

Theme:  
Looking after each other

# Value: Kindness

Scripture:

ROMANS 12:18

"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

**TOTARA  
COLLEGE**

## ***Vision***

*Reaching our God-given potential*





## From the Dr's Office...

Greetings everyone and welcome back to the new term.

Term 3 is always packed with learning opportunities and the students have settled into the swing quickly. We have a number of activities on this term, some include:

- Horse riding continues on Tuesdays for selected students
- Primary and Secondary musical practices occur regularly for next term's productions
- Convention occurs for all secondary students towards the end of the term and they are ramping up for it currently.
- Pottery classes for LC3 occur on Tuesdays
- LC 1 and 2 are enjoying having new furniture and more space
- Board elections will occur (Danielle Dean is the returning officer for all information about this.)
- New values signage has been erected and the new outside sign is waiting to be put up

### Mathematics

The Minister of Education has targeted Math as an area the country needs to improve in and so a number of new initiatives have occurred in this space.

We have been able to access Numicon math resources for LC1-2 (and soon to be LC3) and the staff are currently in the process of learning how to best use these. Next Friday we will have an afternoon session around this for teachers and in **Week 5 Monday (11 August) there will be a full school Teacher only day** where we will join with the other schools in Dannevirke to learn more about the new Math curriculum.

### Parent teacher interviews

Next week on Tuesday afternoon, we will stop classes at lunchtime and have parent teacher interviews from 1.30-6.30. You can book them on the Skool Loop app or ring Danielle in the office. The purpose is to look through the reports for the first half of the year and consider where the students are at and what needs to be done for learning to continue to progress. If you have any comments about the reports, and whether they give you the information you want or not, please also bring this to your interview, since we are reviewing how they look for the end of the year.



# From the Dr's Office...

## Attendance

The government has instructed schools, and apportioned new funding, to ensure all students are at school. Please be aware that between the ages of 6-16, all young people in NZ legally have to be at school. The only reason for not being at school is if they are sick. New consequences are being considered by the Ministry of Education for parents who do not make sure their children are regularly attending school and we have been tasked with advising you of this.

Please be aware, that the following are **not** reasons for your child to be away from school or to be late or to leave early (I am allowed to make some exceptions to this in exceptional circumstances so please discuss with me if needed):

They do not attend because:

- They are tired
- They had a busy weekend
- Their Nana is visiting
- It's their birthday
- The family want to take a holiday
- They have after school activities which take too much of their time
- They want to do something in Palmerston North

Learning at school is important and it is important that all our tamariki are here to engage in it.

Best wishes

Peter

Busy, busy, busy bees  
Playing with the pottery



## Please Remember...

Tuesday 22 July—Parent-Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 30 July—Pahiatua 7's Tournament

Wednesday 6 August—Fundraising Committee Meeting

**Monday 11 August—Teacher Only Day**

Monday 1-Friday 5 September—Convention

Thursday 11 September—**Board Election Day**

Thursday 18 September—HPV Vaccinations

Friday 19 September—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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# Fundraising News

As a Fundraising Committee, we raise funds to benefit the children at Totara College. The project we are working on at the moment is replacing 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 that. But we need some 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.

Our next fundraising committee meeting is Wednesday 6 August at 11:05am in LC5