Term: 2 Week: 3 17 May 2024

# Totara College News

This Term at Totara

Theme: Time

Value: Integrity

Scripture:

Malachí 3: Verse 6

For I am the LORD, I do not change.



# TOTARA COLLEGE

**Vision** 

Reaching our Godgiven potential

The Passion
Project students
preparing the
ground for
Taonga Atua's
outdoor kitchen





## From the Dr's Office...

#### **Greeting Everyone**

We've just finished week 3 of term 2 and like always, the weeks are flashing by. Our theme this term is 'Time' and in assemblies I have been talking about how children change over time at school, I've been encouraging the children with the concept that they change constantly as they grow up, but God never changes. He is always constant and he always loves them. The term scripture is a great one to remember in this context.



We have had a number of activities start up at the beginning of this term. The boys' and girls' basketball teams have both started their competitions in Palmerston North under the coaching of Mr Craig Ellmers. Last week both teams narrowly lost their games after having led for most of the game, but they made us proud with their intense competitiveness. This week our boys had a resounding win and the girls' play Friday night.

A number of UCOL courses have been taking place during the weeks. One I've been involved with was a 2 day Science taster course teaching basic microbiology and biochemistry to our students.

We've also started equine therapy where a group of students travel to Woodville to learn how to care for and read horses. The course teaches them to read body language using horses as a model, apparently horses are particularly expressive!

#### New Caledonia trip

Next week we will have a parent meeting for all parents of students who wish to go on the New Caledonia trip next year. It will be on Thursday 23rd May at 5.30.

Best wishes and have a great weekend

Peter

#### Proposed French Immersion Trip To New Caledonia 2025



Totara College is currently looking at a week's trip to our closest country New Caledonia next year to give our students a chance to practice their French as well as experience immersion with the French culture.

The trip will be open to Year 9 students and above, as of next year, and in the event of huge numbers wanting to go those studying French will have first priority. The tentative date planned is Week 8 Term 1 from Friday 21 March – Saturday 29 March.

To introduce the proposed itinerary, costings involved as well as to gauge initial interest there will be a meeting at the school on Thursday 23rd May at 5:30 pm in the hall.

Dr Ferrar and Mr Wright will briefly give a presentation and then open the floor for questions and discussion.

We would love to see all interested students, parents and family there. Feel free to discuss this, prior to the meeting, with either of us.

Peter Ferrar and Stuart Wright

# Advance notice: Totara College Cross country Friday week 6 (7<sup>th</sup> June)



#### **Equine Therapy**









Science @ UCOL





## **Community Notices:**



# FREE Community Movie! Ipm Saturday 8th June





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### Please Remember...

- Thursday 23 May—5.30pm Hall New Caledonia French Trip meeting
- Monday 3 June—King Birthday—no school
- Friday 7 June -- Totara College Cross Country
- Friday 28 June—Matariki—no school
- Friday 6 July —Term 2 last day
- Monday 22 July—Term 3 starts

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