

TŌTARA NEWSLETTER TERM TWO 2021



WELCOME

Dear parents/caregivers

A very warm welcome back to term two. We hope that you have enjoyed your break and feel refreshed and ready for the coming term.

We warmly welcome our new students and families to the Totara team and trust they will make friends and settle quickly into their new classes.

GENERAL INFORMATION

To help your child settle quickly into class routines could you please ensure they arrive at school after 8.30 a.m, but before the 8.55 a.m morning bell. School starts at 8.55 a.m. The school day finishes at 2.55 p.m.

Students should be wearing our school uniform with pride. It is important that the correct uniform is worn however we do understand that there may be times when it is necessary for non-regulation items to be worn. An explanatory note would be appreciated. Suitable footwear is expected. No boots, jandals, crocs or shoes that are not appropriate for running in. As everyone is wearing our school uniform please do label all items of clothing.

Teachers expect students to look after their possessions and to take responsibility for putting things in the right places. Students should not bring money to school unless it is requested by the teacher/school. Any money sent to school needs to be clearly labeled in an envelope with your child's name, room number and the purpose for the money.

LEARNING

Students are encouraged to engage in some home learning where possible. The use of Maths Whizz and practising times tables to support maths learning would be beneficial. We will be using readers during our guided reading programme and some students will bring home a daily reader. Please continue to use Sunshine Online, Epic and Into The Book at home to support your child's reading. Spelling will be sent home weekly and helpful websites to support learning will be suggested. Totara teachers will explain fully to the students the expectations of home learning.

Our learning programme will cover literacy, numeracy, science, the arts, eLearning, Te Reo and physical education. We will be delivering our learning through a mixture of levelled grouping, small group and whole class instruction. Students will be encouraged to think deeply and to foster a questioning and inquisitive mind.

Our specialisation programme for term 2 will cover Te Reo and eLearning.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 9 May - Mother's Day
Monday 10 May - Keeping Ourselves Safe parent meeting @ 2pm
Tuesday 11 May - PTA meeting
Wednesday 12 May - Net Safe Parent Evening 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Friday 14 May - whole school assembly and every fortnight after
Monday 17 - Friday 21 May - swimming catch up week
Monday 17 May - Board of Trustees meeting
Thursday 20 and Friday 21 May - North Harbour Hockey sessions
Friday 21 May - Pink Shirt Day
Friday 21 May - PTA Glow Playground evening
Thursday 27 and Friday 28 May - North Harbour Hockey sessions
Thursday 3 June - 1st Rippa Rugby Tournament - save day Tuesday 8 June
Friday 4 June - Teacher Only Day
Monday 7 June - Queen's Birthday

Wednesday 9 June - Senior Cross Country - save day Tuesday 15 June
Thursday 10 June - Junior Cross Country - save day Thursday 17 June
Monday 14 June - Board of Trustees meeting
Tuesday 15 June - Junior Mathex at Northcross Intermediate
Wednesday 16 June - Northern Bays Performing Arts evening at The Bruce Mason Centre
Friday 18 June - PTA Sausage Sizzle
Monday 21 June - PTA Quiz Night at Long Bay Surf Club
Wednesday 30 June - Cluster Cross Country - save day Thursday 8 July
Thursday 1 July - Mid Year Reports go home
Friday 2 July - Kahui Ako Matariki Celebrations
Wednesday 7 July - Mid Year Conferences
Friday 9 July - Final day of Term 2

There may be times when you wish to discuss your child with us. We are always happy to arrange a convenient time to talk. It is very important to have good communication between home and school and we hope you would contact us if you have any concerns or queries.

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We look forward to an enjoyable and productive term.

Kind regards,

Tōtara Teachers.