

This Term at Totara

Theme:

All things Dannevirke

Value: Integrity

Scripture:

“And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the LORD for it: for in its peace you will have peace.”



Vision

*Reaching our God
given Potential*





From the Dr's Office...

Greetings everyone. Nga mihi aroha kia koutou.

We're halfway through the term and everyone I speak to remarks how quickly it is racing along. The main reason, I think, is that we have so many fun and involved activities planned for the students.

There has been a lot of talk in the media recently regarding the new curricula the Minister is bringing in. We are still working on the details, but please be assured that learning continues for your children at the level they are capable of, as we transition. We are 'laser-focused' on learning achievement, and consider it constantly, despite what you might read sometimes about education in NZ in the newspapers.

However, learning is more than just reading, writing and mathematics. Learning covers a huge range of activities and we are tasked with giving the students every opportunity for learning skills and knowledge that will help prepare them for the person they will grow into and the careers they will enter.

A great example was the musical last week, and I would like to reiterate my huge thanks to **Mrs Ruth Peters** who gave a huge amount of time and effort, from start to finish, to having this be so successful for our school. The primary and secondary musicals were productions for our community, but the reality is they were wonderful learning opportunities for our students. Classes can only teach so much, and so these sort of real life experiences are a welcome addition to a curriculum which focuses on full learning, not just the basics. Some of the 'learnings' (rugby's new word) which come from musicals are:

- Resilience
- Bravery
- Opportunity to perform
- Opportunity to be involved in a whole which is bigger than the parts
- Growing together with peers in a different context
- Acting as a group rather than as an individual
- Learning how to do things without any mistakes
- Learning from the disappointment which occurs when mistakes are made
- Learning how to communicate and enunciate clearly
- Learning how to sing in key
- Growing the ability to memorise (an undervalued skill in our modern world)
- Having fun while learning
- Learning to be proud of yourself
- Learning how to express yourself creatively

- Learning more about the gospel of Jesus
- For some, they may go into a career in performance and so this opportunity is vital for their development.
- Etc.

These are all wonderful things for students to practice at school.

We've got other opportunities coming up too. Thursday saw our athletic sports happen and my thanks to **Jonny Max** for all his efforts organising this. Again, there are many learning activities that come out of this such as being physically active, learning how to run and throw, but again, a number of our students may consider a career in sports science or such like and so these activities are important opportunities for them.

In Week 7, we have the secondary camp (for all Year 9-13 students) at Taupo. There will be many learning activities and teaching sessions as a part of this.

In Week 8, we are fortunate to have a team doing a French language trip to Tahiti. The students have all been working on their French speaking, but soon they get thrown into the deep end in a country which only speaks that language. Who knows but some of them may have a career in international relations or in tour guiding?

So Mathematics and communication are vital parts of learning at school and we have a strong focus on these. But, it can be unwise to think that this is the be all and end all of schooling. Schools are diverse places and teachers work diligently to ensure numerous opportunities are available to students, (don't get me started on the importance of values education!).

I hope you all have a lovely weekend in the rapidly warming weather.

Peter

From the Admin Office...

Hello

Just a couple of quick notes:

- The vision and hearing people are booked in to see a group of Year 7, 8 and 9's. If you do NOT want your student tested, please contact the office.
- Please remember that if your student is riding a bike to school, they MUST wear a helmet.
- Getting ready for the ball (especially for the girls) is a special and potentially time-consuming time. We understand this. Appointments for beautifying will need to be made outside of school hours if possible as there is a lot of schoolwork needed to be done for the end of the year. Please consult with the teachers if this is not possible.

Blessings

Danielle



A lovely, long line of super excited students have received certificates for 'Working Safely in a Kitchen', a prerequisite course for earning credits next year.

Totara College

Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee is run voluntarily by parents and staff of Totara College. We need more parents to come and help us out. Our current project is to replace the chairs in the hall. We have contacted the Dannevirke Regent Cinema to enquire about holding a movie fundraiser. They are more than happy for us to do this. But we need parents to organise and run this for us. We would like to hold the movie night in Term 4.

Please contact Danielle in the Office if you are able to help out with this.

November Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
					1 & 2
3	4	5	6 Athletics BOT Meeting 6pm	7 Kahui Ako Cultural Exchange	8 & 9
10	11	12	13	14 Swimming Years 1-10	15 & 16
17	18	19 Senior Camp Interschool Athletics	20 Senior Camp	21 Senior Camp Swimming Years 4-8	22 & 23
24	25	26	27 Tahiti Trip	28 Tahiti Trip Swimming Years 1-10	29 & 30 Tahiti Trip

December Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
1 Tahiti Trip	2 Tahiti Trip	3 Tahiti Trip	4 Tahiti Trip	5 Swimming Years 1-10	6 & 7
8	9 LC5 Customer Service Course	10 LC5 Customer Service Course	11 Splash Planet	12 Prizegiving Last day of School	13 & 14
15 BOT Meeting 6pm	16	17	18	19	20 & 21
22	23	24	25	26	27 & 28
29	30	31			

Term Dates

Term 4: Monday 6 October – Friday 12 December

Term 1 2026:

Term 2 2026:

Term 3 2026:

Term 4 2026:

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Rural Education Activities Programme

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Taranua REAP, 15 Gordon Street,
Dannevirke and will be given to
St Vinnie's Food Bank, Dannevirke.



WOMEN'S REFUGE
Manawatu

**PLAY ALONG
THE WAY**

**FREE
COMMUNITY
EVENT!**

Lots of activities to join in and play!



Time: **3.30pm - 5.30pm**
Date: **Tuesday, 11 November 2025**
Venue: **Upper Domain, Dannevirke**
Bring the whānau and stay for a picnic.

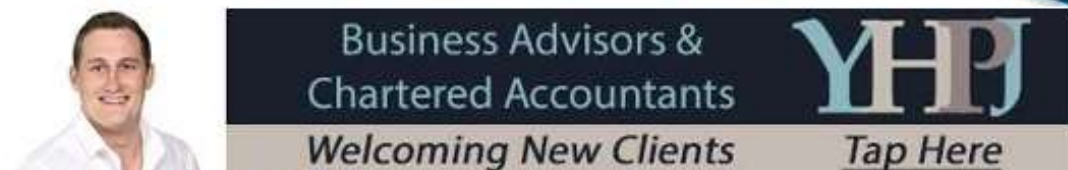
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Totara College

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Defensive Driving




Gain vital knowledge on safe and responsible driving.

Course Criteria:

- Open to all licence holders
- All four sessions must be attended
- 50 hours of driving practice is recommended
- 1:1 practical driving session after the course
- Homework to be completed before each session

Details

 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

 Nov 24, 26 & Dec 1, 3

 Bluey, 17 Gordon St

 \$190 (Subsidised)

Registration & Payment to Tararua REAP

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Ki Tāmaki-muā-ē-Rua



REGENT

DANNEVIRKE'S HISTORIC CINEMA

EST. 1926



November Schedule

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 10.30am Tron: Ares	2 1pm Pike River
				7pm Pike River	4pm Scream
4 1pm Pike River	5 1pm Pike River	6 7pm Springsteen: Deliver Me From Nowhere	7 7pm Springsteen: Deliver Me From Nowhere	8 10.30am Pike River	9 1pm Springsteen: Deliver Me From Nowhere
7pm Pike River				7pm Springsteen: Deliver Me From Nowhere	4pm Devils on Horses
11 Armistice Day special 1pm & 7pm Devils on Horses	12 1pm Devils on Horses	13 7pm Hamilton	14 7pm Hamilton	15 10.30am Paw Patrol: Christmas	16 1pm Paw Patrol: Christmas
	7pm Springsteen: Deliver Me From Nowhere	10 th Anniversary	10 th Anniversary	7pm Hamilton	4pm Pike River
18 1pm Hamilton	19 1pm Pike River	20 7pm Wicked: For Good	21 7pm Wicked: For Good	22 10.30am Wicked: For Good	23 1pm Paw Patrol: Christmas
10 th Anniversary	6pm Wicked: For Good	NZ Premiere		7pm Wicked: For Good	4pm Wicked: For Good
25 1pm Wicked: For Good	26 1pm Wicked: For Good	27 7pm Now You See Me, Now You Don't	28 7pm Nuremberg	29 10.30am Wicked: For Good	30 1pm Wicked: For Good
				7pm Nuremberg	4pm Nuremberg

www.dannevirkemovies.co.nz

Sessions were true and accurate at the time of printing and are subject to change






Tron: Ares

 119 Mins

A powerful program crosses into the human world, sparking a new battle between AI, identity, and survival.



Pike River

 130 Mins

A drama retelling the 2010 Pike River Mine disaster, focusing on the victims' families and their fight for justice.



Scream

 111 Mins

A masked killer stalks teens in a small town while obsessively following horror-movie rules.



Springsteen: Deliver Me From Nowhere

 119 Mins

A raw biopic of Bruce Springsteen as he crafts his 1982 album Nebraska while wrestling fame and past trauma.



Devils on Horses

 85 Mins

A documentary-drama exploring the bond between ANZAC soldiers and their horses during WWI's Sinai-Palestine campaign.



Hamilton 10th Anniversary

 179 Mins

The filmed version of the Broadway hit brings the story of founding father Alexander Hamilton to cinemas in a decade-celebration release.



Paw Patrol Christmas

 55 Mins

Santa falls ill and the pups must thwart Mayor Humdinger's mission to steal the North Pole gifts to save Christmas.



Wicked: For Good

 138 Mins

Elphaba and Glinda's friendship fractures when Elphaba rebels and Glinda becomes a propaganda figure in Oz.



Now You See Me, Now You Don't

 113 Mins

The Four Horsemen reunite with new illusionists for their boldest global heist yet against a powerful foe.



Nuremberg

 148 Mins

A U.S. Army psychiatrist faces a moral battle while assessing Nazi leaders' fitness for the post-WWII trials.

**DANNEVIRKE COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS CONCERT IN THE PARK**

at the **Dannevirke Showgrounds,**
Saturday 6th December 2025 from 2.00pm – 8.30pm.

The theme for the day will be:
Family, Fun and Festivity.
The evening will finish with Carols.

All age groups are invited to come
and join in the picnic-like atmosphere.
You are welcome to bring blankets and/or deck chairs.

During the afternoon and early evening there will be:
Various fun activities including, fun athletics for all ages
& prizes galore

#Karaoke, prizes for the 3 top singers in each group.

Musical acts, performed by anyone who has previously
requested to participate.

Food, other stalls and car boot sales, which can be run by
any business or groups/organisations.

Entry; gold coin donation per person with limited parking available
and in the surrounding streets.

Once paid people can come and go as they please
throughout the afternoon and evening.

If you would like to hold a stall (\$20) or
car boot sale (\$10)

Please contact **Stuart Wright** 0274083494
or email robyn.hargreaves@xtra.co.nz
by 5pm ~~Friday~~ **Friday** 21st November



Tāmaki-Nui-Ā-Rua

Kapa Haka Festival

Hāngi Fundraiser!

Delicious kai, tautoko our tamariki
Every hangi purchase helps keep our Kapa Haka celebrations alive for our younger generations.

Hāngi Includes:
3 Meats Chicken, Lamb, Pork
5 Veges Potato, Pumpkin, Kūmara, Carrot, Peas
Stuffing
Soft Drink or Juice
Fried Bread

\$20

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5.30 pm
Saturday 8 November
The Hub, 24 Allardice st, Dannevirke
Preorders Essential

Contact Mangatera - Event Fundraising Services on Facebook for more information or to order

Tāmaki-Nui-Ā-Rua

Kapa Haka Festival

Hangi Fundraiser!

Order Form **\$20**
Your order will only be accepted with payment

Full Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____
Number of Hangi Meals: _____

Drink options (tick below):
1 tick per hangi (ie, 2 hangi = 2 ticks needed below)
If no ticks, drinks will be chosen at random

☐ Coca-Cola ☐ Fanta ☐ Tropical Juice

Paid **Collection date: Saturday 8 November**

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Details
5.15 pm - 7.15 pm
Tuesday 25 November
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Donation Appreciated
Please bring a fully charged laptop or tablet.

Contact Taranua REAP to register, or visit www.taranuareap.co.nz

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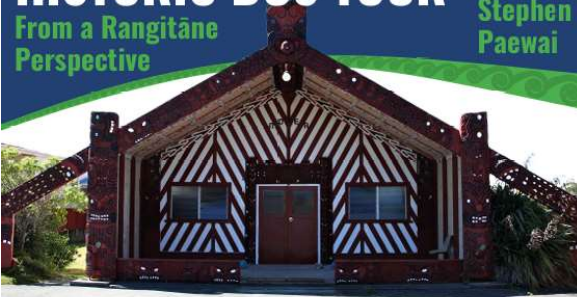
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DETAILS

- Wednesday 26 November**
- 10.30am - 3.30pm**
- Bus departs from Bus Stop outside Dannevirke Hunting & Fishing**
- \$25 per person**
- Light Lunch provided**
(Please bring your own lunch to suit any specific dietary requirements)





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Feedback from 2025 participant

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