

Business Name

Term 2 Week 3

15 May 2025

TOTARA COLLEGE NEWS

This Term at Totara

Theme:
Civilisations

Value: Diligence

Scripture:

Proverbs 3: 5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own
understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.



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Vision

*Reaching our God-
given potential*





From the Dr's Office...

Greetings Te Whanau

As always, plenty of things are going on in planet Totara to keep you up to date on:

- Classes are in full swing.
- NCEA assessments for senior students are on-going.
- Some senior students are out periodically on work placements/visits in areas such as
 - Engineering
 - Farming
 - Media
 - Hospitality
- This year we will have a slightly different look to assemblies: Myself and the leadership team will run some of them, the student leaders will run some and the individual classes will also all have their turn (LC2 were first up at the end of Term 1). The student leaders ran Monday's assembly. Zach Welsh organised it, Adena Green gave a devotional, Grace Reid gave the notices and certificates and Kyle Strydom and Hezekiah Tohu had a game. It was great to see our student leaders actively leading and gaining experience in fronting a crowd – it won't be the last time.
- World vision 40h famine fundraising will commence shortly and class trips to Wellington occurred this week, for LC3 and LC5 students, to learn of the needs and to learn how to organise the fundraising. More information will be forthcoming.
- Next week we have a Board meeting and one of the items on the agenda will be finalizing the details for the Tahiti trip for French students. Fundraising for this is on-going. If you have any ideas, please see Stuart Wright. We have already had a few local businesses be involved.
- We're working on some new additions to the school: I'm working on new signage for the front gate and LC2 is set to get a whole lot of new furniture by the end of the term.
- Week 6 will start with Kings Birthday on the Monday 2nd June and this is a public holiday.
- Week 8 has Matariki on the Friday 20th June and the day before Thursday 19th June will be a Teacher only day for all students. Teachers will be involved in learning the new Mathematics curriculum that the Minister of Education has been talking about in her press releases. So students will effectively have a four day weekend.
- The week after that will be the last week of term since Term 2 has only 9 weeks this year. Reports will come out then and parent teacher interviews to discuss them will be in Week 2 of Term 3 (Tues 22nd July).

Have a great weekend

Peter

Showcasing our staff

Peter Ferrar

Just to keep you up to date with all of our team here, I'd like to have a section in the newsletter telling our parents about ourselves. I'll start with me:

I'm Peter Ferrar. I've been married to Joanne for 32 years and we have 2 delightful boys: Jonathan is 16 and Nicholas is 14. They attend my old school Cornerstone Christian school in Kelvin Grove where we live. I'm 55 years old (although of course I look much younger) and I've been in education for about 30 years. I started off as a science researcher (Biochemist) and then trained to be a secondary school teacher. I was head of junior science at Hamilton boys high then, Head of Science at KingsWay school in Orewa and have now been a principal of 4 Christian schools although I still teach a bit of Chemistry and Science when the need arises.

My hobbies are varied: most sports, lots of fishing (both fly fishing in the rivers and sea fishing in the boat), I enjoy creative writing, gardening, home DIY, playing drums, wine appreciation and spending time with my family and friends. I've also got a small coaching and education leadership business called Inspired Education Leadership (IEL).

I'm really enjoying my time at Totara, really like the staff and students who I get to interact with every day and, yes, I enjoy the daily drive over the saddle!





Above: Mr
Greaves and his
LC2 class

Right: Great focus
from Jade.
(penny for your
thoughts Jacob)



Fundraising News

Fundraising Committee News

As a Fundraising Committee, we raise funds to benefit the children at Totara College. We have ideas of what we would like to do to fundraise and what we would like to fundraise for but don't always have the people to carry these out. We are looking for more members (and ideas) to help us along the way. If you are interested, please come to the next meeting, Monday 16 June, 11:10am, or contact Danielle at the school office.

Danielle Dean (Committee Secretary)

Please Remember...

- Wednesday 21 May—Careers Expo
- Friday 23 May—Cross-Country
- Monday 27 May—School Photos
- **Monday 2 June—King's birthday**
- Thursday 12 June— School Speeches
- Fri 13 - Sun 15—World Vision Challenge
- Monday 16 June—Fundraising Meeting
- Thursday 17 June—Interschool Speeches
- **Thursday 19 June—Teacher Only Day**
- **Friday 20 June—Matariki**
- Friday 27 June—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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