

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 staff have really enjoyed hosting our families for Learning Plan discussions over the last few days. If you have not been able to come to these interviews please take the opportunity to share all the wonderful learning that is happening by making time to meet your child's teacher.

#### **Paid Union Meeting - Teachers unavailable in the afternoon from 1.00pm onwards**

On **Monday 25th August**, we have been advised that all NZEI Union Members are to attend a Union Meeting. The Union is legally able to call this meeting at this time. It does mean almost all our Teachers will be attending this meeting to discuss important claims. We will have a normal school day up until the lunch break at 1.00pm. At this time we will operate as if it is the end of the school day, with the pick-up area supervised and parents will need to collect their child at 1.00pm.

We will have very few staff onsite that afternoon so we are hoping our community is able to support us by collecting children early. We really appreciate this and know it is an inconvenience.

After School Care will run from 1.00pm for registered children and you are welcome to contact Katrina if you have any questions via email: [afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:afterschoolcare@tetotara.school.nz)

I will be onsite with a few teachers to help with children whose families have contacted teachers to let them know they cannot collect their child early or are really struggling to find support through friends and family.

I am very mindful of children who will be scooting/walking/biking home during the middle of the day, leaving school at 1.00pm. This change to their routine could cause problems with safety, so we will not be letting children leave unless they are with an adult or with express permission from families. On the day teachers will put a smiley face stamp on the hand of each child who has permission to walk/scooter/bike home at 1.00pm. At exit points there will be teachers who will check if each child has a smiley face stamp on their hand to make sure they have permission to go home. Students who do not have this permission will remain at school and parents will be contacted.

#### **Please let your child's teacher know that either:**

- Your child is enrolled at After School Care
- Your child will be walking, scooting or biking home with your permission
- Your child will be picked up at 1.00pm
- You have been unable to find friends or family to collect your child

I want to thank our school community in advance for their support with picking up children to help us support the Staff in their Paid Union meetings.

Ngā mihi nui,

*James Murray*  
Principal

## X-CHALLENGE - TUESDAY 19TH AUGUST, 2025

### X-Challenge Race from 9:10am - 2:50pm

The X-Challenge is a fun obstacle course that will be set out on the back field. Children are encouraged to complete the course as many times as they can in their team time slot.

Obstacles will include a climbing wall, cargo net, hill roll, tyre run, plank walk, hula hooping, skipping and many other activities.

Children are able to wear their school House colours (see below) on the day but please be aware they are likely to get wet and dirty, so old clothes would be best. **Some warm, dry clothes to change into would be a good idea for after their turn on the course.**

Parents are warmly welcome to come and watch from the right hand side of the hill. We have booked a coffee cart for those of you who would like a hot drink while watching the fun. This will be sited at the pool end of the car park. It will be fantastic to see our families in school cheering the children on. We look forward to seeing you there.

### X-Challenge Timetable:

9:10 - 9:30 House Chants in the Galaxy Courts

9:35am - 10:00am **Milky Way Team**

**Note: Postponement day - Thursday 21st August**

10:05am - 10:30am **Marama Team**

10:40 - 11:00 am **Matawhero**

### BREAK

11:55am - 12:20pm **Earth**

12:25pm - 12:50pm **Rā and Room 45**

### LUNCH

2:00pm - 2:25pm **Neptune**

2:30 pm - 2:50 pm **Orion**



## TE TOTARA HOUSE COLOURS

There are four houses, all named in line with our STARS theme and space expeditions:

HOUSE NAME:	COLOUR:
Apollo	<b>Yellow</b>
Challenger	<b>Blue</b>
Discovery	<b>Green</b>
Mercury	<b>Red</b>

- Children are placed in houses when they start at Te Totara Primary School. New students with family members already at school will be placed in the same house.
- We will be able to use the houses for different school events and happenings e.g. Athletics and Cross Country.
- Houses will provide our children with leadership responsibilities and provide good-natured competition.
- There are colours for each house.
- There will be a Lead Teacher looking after each house.
- Students will be meeting in house groups before the event e.g. School Cross Country.
- Children are encouraged to wear an item of a colour associated with their school house.

## PHOTOLIFE CLASS & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

**Monday 25th August & Wednesday 27th August, 2025**

**– Class, Individual & Sibling Photos**

**Note: Tuesday 2nd September, 2025 – Groups & Cluster Sports**

**PhotoLife**

Students will need to look their best, so please ensure that **ONLY** our correct school uniform is worn and that it is in a clean and tidy condition (black school shorts/skort, red polo shirt and red polar fleece).

Soon after Photo Day your son or daughter will bring home an online slip with their unique Shoot Key detailed on it. When you log-in your personalised Shoot Key number will display all the photographs

of your child including an individual photo (and sibling photo if you have ordered one). It is then an easy process for you to shop online and purchase the photographs you want. If you place your order within three weeks of receiving your Shoot Key you will receive free delivery of your order to the school. If you order after the 3-week free delivery period, a postage & handling fee per order will apply and orders will be sent to your home.

## **PHOTOLIFE SIBLINGS PHOTOS (YOU MUST PRE-ORDER)**

**Monday 25th August & Wednesday 27th August, 2025**

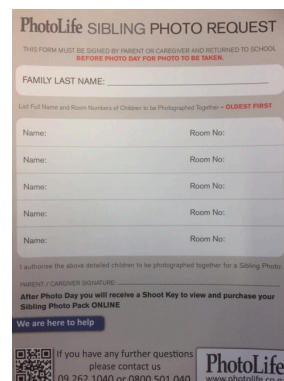
**in the Matariki Hall between 8.15am - 9.00am**

Photos involving **pre-schoolers/older siblings NOT at our school** will be taken between 8.15am-9.00am on a **first-come-first-served** basis in the Matariki Hall on both days.

**PLEASE NOTE: Students who have their sibling at our school will have their Sibling Photo taken during class time.**

**Students must be wearing the correct school uniform.**

If you wish to have a sibling photograph, please collect a **"Sibling Photo Request Form"** from the School Office and **return it BEFORE** Photo Day to the School Office. Sibling Photos can be ordered online and will be delivered to the school along with the Class and Individual photos at a later date.

A screenshot of a 'PhotoLife SIBLING PHOTO REQUEST' form. The form includes fields for 'FAMILY LAST NAME', 'List Full Name and Room Numbers of Children to be Photographed Together - OLDEST FIRST', and a table with columns for 'Name' and 'Room No.' for up to five children. It also has a section for 'PARENT / CARER SIGNATURE', a QR code, and contact information for PhotoLife.

**A Sibling Photo Order Form will be sent home today with the Oldest Child in each family. Extra copies are available from the School Office.**

## **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](http://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 today, Thursday 14th August, 2025.**



## **SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES - MATARIKI HALL**

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

**Fri 15 Aug** Matahwero, Earth & Milky Way Pods - **Milky Way 19 is sharing**

**Fri 22 Aug** Orion & Ra Pods - **Ra 33 is sharing**



**NO COINS/CASH  
ACCEPTED, PLEASE  
DONATE THROUGH  
KINDO ONLY.**

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**The 1 in 3  
could be me**

Thanks to your donations on Daffodil Day and beyond, the Cancer Society can be there for any person with any cancer; whether it's you, me, or someone you love.

Give to Daffodil Day today

 **Cancer Society**  
**Daffodil Day**  
Te Rā Daffodil



WE ARE PROUDLY  
SUPPORTING

# Daffodil Day

FRIDAY 29TH OF AUGUST

**WEAR SOMETHING  
YELLOW TO SCHOOL**

Students are encouraged to come to school in **yellow** and bring a gold coin donation. Or, families have the opportunity to make a donation on Kindo of \$2, \$5, \$10 or \$20.

All money goes to  
The Cancer Society

## **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.

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**Available to pay/register via KINDO now:**

- **Fairfield Cluster Cross Country - Selected Students ONLY**
  - Cut off date: Wednesday 20th August, 2025 @ 3.00am
- **Touch Rugby Term 4 - Years 1&2 (\$26.00) and Years 3-6 (\$35.00)  
Hamilton North Module @ Discovery Park, Flagstaff**
  - Cut off date: Thursday 4th September, 2025 @ 3.00am
- **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

**NOTE: \*\* NO CASH/COINS ACCEPTED AT SCHOOL \*\*  
PAYMENT THROUGH KINDO ONLY**
- **2025 Yearbook - \$25.00 per book**
- **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.**



## Art Exhibition

You are invited to Te Totara's 2025 Art Exhibition.

Our theme for 2025 is **Literature**. Each class has selected a book and has made art based on the chosen book.

Our 2025 Art Exhibition will take place in your child's pod on the following afternoons:

- **Wednesday 10th September 3:15pm - 6:00pm**
- **Thursday 11th September 3:15pm - 6:00pm**

*You are welcome to pop in anytime between these hours.*

Each class will have a description of their process alongside the display for you to see how the art work was made. Your child would love it if you could attend and look at their art work as they have spent a lot of time working on it. Afterwards you are welcome to go into different pods and view other exhibitions. Hope to see you there!



TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL INVITES ALL WHĀNAU AND FREINDS TO ...

TE PAE

# TE PŌ TOI

THE NIGHT OF ARTS  
6 - 7PM **WEDNESDAY**  
**10TH**  
**SEPTEMBER**  
IN THE MATARIKI HALL

FEATURING :  
KAPAHAKA  
TOPA  
UKULELE RŌPŪ

See Chantelle Lindsey Room 12 for any questions. [Chantellel@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:Chantellel@tetotara.school.nz)

## TE PO TOI

Come and watch Te Totara's talented Kapa Haka, Topa and Ukulele Rōpū on the 10th of September at 6pm in the Matariki Hall.

*Te Pō Toi takes place straight after the school art exhibition, so check out the art first, then head over to enjoy our performance.*

*All whānau and friends are invited.*

## 2025 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS TIMELINE:

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



**NOTE:** If you are an eligible voter and the school has your email address on file, you will receive "Voting Form" from Schooled on Wednesday 13th August. **\*\* PLEASE CHECK ALL YOUR MAIL... INCLUDING YOUR SPAM & PROMOTIONS INBOX \*\***

Voting Forms will be sent via post for those we don't have email addresses for. You can scan the unique QR Code on the form and vote online, or you can tick the boxes on the Voting Form and return the Voting Form to the school Office in the envelope supplied.

## 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 30 June, 2025

This term, we are reviewing the Health, Safety and 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:

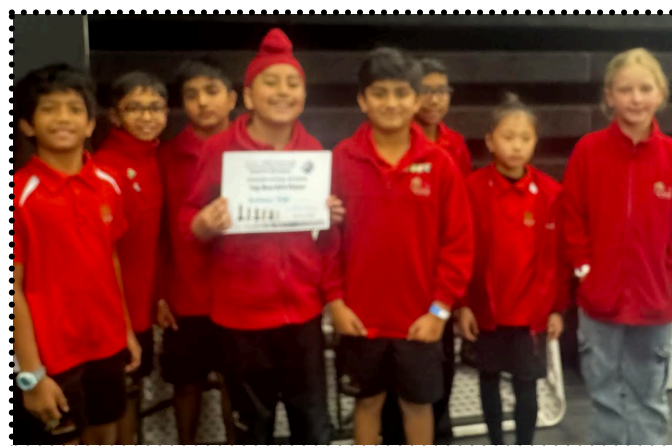
- Child Protection (Board review)
- Abuse Recognition & Reporting (Board review)
- Food & Nutrition
- Safety Checking (Board review)
- Police Vetting
- Missing Student Procedure

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

## INTERSCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT

Te Totara Primary School entered a team in the Interschool Chess Tournament at Berkley Intermediate on 11 August. **Brahmvir Singh** won all 5 rounds and was awarded the Top Board #4 player from the Waikato Region.

Well done to Brahmvir and all our Te Totara stars who competed in this tournament!



**Don't wait to order your child's copy of your copy of the school yearbook.**

**These are days that your child will want to remember forever.**

**2025 Yearbook - A year of great memories. Order your today.**

Orders close on Friday 24th October, 2025

**ORDER NOW ON KINDO! \$25**

## 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)

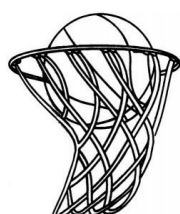
### Hockey



Lions	2/8 Ricardt Blanche
	9/8 Evie Bourne
Green Sticks	2/8 Pavit Sidhu
	9/8 Ian Bahl
Red Sticks	2/8 Avar Sudan
	9/8 Rueben Henderson
Strikers	25/6 Brahmvir Singh
	2/7 Isla Gibson
	24/7 Libby Clark
	2/8 Harshitha Donthi



### Netball



Comets	5/8 Saisha Bhatia
	12/8 Kashvi Arora & Heidi Jackson
Future Ferns	29/7 Leisa Shah
	5/5 Brianna Ballebar
Invaders	5/8 Emmabella de Beer
	12/8 Kiana Katipo and Emily Mercer



# TE TOTARA PRIMARY SCHOOL 2025 YEARBOOK ADVERTISING



*Would you like to support a school in your community?*

*Would you like to advertise directly to the people that live in Rototuna?*



Te Totara Primary School is now 15 years old and has a roll of 721 children and 557 families. It is located on Hector Drive, off Borman Road Rototuna.

Every year we create a full-colour Yearbook, to capture forever the fun and learning at our school. We would love to include your local business in this year's publication.

Our parents tell us that the Yearbook is often left on their coffee table for a good part of the year with other family members and friends pouring over it.

We want to make our Yearbook available to our community at an accessible price. Due to production cost increases, we depend on our local business support to make this happen. We also like to encourage our parent community to support your partnership with us so the advertising costs listed below include four weeks of promotion in our weekly school newsletter.



## ADVERTISING RATES

Back cover	\$1200
Inside front cover (whole page)	\$1000
Inside front cover (half page)	\$600
Whole page	\$800
Half page	\$500
Quarter page	\$250
Business Card size	\$100

**FULL PAGE**  
210mm w  
x 297mm h

**HALF PAGE**  
190mm w  
x 133.5mm h

**QUARTER PAGE**  
90mm w  
x 138mm h

**BUSINESS CARD**  
90mm w  
x 55mm h

**TO SUPPORT TE TOTARA SCHOOL, please contact  
Julia - [juliam@tetotara.school.nz](mailto:juliam@tetotara.school.nz)**



# DATES COMING UP

Thurs 14 Aug	Learning Plan Interviews - <b>SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2.00pm</b>
Tues 19 Aug	X-Challenge - Whole school.
Thurs 21 Aug	X-Challenge Postponement Date
Mon 25 Aug	Photolife Class & Individual Photos
Tues 26 Aug	Fairfield Cluster Cross Country (Years 4-6 placegetters)
Wed 27 Aug	Photolife Class & Individual Photos
Thurs 28 Aug	Fairfield Cluster Cross Country Postponement Date
Fri 29 Aug	<b>Daffodil Day - Wear Something Yellow</b>
Tues 2 Sept	Photolife Groups & Cultural Photos
Wed 10 Sept	School Art Exhibition 3:15pm - 6:00pm
Thurs 11 Sept	School Art Exhibition 3:15pm - 6:00pm
Fri 19 Sept	END OF TERM 3
Mon 6 Oct	TERM 4, BEGINS



## 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**)

# 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**



## Marist Suburbs Cricket Club

# Join Our Junior Cricket Programme

### Does your child love cricket or want to give it a try?

Marist Suburbs Cricket Club is recruiting for our Junior Cricket program. If your child is in Years 2-8, loves sports, or wants to give cricket a try, we've got the perfect opportunity for them.

#### Details:

**When:** Years 2-5, Softball, Friday nights, | Years 6-8, Hardball, Saturday Mornings

**Cost:** From \$45.00

**Who:** Boys and girls in Years 2-8



Contact us at  
[juniors@maristsuburbs.com](mailto:juniors@maristsuburbs.com)  
to sign up or for more information.

#### Junior Muster –

Join us at our upcoming Junior Muster: 4:30 PM on Friday, 15 August 2025 at Hamilton Marist Rugby Club.

It's the perfect chance to meet the team, ask questions, and give cricket a go. We look forward to seeing you there!