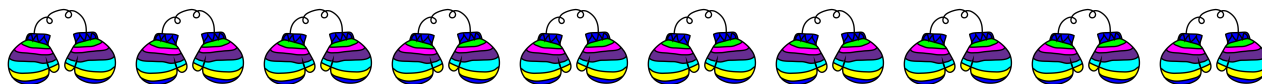


TŌTARA NEWSLETTER TERM THREE 2021



WELCOME

Dear parents/caregivers

A very warm welcome to term three. We hope that you have enjoyed your mid-year 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 and shoes.

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 3 will cover music and dance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 29 July - 2nd Rippa Tournament (save date Tuesday 3 August)
Monday 2 August - Board meeting
Tuesday 3 August - PTA meeting
Friday 6 August - Mufti Day
Friday 6 August - Whole School Assembly (and every other week after)
Friday 13 August - Jester Pie Day
Wednesday 18 August - Winter Sports Day at Kristen (save date Thursday 19 August)
Friday 20 August - Cluster Hockey Tournament at Pinehurst (save date Monday 23 August)
Monday 23 - Friday 27 August - Maths Week
Wednesday 25 August - Class and Portrait Photos
Wednesday 1 September - JukeBox Drama - Long Bay School
Production night at the Bruce Mason Centre

Thursday 2 September - Final Rippa Tournament (save date Tuesday 7 September)
Friday 3 September - Whanau visit from MERC
Sunday 5 September - Fathers Day
Monday 6 September - Board meeting
Tuesday 7 September - PTA meeting
Thursday 9 September - Team/Sports Photos
Friday 10 September - Football Cluster Tournament (save date Monday 13 September)
Monday 13 - Fri 17 September - NZ Wide Maori Language Week
Monday 13 September - Cricket Cluster Day
Friday 17 September - Whanau visit with MERC
Friday 24 September - Mud Run
Tuesday 28 September - WeLearn Digital Student Led Expo for the Coding Club students
Thursday 30 October - Final student day for term 3
Friday 1 October - Teacher Only Day

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.