on our website or for the latest episode click here [TT TV Week 2, Term 3 2025](#)



SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES - MATARIKI HALL

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

Fri 1 Aug
Fri 8 Aug

Orion & Ra Pods - **Orion 8 is sharing**
Neptune & Marama Pods - **Neptune 28 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

Izzy Svenson got a Te Totara Certificate for her amazing ref skills 19/7

Lions

19/7 Izzy Vlok

26/7 Millie Malhi

Green Sticks

19/7 Demi Clarke

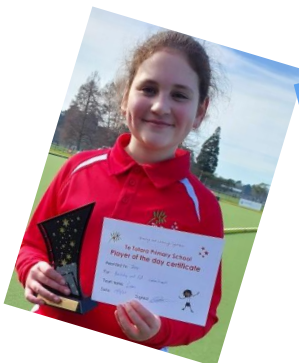
26/7 Leon Chen

Red Sticks

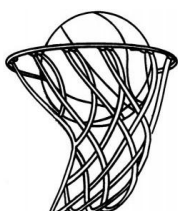
28/6 Charlotte Haycock

19/7 Bryce Murray

26/7 Ruchika Minhas



LIONS & GREEN STICKS POD



Netball

Comets
Invaders

22/7 Arana Maheswaran

16/7 Sehaj Gill

23/7 Emily Mercer

30/7 Summer Edwards-Prowse

DATES COMING UP

Mon 11 Aug
Tues 12 Aug
Wed 13 Aug
Thurs 14 Aug
Tues 19 Aug
Thurs 21 Aug
Mon 25 Aug
Tues 26 Aug
Wed 27 Aug
Thurs 28 Aug
Fri 29 Aug
Tues 2 Sept
Wed 10 Sept
Thurs 11 Sept
Fri 19 Sept

Mid Term Break - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
Cross Country Trials Yr 4-6
Learning Plan Interviews - **SCHOOL CLOSING AT 2.00pm**
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X-Challenge - Whole school. Timetable to come.
X-Challenge Postponement Date
Photolife Class & Individual Photos
Fairfield Cluster Cross Country (Years 4-6 placegetters)
Photolife Class & Individual Photos
Fairfield Cluster Cross Country Postponement Date
Daffodil Day - Wear Something Yellow
Photolife Groups & Cultural Photos
School Art Exhibition 3:00pm - 6:00pm
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END OF TERM 3





TE KURA NUI O
ROTOTUNA
HIGH SCHOOLS
2026
enrolments

Junior High Open Day

TUESDAY 5th August
Tours at 9.30am and 11.30am

Please meet in Te Rangimareikura
(our large theatre)

SEE OUR LEARNING IN ACTION

**ALL PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND
WHĀNAU FOR 2026 ARE WELCOME**



FAIRFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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



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**

Community E-waste Drop Off Day

Saturday 9 August

10am - 1pm

University of Waikato Gate 2B

We are partnering with Hamilton City Council to provide a FREE E-Waste Drop Off event to encourage responsible recycling and disposal of electronic waste.



Scan to find out more



This event is for the disposal of personal e-waste only. For collection of unused University-owned equipment, contact the Service Desk on 07 838 4008.



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waiakato

SHGC ♥ HEART ATTACK ♥

BARBERSHOP FUNDRAISER

AUGUST 8 Riverlea Theatre 7:30pm *Help us get to Nationals*

Students \$20 and Adults \$25



*From the musical mind that brought you 'Hamilton', Lin-Manuel Miranda's **In the Heights** tells the universal story of a vibrant community in New York's Washington Heights neighbourhood – a place where the coffee from the corner bodega is light and sweet, the windows are always open, and the breeze carries the rhythm of three generations of music.*