

# School Newsletter: April 5, 2023

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**Totara Grove  
School**

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## NEWSLETTER

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**Wednesday 5 April 2023**

**No. 5**

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Kia ora koutou, Namaste, Talofa Lava, Konnichiwa, Ni hao, Kia orana, Malo e lelei, Chao, Hallo, Zdravstvuite, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Salam, Suostei, Hola, Annoyong Haseyo, Caio, Nei ho, Suoday, Ni sa Bula, Kamusta, Xin chào, Gutentag, Bonjour

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of the term. Over the term, I have been most impressed with the resilience our students have shown. Despite our disruptive start to the year with cyclone Gabrielle and needing to close the school for several days, our students bounced back and have settled nicely into the routines of the school year. I would also like to thank our wonderful staff for all of the effort and hard work they put into making our kura such a special place. It is a real pleasure to work with like minded, professionals who have the students at the heart of what they do.

A reminder tomorrow will be the last day of the term and that students return to school on Wednesday 26 April after ANZAC day. School will close at 3pm tomorrow as normal. Monday 24 April is a staff only day and our teachers and kaiawhina will be doing some extra learning and work around planning and assessment.

Next term our Ngā Matapono focus value will be Ako – we are all learners and teachers, and the theme for the term will be centered around Te Ao o Ranginui – the sky above us and the world of our sky father. Teachers are already thinking and planning about learning opportunities around this theme for our students and if you have any suggestions or skills and experience in this area teachers would love to hear from you.

Have a wonderful holiday break everyone.

Mauri Ora!

Sharon  
Principal Tumuaki

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**TUPU TAHI – GROWING TOGETHER. STANDING STRONG. REACHING HIGH.**

**Caught Being Good**

*Winners of duffy books for the previous two weeks were:*



Rm 1: Journie, Teina

Rm 2: Neveah, Te Hira

Rm 3: Keison, Leighton

Rm 4: Ewan, Raksmeyudom

Rm 5: Jessica, Layden

Rm 7: Tarzan, Bruno

Rm 9: Te Ohonga

Rm 10: Winiata, Dylan

Rm 11: Zhavana, Taiatea

Rm 12: Hemi

Rm 13: Connor, TJ

Rm 14: Kingston, Pearl

### **Ngā Mātāpono Awards**

Rm 1: Griffin, Pertrice, Rylee, Jordan

Rm 2: Jaybe, Shyloh, Ayla, Nikau

Rm 3: Laya, Kamera, Indi, Umar

Rm 4: Kaitiaki, Te-Koha-A-Rangi, Vinny, TJ

Rm 5: Willow, Edna, Alexious, Nathias

Rm 7: Tehimana, Phoenix, Ryleigh

Rm 9: Kylie, Beau

Rm 10: Archer, Tynneal, Simeon, Tizaeya

Rm 11: Taiatea, Nikkii, Rawhiti

Rm 12: Skyla, Payton, Anabelle, Murphy

Rm 13: Kace, Bosba, Grace, Axl, Maddison, Lucious

Rm 14: Shannon, Samuel, Willow, Hati

### **| Free school lunch programme**

Menus and detailed information are published on the *lunch by libelle* website:  
[www.lunchbylibelle.co.nz/current-menu.html](http://www.lunchbylibelle.co.nz/current-menu.html) ([click here](#)).

*This week's lunch menu:*

LUNCH BY LIBELLE™ TOTARA WEEK	
Autumn 2023	03/04/23 - 07/04/23
Standard Menu	
<b>MAC N CHEESE</b> Pasta with cheddar sauce & mixed veggie sauce	<b>MONDAY</b>
<b>PIZZA</b> Hawaiian pizza with pepperoni, corned chicken and BBQ sauce. Served with a side of salad.	<b>TUESDAY</b>
<b>CURRY &amp; RICE</b> Curry sauce with chicken & veggie, served with rice.	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
<b>CHEESE BURGER</b> Burger with beef/pork, cheese, salad & sauce, served with a pineapple crisp apple.	<b>THURSDAY</b>
<b>GOOD FRIDAY!</b> Happy Easter and enjoy your holidays...	<b>FRIDAY</b>
Halal Menu	
<b>MAC N CHEESE</b> Pasta with cheddar sauce with cheese and mixed veggie	<b>MON</b>
<b>PIZZA</b> Hawaiian pizza with pepperoni, corned chicken and BBQ sauce. Served with a side of salad.	<b>TUE</b>
<b>CURRY &amp; RICE</b> Curry sauce with chicken & veggie, served with rice.	<b>WED</b>
<b>VEGGIE BURGER</b> Hawaiian burger with cheese, salad & sauce, served with a pineapple crisp apple.	<b>THU</b>
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Happy Easter and enjoy your holidays...	<b>FRI</b>
TURN OVER FOR THE REST OF OUR DIETARY ALTERNATIVES	
<a href="http://www.lunchbylibelle.co.nz">www.lunchbylibelle.co.nz</a> <a href="mailto:lunchbylibelle@libelle.co.nz">lunchbylibelle@libelle.co.nz</a> <a href="https://facebook.com/lunchbylibelle">facebook.com/lunchbylibelle</a>	

Vegetarian		Gluten Friendly	
<b>MAC N CHEESE</b> Pasta with cheddar sauce with cheese and mixed veggie	<b>MON</b>	<b>MAC N CHEESE</b> Pasta with cheddar sauce & mixed veggie sauce	<b>MON</b>
<b>PIZZA</b> Hawaiian pizza with pepperoni, corned chicken and BBQ sauce. Served with a side of salad.	<b>TUE</b>	<b>PIZZA</b> Hawaiian pizza with pepperoni, corned chicken and BBQ sauce. Served with a side of salad.	<b>TUE</b>
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Vegan Friendly		Dairy Friendly	
<b>PASTA BOLOGNESE</b> Pasta with beef & tomato veggie sauce, topped with veggie cheese.	<b>MON</b>	<b>PASTA BOLOGNESE</b> Pasta with beef & tomato veggie sauce	<b>MON</b>
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<b>GOOD FRIDAY!</b> Happy Easter and enjoy your holidays...	<b>FRI</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY!</b> Happy Easter and enjoy your holidays...	<b>FRI</b>
Please note: All allergen information is provided in the allergen information sheet. If you have any allergies, please refer to the allergen information sheet for more details.			

## Term 1 and Term 2 start and finish dates

School will finish this term on **Thursday 6 April** at 3pm due to the Easter Holidays.

School will then reopen **Wednesday 26 April** due to a staff only day on Monday 24th and then ANZAC day on Tuesday 25 April.

## School Board

The date of the next Board of Trustees meeting is tonight, Wednesday 5th April, 6pm

## Netball

Kia ora koutou, netball teams are now finalised. Coaches have been given contact details of players and will be in touch with whānau soon. Thank you to whānau who have already made payments for fees. Uniforms will be handed out next term.

### **School hours and morning drop off**

We are noticing that some children are getting dropped off at school far too early. It is not safe for children to be here unsupervised. School starts at 9am and teachers are in their classrooms from 8.30am which is when children may be in their classroom. However, we do offer supervision and a Breakfast Club at 8am outside our staffroom and this is where children can be supervised safely but only from 8am. Please do not drop children off to school before 8am, it is not safe for them to be here before that time and the school cannot take responsibility for them before this time.

### **Football in schools**



For the last week of term 1 we had Northland Football Club delivering their football in schools programme. They took each class for approximately 40 minutes. The classes went through warm ups, skills drills and then fun games.

Thanks to Deon, Pranav, Waseem and Caleb.

### **Cricket Festival**

On Thursday March 30th TGS took part in a cricket festival hosted by Northland Cricket. The festival was held at Kensington Park. The focus for the day was fun and participation. There was a great feeling of manakitanga on the day with everyone cheering for everyone. There were five schools invited and our team played each school.

The games were kept simple and quick so the tamariki didn't have to wait long for their turn to bat. When our kids got hold of the bat they sent the ball flying. It has been great watching our kids develop their skills at school and then enjoying a day out playing.

TGS team: Skyla R12, Bella-Marie R9, Te Mauri R11, Nivaeya R10, Ryan R10 and Norton-Reks, R10.

Thanks to the whanau who came to watch. It makes it extra special for them.

Thanks to Rob and his team from Northland Cricket.





### **Scholastic Book club**

We have been informed of a shipping delay for the current scholastic book club order (issue #2, 2023). They will most likely arrive at school at the beginning of term 2.

<https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/>

### **Policy update**

Please refer to our school docs site: [LINK](#) for the recent policy update on physical restraint in schools. This can be found by searching 'physical restraint'. The password and username for our school docs site is totaragrove.

### **Enrolment day**

The school office will be open for new enrolments during the school holidays on *Friday 21st April from 10am – 1pm*. Drop in only, no appointments needed on this day.

Please note that we are only able to accept in zone enrolments this year. You can check to see if you live within our home zone here: [www.totaragrove.school.nz/enrolments/](http://www.totaragrove.school.nz/enrolments/)

You will need to bring the following documents for each child you wish to enrol:



- \*Birth certificate/passport
- \*Proof of address
- \*Immunisation certificate/records

## Te Manawa Tahī Timetable

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour, TeManawa Tahī have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them.

This is a free service and each site will be identified by a Te Manawa Tahī flag. Drop into a hub or make an appointment by phoning 0800 5248 4256 or emailing [TT.Support@education.govt.nz](mailto:TT.Support@education.govt.nz).



The poster is divided into several sections. At the top left, there are two images: a waterfall and a bridge over water. Below these images, the text reads: 'What are your concerns? Are you worried about your tamariki's development? And the way they learn, write, behave? Or your tamariki have difficulty learning, hearing or seeing? Any number of these concerns can affect a child's learning.' To the right of this, the text reads: 'Ko te Tamaiti te Pūtake o te Kaupapa The Child - the Heart of the Matter'. Further right, under the heading 'About us', it says: 'What is happening? Te Manawa Tahī is a learning support hub where you can come in and talk to education professionals about your child's learning needs. This is a free service. Who are we? Learning Support (formerly Special Education) and the Māori service (Kōwhiriwhiri) have teamed up with teachers, teachers learning and behaviour have teamed up with others to help, support, help and support to provide the best possible support for your tamariki and their learning needs. 'Whā te āka me te tamaiti' It takes a village to raise a child! How can you find us? The Te Manawa Tahī flag will identify each Te Manawa Tahī site. Our timetable with dates and times is posted on our Facebook page. You can come into the hub without an appointment or you can call 0800 5248 4256 to make one. Your school/kōwhiriwhiri/childhood service can also make an appointment for you.

At the bottom left, the text reads: 'Te piki o te ora, tērā te tupu o te rākau With improved wellbeing, the tree will grow'. In the center bottom, under 'Contact us', it lists: 'Phone 0800 5248 4256 Email: [TT.Support@education.govt.nz](mailto:TT.Support@education.govt.nz) Facebook: Te Manawa Tahī Whangarei'. There are logos for the Department of Education and the Ministry of Education. On the bottom right, it says 'Te Manawa Tahī o Whangarei Supporting your child's learning' with a stylized logo.

## Upcoming School Events

- 5th April – School Board meeting, 6pm
- 21st April – Enrolment day
- 24th April – Teacher only day
- 27th April – Term 2 Powhiri for all new families, 10am



17th August – School photos

15-17th Nov – Year 6 camp

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## School Term Dates 2023

<b>Term 1</b>	<b>1st Feb – 6th April</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>24th April – 30th June</b> <i>TOD: 24th April</i> <i>ANZAC day: 25th April</i>
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>17th July – 22nd Sep</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>9th October – 14th December</b>

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## Community Notices



**playground  
playgroup tour**

Bringing the community together  
ALL Whānau and their tamariki  
welcome.  
Children Play – Adults Chat

**Every  
Wednesday**  
during school terms  
**3pm - 4pm**

Ongoing each week (weather permitting)

- 22.2.23 - Paramount Parade – Play on the Way & BBQ
- 1.3.23 - Potter Park – Football or Touch & BBQ
- 8.3.23 - Korau Road – Cricket & BBQ
- 15.3.23 - Otangarei – Bball & BBQ
- 22.3.23 - Paramount Parade – Play on the Way & BBQ
- 29.3.23 - Potter Park – Football or Touch & BBQ
- 5.4.23 - Korau Road - Cricket and BBQ

**NO DROPS OFFS**  
all Whānau responsible for their own  
children at all times

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Logos: NZQA, Creative NZ, Arts on Tour, etc.

**MARIST RUGBY**  
 PARK AVENUE, KENSINGTON

**Saturday Rugby Register NOW!!**

Time to start registering for the upcoming rugby season.  
 We can take players in all grades from Under 5's to Under 11's.  
 Boys and Girls welcome. New and returning players welcome.

Registration Days: 19th Feb & 19th March 8am to 2pm. All new players will need to attend one of these days, bringing along a birth certificate.  
 Link to register: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/newform/2023/>

Any questions: Contact Shelley on 027 228 7987  
 or email: [maristrugbywhangarei@gmail.com](mailto:maristrugbywhangarei@gmail.com)  
 Website: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/maristrugbywhangarei/home>

**THREE LITTLE BIRDS CUP**  
 Women's Rugby Tournament

**Girls Tournament**

Location: Northland Clubrooms at Pohe Island, Riverside Drive.  
 When: Saturday 1st April  
 Grades: We will be entering Under 7 & Under 10 Rippa teams & hopefully an Under 13 tackle team.  
 Registration: Please text or email me if you would like to join a team.

Let's have a Conversation about Money

## MONEYmates

SHARE knowledge  
EXPLORE your choices!

**Tuesdays 10am - 11.30am**

2023:

- 28th Feb & 7th Mar** From seeds to table: Basic gardening skills utilising recyclable materials
- 28th Mar & 4th Apr** Tracking where your money goes: Reviewing your spending
- 2nd May** Getting out of debt / Begin a savings plan
- 30th May** Reviewing the need for insurance
- 20th Jun** Afterpay / Scams / Online safety

Anglican Care Centre  
 100 Rie, Raglan, Whangarei  
 Ph: 09 437 8287  
 Email: [angcare@angcare.org.nz](mailto:angcare@angcare.org.nz)



Life Education Trust Whangarei presents:

## Parents Cyber Safety Evening

With Rob Cope - Author, Parent & Filmmaker of the 2020 documentary: 'Our Kids Online'

- Understand the harms our kids are facing online in relation to cyber bullying, predators, pornography, gaming, social media and the 24/7 switched on effect on the developing brain.
- Learn practical solutions to keep your children safer online.
- Get advice on healthy ways to approach these tricky topics.
- Learn what to do when your child has been exposed to something harmful.

Watch the promotional video here - [Our Kids Online Parent Evening](#).

KAMO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY 2023 | 6:30PM - 8:30PM  
10 HAU LIES ROAD, KAMO, WHANGAREI  
PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS HERE: <https://www.ticketcity.co.nz/whangarei-our-kids-online>

To find out more about Rob's work  
visit [www.ourkidsonline.info](http://www.ourkidsonline.info)



## Win a snorkelling trip to the Poor Knights!

### Celebrate connecting with our seas! Toi Moana - Toi Tangata

Students aged between 10 and 18  
From the Whangarei District

**Criteria**

- Never been to the Poor Knights before
- Interest/passion for the marine environment
- Active participant in your community

Send supporting photos or references to support nomination - e.g. picture of student helping with a community event

**Terms and conditions:** You must arrange time off school, your own lunch and transport to and from Tuhakia. Students and 1 accompanying parent/guardian will travel aboard the Blue Tuhakia boat Perfect Day for free. You will need to be at Tuhakia marine by 6pm.

Please note that this competition trip is offered as this date only. This subject to getting enough nominations

Trip to take place on the **28th April 2023**  
Nominations should be from a **hapu/toi leader, teacher, parent or self.**  
Send email nomination, along with mobile contact number and email of the nominator to [info@toi.org.nz](mailto:info@toi.org.nz) by the 4th April 2023



## EAT YUMMY APPLES FOR NEW SPORTS GEAR FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

Collect the stickers from Yummy Apples and cut-outs from 1.5kg bags of Yummy Apples for your school's share of sports gear worth

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Tuesday 11th - Friday 14th April  
for kids aged 6+ 16 years

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2023.

 

