

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...

Kia ora tatou. Nga mihi aroha kia koutou.

We've just finished Week 5 and the first term is steaming along. There are a number of updates to advise you of:

Staffing

- **Bena Haider** has now taken up her new role in Wellington East Girls College. She is loving it, although the pace is very different.
- We welcome **Renee Timmins** who has replaced Bena in LC3. Renee comes to us with huge experience (including being a past principal) and passion for learning. Renee and her husband are the pastors of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Dannevirke and have been a wonderfully positive impact on the town since they arrived. It is a pleasure to have Renee full time on staff. Their children also attend the school.
- We also welcome back **Karen Phelps** who will be working Tuesdays and Fridays in LC2 as cover for **Carlyn Ryklief** who has taken on some other responsibilities in the school. Karen is well known and highly respected in the region where she has taught for many years, including being the principal of Weber school. Her grandchildren also attend school.
- **Jonny Max** and **Ranier Arnold** will be at school for more hours this year as our roll has grown and we have more secondary classes to provide for.
- We congratulate **Lisa Knightly** who has completed her teacher training. This year she will be at school full time but teaching Tuesdays-Friday morning. **Trea Barnett** will cover Mondays and Friday afternoon will be covered by **Karen Phelps**.

Swimming

We've almost finished swimming training for the term and the swimming sports will be upon us soon. New students have all been placed in a house for competition and the house group leaders are readying themselves for action. Judah was last year's winner, so the other houses will need to do something about that.

Driveway safety

You might have noticed the cones on the gate recently. This was the result of a discussion at Board level last Tuesday. We have had a potential issue for some time with the New Entrants class (LC1) being positioned next to the school entrance and the main driveway. Young children are not known for their safety consciousness and so we have been concerned. If this doesn't solve the problem, we will think of something a little more involved; so please consider it a trial until it proves inadequate. My apologies for any inconvenience, and also for adding to the proliferation of cones in the area. Please note that we did purchase these ourselves, even though there seems to be plenty of them sitting along the roadside doing little, at present

Best wishes, Peter



Is Grace surprised she is cooking?

The Construction class are building a garden shed.



Fun times on horses for these students!

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 7 March—World Day of Prayer
- 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—End of Term Events

Term 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

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March Schedule

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 7pm Tinā (M)	2 1pm 10 Lives (G) 4pm Bridget Jones - Mad about the boy (M)
4 1pm Tinā (M)	5 1pm Tinā (M) <small>**Bring your Baby**</small>	6 7pm Tinā (M)	7 7pm Tinā (M)	8 7pm Bridget Jones - Mad about the boy (M)	9 1pm 10 Lives (G) 4pm Tinā (M)
11 1pm Bridget Jones - Mad about the boy (M)	12 1pm Gladiator 2 (R16)	13 7pm Gladiator 2 (R16)	14 7pm Tinā (M)	15 10am Wicked (PG) <small>FREE Community Movie!</small> 7pm Tinā (M)	16 1pm 10 Lives (G) FINAL 4pm Bridget Jones - Mad about the boy (M) FINAL
18 1pm The Haka Party Incident (E)	19 1pm Tinā (M) <small>FINAL</small>	20 7pm Blackbag (M) <small>Premiere!</small>	21 7pm Blackbag (M)	22 7pm Blackbag (M)	23 1pm Flow (G) 4pm The Haka Party Incident (E)
25 1pm Blackbag (M)	26 1pm Blackbag (M)	27 7pm Blackbag (M)	28 7pm Gladiator 2 (R16)	29 7pm Bonhoeffer: Pastor. Spy. Assassin (M) <small>Premiere!</small>	30 1pm Dogman (PG) <small>Special Screening!</small> 4pm Blackbag (M)

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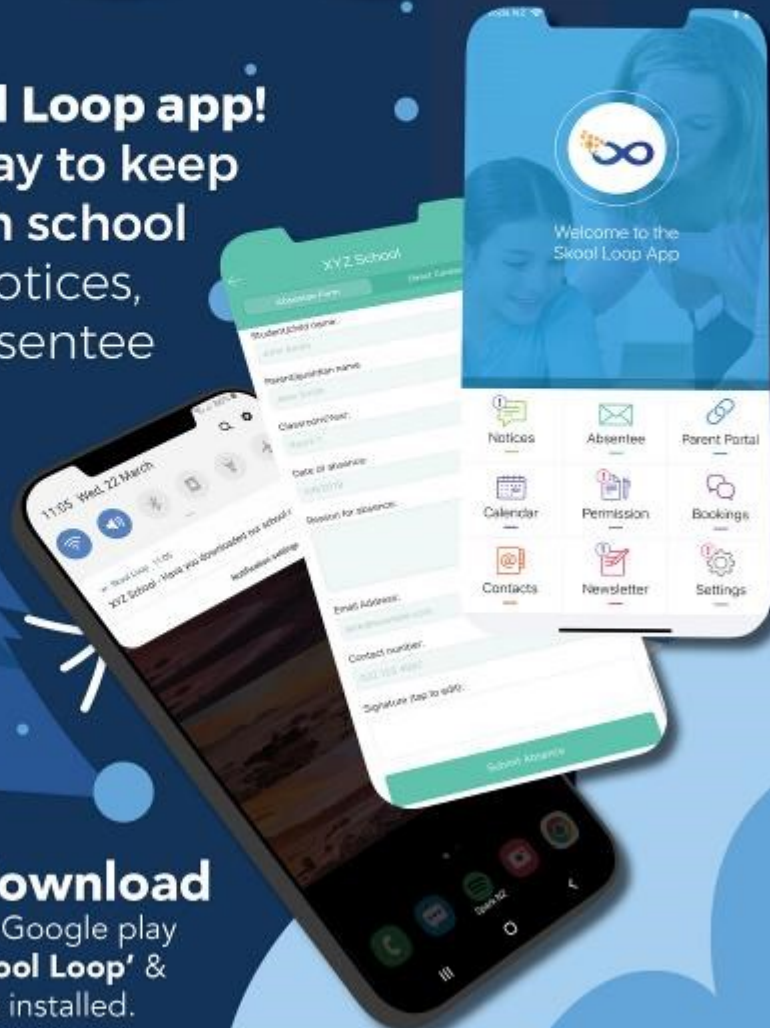
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