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**Totara Grove
School**

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 10 May 2023

No. 7

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 hou, Suoday, Ni sa Bula, Kamusta, Xin chào, Gutentag, Bonjour

Over the last couple of years, the Ministry of Education has been working towards refreshing the New Zealand curriculum for all schools in Aotearoa.

In our upcoming newsletters I will update you all with some of the developments of our refreshed curriculum.

The refreshed curriculum framework 'Te Mātaiaho' begins with a karakia, as it signals the intent of the proposed refresh. 'Mātai' means to study deliberately, examine, and observe, and 'aho' describes the many strands and threads of learning. Te Mātaiaho is designed to be a curriculum that gives effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and is inclusive, clear, and easy to use.

<i>Mātai aho tāhūnui,</i>	<i>Lay the kaupapa down</i>
<i>Mātai aho tāhūroa,</i>	<i>And sustain it,</i>
<i>Hei takapau wānanga</i>	<i>The learning here</i>
<i>E hora nei.</i>	<i>Laid out before us.</i>

Part of this refresh has also included the establishment of the Aotearoa New Zealand Histories curriculum. Thank you to everyone who completed our survey and shared their ideas with us last term about what is important when it comes to teaching our tamariki about our country's history. This has given us excellent insight into what you would like us to teach in this space and we are developing our planning and teaching from your input.

On Friday 19 May, next week, our kura will be participating in the nationwide Pink Shirt Day to support bullying prevention. As a KiVa school, we are working together to reduce bullying, to prevent new bullying cases from emerging, and to minimise negative effects caused by bullying. I would like to thank our teachers, students and KiVa team for all the hard work and effort they are putting into this kaupapa.

Mauri Ora Whānau!

Sharon

Principal Tumuaki

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

Caught Being Good

Winners of duffy books for the previous two weeks were:



Rm 2: Micah, Anaya

Rm 3: Learrah

Rm 5: Haimona

Rm 7: Phoenix, James

Rm 8: Dre, Hemi

Rm 9: Cooper, Te Ararina

Rm 10: Norton-Reks

Rm 11: Anahera

Rm 12: Preston

Rm 13: Kajahrn, Izealia

Rm 14: Rob Marley

Ngā Mātāpono Awards

Rm 2: Amaia-Rose, Po Ariki

Rm 3: Leighton, Gabriella, Laya

Rm 5: Arli, Tukaha

Rm 7: Ava, Pene, Riya, Ria

Rm 8: Tyson, Ava, Naima, Amanii

Rm 9: Kaden, Ngawiki, Syria, Kylie

Rm 10: Liam, Yalaena

Rm 11: Jordin, Lissette, Rawhiti, Dimarni

Rm 12: Peter, Murphy, Spencer

Rm 13: Connor, Eruera, Bosba, Zhanica, Kason, Kace

Free school lunch programme

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

This fortnight's lunch menu:





Seesaw

We are pleased to announce that our kura will be using Seesaw to share your child's learning journey with you. The Seesaw App gives students the ability to record their learning in many formats (photo, video, voice etc) and share it with their parents, caregivers and extended family in real time – sometimes even as the learning is occurring. Essentially Seesaw is student-driven digital portfolios. Your child/ren's work is kept private and is only viewed by you and their class/teacher.

Every student is now set up on Seesaw and Totara Grove School will be using the Seesaw app for our school reports so that we can better capture the work and levels attained and displayed by your tamariki as they progress through their learning journey.

Seesaw requires an invite from your child's teacher in order to sign up. These will be sent out over the next week. If you do not have an invite QR code or link, contact your child's teacher.

View the seesaw brief video to learn how to log in, connect to your child's journal, engage with their learning, and message with their teacher.

<https://youtu.be/8zgvEpJESj4>



Scholastic book club

Any orders for the current scholastic book club brochure (issue #3, 2023) need to be in by *Friday, 12th May*. If making a cash order, please return the order form to the school office with the child's name, room number, selected books and the correct money owing. Orders past this date can still be made directly online as long as they are within scholastic's final closing date, however they won't be delivered through the school and postage costs will be added to your order.

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

School Board

The date of the next Board of Trustees meeting is next Wednesday 17th May, 6pm

Library winners

Congratulations to the two students who won our recent library competition.

Junior winner: Hemi

Senior winner: Taiatea



TGS Sport update

Kia ora school whanau,

We have a busy term with sport. We have kicked off with Matua John from Touch NZ.

Has has taken coaching sessions with our senior girls and boys. The tamariki really enjoy his coaching style and he always has positive feedback about our kids behaviour.



John will be hosting a Turbo Touch Festival at Whau Valley School later this term.

In other sports news Mrs. Jensen has been teaching her class skills through T Ball. This is a great game for learning to strategize and work cooperatively. Well done Room 12 !



In addition to class PE time the Tuakana syndicate will be starting their weekly sports rotation on Fridays. Let's hope we get some fine weather for our tamariki.

The Teina team are about to start their PE skills rotation. They will be focusing on large ball sports associated with the season.

Kapai Totara Grove, keeping a balanced programme for our tamariki.

Pink Shirt Day



Totara Grove School is participating in Pink Shirt Day on Friday 19 May 2023, and we are encouraging our staff and students to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

Bullying in Aotearoa is a real problem. We have the third-highest rate of school bullying out of 36 OECD countries and one in five workers feels discriminated against or bullied at work. Those bullied are far more likely to experience mental health issues.

Pink Shirt Day works to reduce bullying by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting schools, workplaces and communities to be safe, supportive, welcoming and inclusive for everyone.

To acknowledge this important kaupapa, on Friday 19th May we invite our tamariki to dress in pink. There will be spot prizes for those dressed in pink and during break times pink shirt day activities will be available for those who wish to participate in them. Classroom teachers will provide tamariki with more information around this.

During both our teina (junior) and tuakana (senior) syndicate hui, we will share the official Pink Shirt Day waiata with our tamariki.

For more information about Pink Shirt Day visit: <https://pinkshirtday.org.nz/>

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.



The graphic is a vertical rectangle divided into three main sections. The top section features two landscape photographs: a waterfall on the left and a bridge over water on the right. The middle section has a dark blue background with white text. The bottom section has a light green background with white text. The text in the middle section includes 'About us', 'What is happening?', 'Who are we?', 'What is the purpose of providing support for your tamariki and their learning needs?', 'It takes a village to raise a child!', and 'How can you find us?'. The text in the bottom section includes 'What are your concerns?', 'Are you worried about your tamariki's development?', 'Ko te Tamaiti te Pūtake o te Kaupapa', and 'The Child - the Heart of the Matter'.

About us

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 (Resource Teachers Learning and Behaviour) have teamed up with schools/whānau, early childhood, local and community providers to work together with the sole purpose of providing support for your tamariki and their learning needs.

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/whānau and local service can also make an appointment for you.

What are your concerns?
Are you worried about your tamariki's development, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour? Do you have any concerns about your tamariki's learning progress? Any number of these concerns can affect a child's learning.

Ko te Tamaiti te Pūtake o te Kaupapa
The Child - the Heart of the Matter



**Te Manawa Tahī
Community Timetable
WHANGĀREI**

All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated*

Date	Hub Locations	Term 2 2023, Weeks 2 to 8
Thurs 27 April	Te Māta, Cox William Jones Drive & Rata Place, Ohangarei Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 3 May	Back 2 Basics Childcare, 179 Newton Road, Maungakopiri Brecon Bay Community Trust, 9 Takatā Place, Ruakōā	
Wed 10 May	Whangārei School, 2115 Russell Road, Hūrangi *Term – 10:30am	
Thurs 11 May	Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Road, Onerahi Tairātea Area School, Onerahi Road, Maungakopiri	
Wed 17 May	Avonlea Bull Hall, 11 Kawaka – Mangahua Road, Kawaka Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville	
Thurs 18 May	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo Mangakōia Community Room, 1480 Mangakōia Road	

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Wed 24 May	Te Ora Māta, 104 Corks Road, Takapunga	
Wed 31 May	Te Hāro School, 1239 Pipitea Road, Pipitea	
Thurs 1 June	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka Street, Morningside Brecon Bay Community Trust – Otoru – 11 Wilson, 9 Takatā Place, Ruakōā	
Wed 7 June	Children's LightHouse Playgroup, 25 George Street, Hūrangi	
Thurs 8 June	Back 2 Basics Childcare, 179 Newton Road, Maungakopiri Children's LightHouse Playgroup, 25 George Street, Hūrangi 10:30am - 12:00pm	
Wed 14 June	M J Fisher (Whānau Ambulance Hub) – Otoru – 11 Wilson, 172 Hamedal Street East, Maungakopiri	
Thurs 15 June	Te Māta, Cox William Jones Drive & Rata Place, Ohangarei	
Wed 21 June	Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville	
Thurs 22 June	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo Ngunguru School – Term – 10:30am, Te Māta Road, Ngunguru	

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Upcoming School Events

17th May – School board meeting

19th May – Pink shirt day

17th August – School photos

15-17th Nov – Year 6 camp

| School Term Dates 2023

Term 1	1st Feb – 6th April
Term 2	24th April – 30th June 5th June – Kings birthday
Term 3	17th July – 22nd Sep
Term 4	9th October – 14th December

| Community Notices

Join us at Totara Grove Playcentre

We are a FREE early childhood centre where you can come with your children to enjoy a great range of indoor and outdoor play-based learning activities as well as a community of friendly & supportive parents.

Feel free to drop in anytime we are open, email us with any questions or find us on Facebook for some photos of what our kids have been up to recently.

Opening Hours: Monday & Wednesday, 9am-12pm during school term time

Address: 38 Corks Road

Email: totaragrove@playcentre.org.nz

Playball @ Totara Grove School:

Playball is an international multi sport and movement programme

When: Fridays 3:10 – 3:50 (starting 28th April)

Who: 5-9 year olds (boys and girls)

Where: School turf outside the office

Cost: \$89 per child (9 week term) – FREE trial available – email dean@playball.co.nz

Register at www.playballkids.com/franchise/northland or email dean@playball.co.nz

We are Celebrating 10 years of Sistema Whangarei – Toi Akorangi with an incredible concert

It's Our Birthday! Sistema Whangarei – Toi Akorangi have been partnering with the Whangarei community for 10 years and we would LOVE for you to come and celebrate with us.

What: Over 150 young people from Sistema Whangarei – Toi Akorangi and their friends from Auckland and Dargaville are performing a celebration concert of epic proportions.

Where: The Exhibition Hall Forum North

When: May 21st at 2pm

On the 16th April 2013 a small team of teaching artists freely donated their time to teach 16 excited tamariki for Sistema Whangarei – Toi Akorangi's first holiday program. 40 holiday program's, 280 weeks of after school program, several workshops and over 100 performances later we have 8 string orchestras, a concert band, a jazz band, a full orchestra and musicianship classes for 8 groups. All of which is supported by the resources of instruments, music and dedicated teaching artists. We are a Sistema inspired program making a difference in our community.

In celebration of this strong foundation we would like to invite you to continue to partner with us in continuing to create joy in life through music. We thank you for your support and would like to offer you the opportunity to make a financial contribution. Together we can continue the legacy.

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/creating-joy-in-music-for-10-years-its>





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 2021 (4.30PM - 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



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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

\$200,000

* RUNS THROUGH TO END OF TERM 3

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The INCREDIBLE YEARS Parenting Programme



DO YOU NEED SUPPORT TO BE THE BEST PARENT YOU CAN BE?

See this free course!

The Incredible Years is a proven parenting programme that gives New Zealand families the confidence to succeed. It is for parents of children aged 3-8 years and involves weekly sessions for 14 weeks.

Over the weeks, parents develop strategies to build positive relationships with their children and manage unwanted behaviours like aggression, tantrums, swearing, yelling, hitting, screaming back and refusing to do as asked.

These behaviours cause enormous family stress and parents can feel alone and hopeless. However, positive and harmonious family life is possible.

Assessment will be completed before start date at Family Works Northern

The programme will support with Day-care and travel costs if needed.

The Incredible Years is a group programme where parents come together each week, talk through what has and has not worked, set goals and learn ways to achieve those goals during the following week.

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Time: 10.00 am - 1.00 pm
Thursday 18th May - 30th August 2021

(2 week break over the July school holidays)

At: Hope Church
Cnr of Otahua Avenue and
Kiripaka Road, Tikipunga

To book please call either: 09 4376729
or email: admin.whangarei@fwn.org.nz
Or Eileen Turner - 09 436 8009
eileen.turner@education.govt.nz





TERM 2 - Dates and Locations (weather permitting)

3 May - Taiare Street, Otangarei
 10 May - Potter Park, Tikipunga
 17 May - Korau Road, Tikipunga
 24 May - Taiare Street, Otangarei
 31 May - Potter Park, Tikipunga
 7 June - Korau Road, Tikipunga
 14 June - Taiare Street, Otangarei
 21 June - Potter Park, Tikipunga
 29 June - Korau Road, Tikipunga

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

Fruit & Water provided

Bringing the community together:

ALL Whānau and their tamariki welcome

NO DROPS OFFS - Your responsible for your own tamariki



SCAN QR CODE TO BE TAKEN DIRECTLY TO
 OUR PRIVATE FACEBOOK GROUP



FANTAILS PROGRAMME LAUNCHED

If you've got young girls looking to give football or futsal a go, Fantails is the programme for you.

Fantails is a brand new girls-only programme designed to attract new young female players to the beautiful game. Sessions aim to provide a safe and fun environment for girls to try football or futsal for the very first time, or for girls wishing to continue playing with their peers in a more social setting.

Fantails hubs are now rolling out all across Aotearoa New Zealand. Learn more about the Fantails programme and find a hub in your region now.

TERM 2 SIGN UPS ARE OPEN!

LEARN
PRACTICE,
PLAY

JOIN NOW





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Free Entry

EFTPOS

New and Used
records
+ \$12 bargains

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Records**

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Open from 10am to 4pm

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For more information contact Steve Mobile: 021 314 6506
Email: indigorecords@hotmail.com



FLIP-OUT FUN-RAISING!

Join WADPA for a flippin awesome
evening to raise funds for the team!

TICKETS \$20 PER PERSON

To book your ticket
Contact Tabitha - 027 240 6767

Only socks required - no sale at Flipout for \$2.50 if you don't have your own

FRIDAY 9th JUNE 2023

4.30 - 6 PM

TICKET ENTRY ONLY • AGE 10+ APPROX
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Spit, don't rinse after brushing
Tuwha, kaua e opeopea i muri i te taitaitanga

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Fluoride in toothpaste helps prevent tooth decay

Avoid eating or drinking after brushing teeth, Especially at night so the fluoride can keep working to protect and strengthen teeth.

Need a dental appointment for your child?
CALL 0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384)

Te Whatu Ora
Health Near You

Kōrero mai Kōrero Atū
MAURI TŪ. MAURI ORA
SPEAK UP. STAND TOGETHER. STOP BULLYING

FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023

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WE'VE PINK SMART BAIT. WE'VE PINK SMART BAIT. WE'VE PINK SMART BAIT.

Mental Health Foundation
Supporting mental health in New Zealand



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