



# TŌTARA

term 1 newsletter



Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome back to school for 2024. We have an action packed term so please read the key information carefully. Please make sure you can access our 'Tōtara Seesaw' for regular learning updates and messages.

Ngā mihi - Tōtara Team Kaiako (Tiffany, Jono, Elisha and Nikki)

## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING:

**Reading:** Comprehension Strategies across a range of fiction/nonfiction texts

**Writing:** Persuasive, Narratives, Poetry

**Mathematics:** Fractions, Multiplication and Division, Addition and Subtraction (Number), Statistics and Geometry (Strand)

**Oral Language:** Learning and presenting our pepeha

**Te Reo:** Te Puna Reo programme school-wide

**Science:** Chemical/Physical Change (Material World)

**P.E./Health:** Cooperative games, Waterwise (Y6s), Swimming (Y5s), Life Education Van visits

**The Arts:** Dance (Y5s), Drama and Music Specialisation, Visual Art in class

**Social Sciences:** Migration/Immigration + Ko wai au? Who are you?

**Inquiry (Integrated into all areas):** "Change is inevitable"

## REMINDERS:

- Classroom opens 8:30am (pop in and say hi)
- Bring a water bottle/sunhat to school
- Wrapper free lunches are encouraged
- We are a nut free school
- Tōtara Library day is Monday (issue/swap books)
- Assemblies Friday afternoon (even weeks)
- Year 5 Camp is THIS term - Jono Oates Tōtara Teacher in Charge



### WATERWISE DATES (YEAR 6):

Millennium Pool Day: Thursday 15 February

Session 1: Thursday 22nd February

Session 2: Thursday 29 February

Session 3: Thursday March 7

Session 4: Thursday March 14

Session 5: Thursday March 21st

Session 6: Thursday April 4th

Session 7: Thursday April 11th

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Waitangi Day (School is closed)	Tuesday, 6 February
Chinese New Year	Saturday, 10 February
Meet the Teacher starts at 1:00pm	Monday, 12 February
Born to Move Training (leaders only)/Basketball Trails	Tuesday, 13 February
Family Picnic Evening at School	Friday, 16 February
Ashley Reserve Path Working Bee at 9:00am	Saturday 24 February
Y5 Swimming (9am leave, 12pm back)	26 Feb - 7 March
BTM training day 2 for leaders	Tuesday, 27 February
Girls Cricket Festival (selected students)	Tuesday, 5 March
Y5 Huia Camp Info Evening (Online 6:30pm)	Tuesday, 5 March
Year 4-6 Swimming Sports at Northern Arena	Friday, 8 March
Rippa Rugby Activation	Monday, 11 March
Y5/6 Clued Up Camper Sessions	Monday 11- Wednesday 13 March
Y5/6 Puberty Sessions (more info to come)	Friday, 15 March
Y5 Camp Parent Helper Meeting 6:30pm Staffroom	Tuesday, 19 March
Life Education Caravan	Monday 25-Wednesday 27 March
Teacher Only Day (School is closed)	Thursday, 28 March
Easter break (School is closed)	29 March - 2 April
PTA Iceblock Day	Friday, 5 March
Year 5 Tōtara Camp	10 April - 12 April
End of Term 1	Friday, 12 April
Start of Term 2	Monday 29 April