


# School Newsletter: May 24, 2023

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School**

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## NEWSLETTER

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**Wednesday 24 May 2023**

**No. 8**

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

Last week, our kura had the privilege of Riripeti Totoro from the Ministry of Education, attend our teacher hui to share with us the whakapapa around Te Mātaiaho, the refreshed New Zealand curriculum. I look forward to sharing this whakapapa with you all in our newsletters. There are seven parts to this in total and the first two parts are Mātaurangi and Mātainuku.

Mātaurangi ~ The guiding kaupapa. Mātaurangi is the overarching kaupapa that expresses the centrality of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its principles and New Zealand's vision for education. *Mātai ki te rangi, homai te kauhau wānanga ki uta, ka whiti he ora. I look beyond the horizon, and draw near the bodies of knowledge that will take us into the future.*

Mātainuku ~ Creating a foundation. Mātainuku encompasses the purpose of the curriculum, and its principles and their associated calls to action. *Mātai ki te whenua, ka tiritiria, ka poupoua. Ground and nurture the learnings.*

I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful participation we had for Pink Shirt day. We really appreciated our school community's support and the Northern Advocate reporters remarked on what a wonderful atmosphere we had here. Thank you to Whaea Aimee and her team of helpers for all of the mahi done around organising this day. As a kura, we are passionate about preventing bullying and we are continuing to work alongside Tikipunga High School, Tikipunga Primary and Te Kura o Otangarei with our KiVa bullying prevention programme.

Have a wonderful wiki whānau.  
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: Ethan, Caprice

Rm 2: Ayla, Syhlas

Rm 3: Keison

Rm 5: Veil

Rm 7: Ida, Bruno

Rm 8: Kaylee. Jackson

Rm 9: Whole class award – CLASS BOOK

Rm 10: Liam, Connor, Te Iwa

Rm 11: Melaia, Jordan

Rm 12: Kauri

Rm 13: Maddison

Rm 14: Hartley, Pearl

### **Ngā Mātāpono Awards**

Rm 1: Mauri, Pertrice, Sheila, Rivaan

Rm 2: Nevaeh, Flynn, Lochy, Shylas, Nikau, Ellie

Rm 3: Dreyll, Indi, Learrah, Gabriella, Owen

Rm 4: Vinny, Martin

Rm 5: Patrick, Moana, Tukaha, Dawn

Rm 7: Tarzan, Amaiyah, Ava, Nathan

Rm 8: Harper, Jake, Bunny, Dre, Naima

Rm 9: Shivika, Jaxon

Rm 10: Char'Lee, Tynneal, Te Iwa, Ariska

Rm 11: Malaia, Lissette, Monika, Phu'o'ng

Rm 12: Precious, Boaz, Rita, Dean

Rm 13: Kajahrn, Bosba, Grace, Braxton

Rm 14: Dastan, Hartley, Sebastian

### **| 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 fortnight's lunch menu:*



## Seesaw

As mentioned in the last newsletter our kura is 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 are currently being sent out over this week. If you have not received 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>



## School Board

The date of the next Board of Trustees meeting is 21 June.

## Pink Shirt Day



Pink shirt day 2023 at Totara Grove was a great success! Thank you to our tamariki and whānau for showing your support, we truly appreciate it. A big mihi to Mrs Irene, our librarians and the senior students who did an exceptional job of running our pink shirt day activities during break times. On behalf of our staff, I would like thank Tumuaki Sharon for providing us with a 'pink' morning tea. A heart-felt thank you to Shannon Evans and her whānau for the delicious decorative pink cupcakes, they were absolutely divine!

Check out the NZ Herald article with Shannon, Hemi and Maddison looking fabulous:

[https://www.nzherald.co.nz/northern-advocate/news/whangarei-schools-promote-anti-bullying-by-donning-pink-attire/HRVRUDLQGVHYRDAH5GU7FMVSYA/?utm\\_medium=Social&utm\\_source=Facebook#Echobox=1684465465](https://www.nzherald.co.nz/northern-advocate/news/whangarei-schools-promote-anti-bullying-by-donning-pink-attire/HRVRUDLQGVHYRDAH5GU7FMVSYA/?utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook#Echobox=1684465465)

## 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 flyer is divided into two main sections. The top section has a light green background on the left and a dark blue background on the right. The bottom section has a dark blue background with a large image of green ferns on the left.

**What are your concerns?**

Are you worried about your tamariki at school/university, and the way they learn, socialise, behave? Do your tamariki have difficulty learning, learning at school, they struggle at home, concerns can affect a child's learning.

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

**About us**

**What is happening?**  
Te Manawa Tahī is a learning support hub where you can come to 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 RTLB service (Resource Teachers Learning and Behaviour) have teamed up with schools/universities, early childhood, and community providers to work together with the aim of providing support for your tamariki and their learning needs.

**Take us to school to learn!**  
To take a visit to see a child?

**How can you find us?**  
The Te Manawa Tahī flag will identify each Te Manawa Tahī site. Our tamariki with them and comes to school on our Facebook page. You can come in the hub without an appointment or you can call 0800 5248 4256 to make one. Your school/university/university/university can also make an appointment for you.

**Te piki o te ora, tērā te tupu o te rākau**  
With improved wellbeing, the tree will grow

**Te Manawa Tahī o Whangarei**  
Supporting your child's learning

**Contact us**  
Phone: 0800 5248 4256  
Email: [TT.Support@education.govt.nz](mailto:TT.Support@education.govt.nz)  
Facebook: Te Manawa Tahī Whangarei



**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 6
Thurs 27 April	Te Māta, Cnr William Jones Drive & Rata Place, Ohangarei	
	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 3 May	Back 2 Basics Childcare, 179 Heron Road, Mangakarewa	
	Broom Bay Community Trust, 1 Takatā Place, Ruakōko	
Wed 10 May	Whangarei School, 2516 Russell Road, Whangarei *Term – 10:30am	
	Orewhi Community House, 130 Orewhi Road, Orewhi	
Thurs 11 May	Taranaki Area School, Omara Road, Mangakarewa	
	Archers Bull Hall, 11 Karaka – Mangahua Road, Karaka	
Wed 17 May	Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville	
	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Thurs 18 May	Mangakuria Community Room, 1480 Mangakuria Road	

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Wed 24 May	Te Ora Māta, 1044 Curtis Road, Takapunga	
Wed 31 May	Te Hāroa School, 5219 Pipitea Road, Pipitea	
Thurs 1 June	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaiti Street, Mangakarewa	
	Broom Bay Community Trust - 10am - 11:30pm, 1 Takatā Place, Ruakōko	
Wed 7 June	Children's Eightface Playgroup, 25 George Street, Whangarei	
	Back 2 Basics Childcare, 179 Heron Road, Mangakarewa	
Thurs 8 June	Children's Eightface Playgroup, 25 George Street, Whangarei <b>NO 10:30am</b>	
Wed 14 June	St John's (Whangarei) Anglican School - 10am - 11:30am, 172 Heron Road, Mangakarewa	
Thurs 15 June	Te Māta, Cnr 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	
	Whangarei School - Term – 10:30am, Te Māta Road, Whangarei	

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## Upcoming School Events

21st June – School board meeting

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

## **| Community Notices**

*We are supporting Stats NZ to encourage everyone to complete the 2023 Census.*

*So, this is a reminder that you need to return your census forms if you have not done so already.*

*Census data is used to make important decisions that affect us all. The census is the official count of people living in Aotearoa New Zealand, and everyone who was in the country on Census Day, 7 March 2023, is required by law to complete a census form.*

*Your participation will help ensure that our community receives funding for services for the number of people that live in our community. That includes education, health, and social services.*

*To complete the census, you can do it online at [www.census.govt.nz](http://www.census.govt.nz) using one of the access codes provided in the letters sent to your household. Or you can fill out paper census forms if you have them. To request a new access code or paper forms, freephone 0800 236 787 (0800 CENSUS) or order online at [www.census.govt.nz](http://www.census.govt.nz).*

*The 2023 Census closes on 30 June, so you should do them online now or as soon as practicable. Ensure your paper forms are posted so they arrive with Stats NZ by 30 June.*

*Census collectors are no longer visiting households providing help to complete census forms (except in the cyclone-impacted areas of the Far North, Te Tairāwhiti, and Hawke's Bay). If you need assistance or more information:*

- *You can attend a census support event and get face-to-face help to complete forms (for more information go to [www.census.govt.nz/census-support](http://www.census.govt.nz/census-support)).*
- *We encourage you to help whānau, friends, and neighbours complete their forms.*
- *There is information in New Zealand Sign Language, Braille, Easy Read, Large Print, and Audio formats, as well as in 29 different languages at [www.census.govt.nz](http://www.census.govt.nz).*
- *The 0800 CENSUS (0800 236 787) helpline will be open until 30 June.*

*Thank you for your support in making sure our community is accurately represented in the census.*

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### **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](mailto:totaragrove@playcentre.org.nz)

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### **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](mailto:dean@playball.co.nz)

Register at [www.playballkids.com/franchise/northland](http://www.playballkids.com/franchise/northland) or email [dean@playball.co.nz](mailto:dean@playball.co.nz)

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Brush teeth with fluoride toothpaste for two minutes, twice a day  
Taitaia ōu niho ki te pēniho pūkōwhai mō te 2 miniti e rua ngā wā ia rā

TIPS TO KEEP YOU SMILING

**For children over 5 years,  
use a soft toothbrush  
with a pea sized  
drop of adult toothpaste**

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

**Te Whatu Ora**  
Health New Zealand

**BARFOOT & THOMPSON**

**GO AWAY-  
TO JUNE**

**YOUNG  
AUTHORS  
CHALLENGE**

**PRIZE POOL**

Category winners will each receive a \$500 cash prize and books valued at \$200

Three school winners will each receive a \$200 cash prize and books valued at \$200

**Calling all creative young writers!**  
 What would you do if you could change the world?  
 The Young Authors Challenge is a short story competition open to all primary, intermediate and secondary aged school children. Put words to paper and tell us what you would do if you could change the world and you can win some incredible prizes.  
 Send submissions to [youngauthorschallenge@barfoot.co.nz](mailto:youngauthorschallenge@barfoot.co.nz) with your name, age, school and the title of your story.  
 For more information visit [www.barfoot.co.nz/childrens](http://www.barfoot.co.nz/childrens) or [www.barfoot.co.nz/young-authors-challenge](http://www.barfoot.co.nz/young-authors-challenge)

Winners will be announced on Monday 30 July with a special presentation to be held at Term Four 2023.  
**School competition categories**  
 Primary up to 200 words, Intermediate up to 300 words, Secondary up to 750 words



#### TERM 2 - Dates and Locations (weather permitting)

3 May - Talare Street, Otangarei  
 10 May - Potter Park, Tikipunga  
 17 May - Korau Road, Tikipunga  
 24 May - Talare Street, Otangarei  
 31 May - Potter Park, Tikipunga  
 7 June - Korau Road, Tikipunga  
 14 June - Talare 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 hāmāki welcome.

NO DROPS OFFS - Your responsible for your own hāmāki



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**



**FLY 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

Grip socks required - on sale at Flyout for \$2.50 if you don't have your own

**FRIDAY 9th JUNE 2023**

**4.30 - 6 PM**

TICKET ENTRY ONLY • UP TO AGE 18 APPROX  
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**PARENTS NIGHT OFF**

**WADPA DISCO**

TIME TO PUT ON YOUR GLOW AND JOIN US TO FUNDRAISE FOR OUR AUCKLAND DANCE COMPETITION

**WINTER WONDERLAND THEME**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH 6-8PM**

SAUSAGE SIZZLE & ICE BLOCKS	ENTRY FEE	FACE PAINT & WATER
\$2	\$5	\$1

ONERAHI COMMUNITY HALL  
WHANGAREI



A banner for Northland Futsal Academy. The top section features a blue background with the text "PLAY FUTSAL" in large white letters, followed by "skill development &amp; competition" and "for kids aged 7 - 17 years". Below this is a dark blue section with "Free trial!" in white, followed by "1st session is free—come give it a go." The bottom section is white with blue text: "Programs run during each school term" and "For details and registration, visit our website". The website address "www.northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz" is listed. At the bottom left is the email "admin@northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz" and the phone number "021 246 7328". At the bottom right is a Facebook icon with the text "Follow us on Facebook" and the Northland Futsal Academy logo.

A banner for the Skool Loop app. The top section has a dark background with the text "A NEW JOURNEY BEGINS!" in white. Below this is a yellow section with the text "DOWNLOAD OUR SKOOL LOOP APP TO KEEP TRACK OF ALL SCHOOL NEWS AND IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2023." At the bottom left are the Google Play and App Store logos. At the bottom right is the Skool Loop logo, which features a stylized infinity symbol and the text "SKOOL LOOP". In the center of the banner are three backpacks: a black one, a white one with a cat face design, and a red one.