

TOTARA COLLEGE NEWS

This Term at Totara

Theme:

How Food & Nutrition impacts our personal health and physical development

Value: Respect

Scripture:

The whole Armor of God

Ephesians 6 v 13-18

Therefore take up the whole armor of God...



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Vision

Reaching our God-given potential

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

THE ARMOR OF GOD



above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication.



From the Dr's Office...

Greetings everyone

Welcome back to Totara College in 2025. We're very excited for the new year and having the students back with us. One of the lovely things about our school is that the students seem like old friends and it's been great to see them again. Learning has started straight away and I was very pleased to see the students and classes settle so quickly.

There are several things to update you on:

- We've had quite a few new students and whanau starting. I'd like to wish you all my warmest welcome!
- I tend to use our Skool Loop app for all urgent communications so if you could see Danielle at the front desk, she will make sure you are receiving the communications.
- Our new website is finally live. Feel free to have check it out www.totaracollege.school.nz.
- We've got new carpet in the secondary block – feel free to have a look.
- Parent BBQ Thursday week 2 (that's next week) 5pm start. Followed by a parent meeting at 6pm (it'll be pretty low key). We'd love to see you all there. There'll also be a meeting for anyone involved with the Tahiti trip in December.
- Lunches are provided by Ngati Kahungunu this year for all students. Unfortunately, they will be a bit smaller, and morning tea is not provided due to the drop in overall funding. Outcome for parents: please send your child to school with something to eat for morning tea. Also, if they are big eaters they may want something from home to supplement the lunch they receive. The lunches will generally be either hot lunches or sandwiches, for example on Monday we had salad sandwiches and on Tuesday we had spaghetti bolognese. Some students told me they tasted nice.
- This Thursday is Waitangi day holiday – enjoy ☺.
- Swimming lessons start on Friday for all Year 1-8 students. Please remember to have your child's togs and towel packed.
- Sue Holdaway has had to resign over the holidays due to ill health. We are really sad to see her go. Danielle Dean has been appointed to the full time role of Office Administrator (they had been job sharing).

Our theme for term 1 is:

How food and nutrition impacts our personal health and physical development.

Our value is **Respect** and the memory verse segment is:

The Whole Armor of God Ephesians 6 v 13-18

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17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication.

I trust you've all been satisfied so far with what's happening. Feel free to come and see me before or after school if there's something on your mind. I'm usually hanging around outside at those times in case anyone wants a chat.

Best wishes

Peter Ferrar



Communicating your concerns

Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. James 1:19

In our school we have students, parents, volunteer adults, teacher aides, office staff, teachers, and senior leadership (assistant principal, deputy principal and principal). With so many people there are always going to be the odd times when something goes wrong.

Points to having your concerns heard appropriately:

The first adult you see about the issue should be the one closest to the problem.

Concerns are important to us. We may only know of a concern if you tell us.

If your concern is about another child. Please do not approach the child. Approach the school and we will handle it.

Please be respectful to staff. They are expected to be respectful to you.

Please don't approach teachers when they are teaching or on the way to a class – book an appropriate time – this can be done by email.

Please don't discuss your concerns through social media – we prefer to be able to sort them privately. Inappropriate use of social media can lead to unintended privacy invasions which, in extreme circumstance, may lead to court action.

When there is an issue/concern/complaint please follow this process:

Student concerns

See the person concerned in the first instance.

Most issues occur between children in the classroom or the playground and so generally the **classroom teacher** is the first person to speak to. Most issues can be dealt with at this level. The classroom teacher may also involve some professional support (e.g. senior leadership) if they need it.

If you are not satisfied with the response.

Please put your concern in an email to the office (office@totaracollege.school.nz), stating that you have seen the teacher and been unsatisfied with the response. You will be contacted by a person (usually senior leadership) delegated to handle the issue.

If you are still not satisfied with the response.

Write a letter (email) to the principal directly principal@totaracollege.school.nz

If you are still not satisfied with the response.

Write a letter to the Board of the school which will be tabled at the Board's next meeting (generally there are 2 meetings per term). Letters intended for the Board can be left at the front office for the Board secretary.

Staff concerns

If you have an issue with a staff member, please see the person concerned first then, if unresolved, a senior leadership member. If not satisfied with the response go to 3 above.

Senior leadership concerns

If you have an issue with a senior leadership person, please see the person concerned first then, if unresolved, go to 3 above.

Principal or Board concerns

Please see the principal first and follow this up with an email documenting your concerns. If the issue is unresolved, see another senior leadership person to assist. If issue is still unresolved, go to 4 above.

Please Remember...

- Friday 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th—Swimming for the Year 1—8's
- Thursday 13 February—School BBQ 5pm
- Monday 17 March—Totara College Swimming Sports
- Wednesday 19 March—Year 7 Immunisations
- Monday 24 March—Country Swimming Sports
- Friday 28 March—Teacher Only Day
- Tuesday 1 April—Interschool Swimming Sports
- Friday 11 April—Honour Roll

Dates for 2025:

- Term 1: Monday 3 February—Friday 11 April
- Term 2: Monday 28 April—Friday 27 June
- Term 3: Monday 14 July—Friday 19 September
- Term 4: Monday 6 October—Friday 12 December

E-mail: office@totaracollege.school.nz

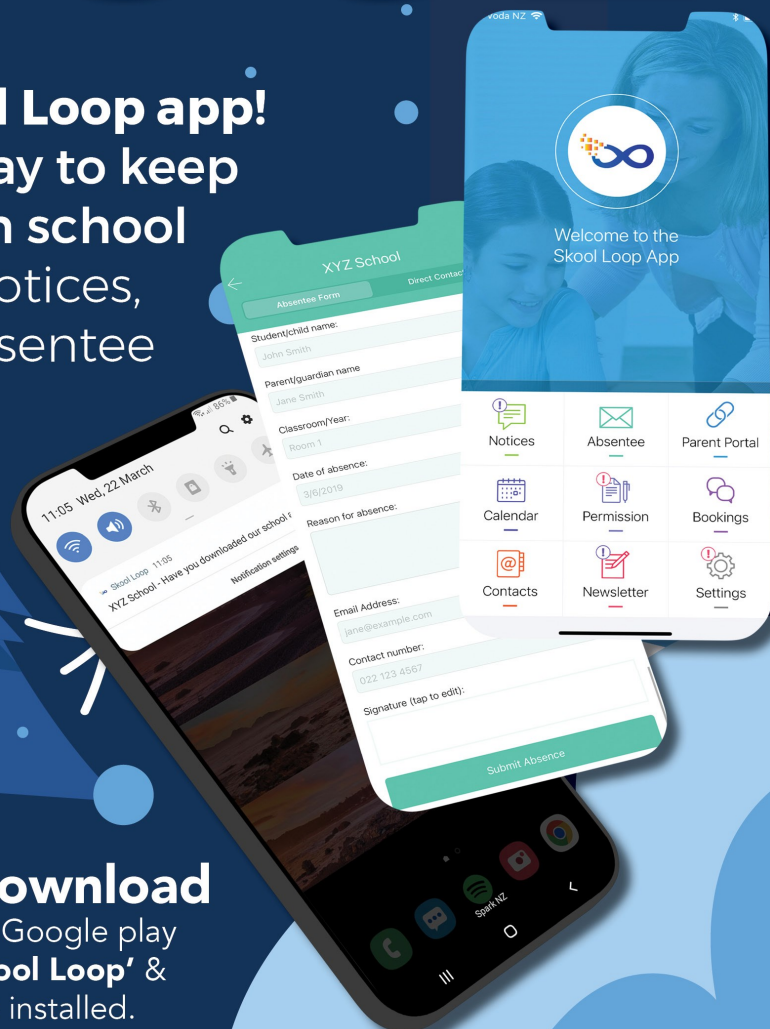
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Sunday 2nd March 2025 - 11am

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