



# TŌTARA

## term 2 newsletter



Kia ora e te whānau,

Here we go - Term 2!! We welcome Mr Pickford officially to Tōtara Team and wish Mrs Krstev and Mario all the best as they become parents! Once again there is plenty for our students to get involved with in class and around the school. They are the leaders of our school! It all starts on an action-packed the first day of term with Science Engagement and "Food for thought" sessions in class!

As well as our school values of **kindness**, **resilience** and **creativity**; our teachers will be reinforcing the following messages to the students:

- **EDUCATION** is your passport to the future! *Students have the right to learn, and teachers have the right to teach.*
- Attitude is **EVERYTHING** - how much you learn is up to **you!**
- Your best is **ALWAYS** good enough
- Learning isn't easy or smooth - so **EMBRACE THE STRUGGLE**

By the time we have parent interviews in Week 10, we hope that all of our students can communicate their next steps in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. To do that, they will have to be ready to drive their learning in Term 2 - and we can't wait to see their progress. Here's to an awesome term of learning.

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

## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING THIS TERM

### Inquiry Statement: "Change shaped Aotearoa / New Zealand"

**Reading:** Research skills, Reading strategies, Reciprocal reading

**Writing:** Procedural (Instructions), Reports, Poetry

**Mathematics:** Fractions, Multiplication and Division, Addition and Subtraction (Number), Measurement and Algebra (Strand)

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

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

**Science:** Planet Earth and beyond - Natural disasters & Matariki

**P.E./Health:** Invasion games, competition & sportsmanship, resilience, Cross Country

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

**Social Sciences:** Matariki

## REMINDERS

- Classroom opens 8:30am (pop in and say hi) 
- Bring a water bottle 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)

## TERM 2 EVENTS

Science Engagement Sessions with Shelley Fischer	Monday 29 April
Northern Bays swimming sports	Tuesday 30 April
"Food for thought" - In class sessions	Monday 29th & Tuesday 30 April
Food for thought trip to New World Long Bay & Mihi Whakatau (welcome for new families)	Friday 3 May
PTA Meeting	Tuesday 7 May
"Light up the playground" (5.30pm - 8.30pm)	Friday 10 May (saver day 17 May)
Pink Shirt Day	Friday 17 May
Book Fair	Friday 24 May - Wednesday 29 May
Pasifika Week begins	Monday 27 May
School Photos (Class & individual)	Thursday 30 May
Rippa Tournament - Day 1	Thursday 30 May
King's Birthday Holiday	Monday 3 June
Senior Cross Country	Thursday 6 June (Saver day 7 June)
Peter Millet author visit	Thursday 13 June
Totara trips to Auckland Art Gallery	Thursday 20 & Friday 21 June
School Disco	Friday 21 June
Northern Bays Cross Country	Tuesday 25 June (Saver day - 27 June)
Year 6 North Harbour Netball	Wednesday 26 June
Matariki Celebration & School Reports home	Thursday 27 June
Matariki public holiday	Friday 28 June
Parent / Teacher Interviews	Wednesday 3 July
Donut Day & Last day of Term 2	Friday 5 July