

Term: 1 Week: 1
2 February 2024

TŌTARA COLLEGE NEWS

This Term at Totara

Theme: Cultures

Value: Respect

Scripture: PSALM 117

All you nations, praise the
LORD.

All you people on earth, praise
him.

Great is his love for us.

The LORD is faithful forever.

Praise the LORD.



Vision

***Reaching our God-
given potential***

SCHOOL TIMES:

9-9.30	Assembly (Monday) or Devotions
9.30 – 10.15	Period 1
10.15-11	Period 2
11-11.20	Interval
11.20-12.05	Period 3
12.05-12.50	Period 4
12.50-1.30	Lunch
1.30-2.15	Period 5
2.15-3	Period 6



From the Dr's Office...

Greetings Everyone

Welcome back to all our whanau. I trust you've all had a relaxing holiday break with your children and you are now well ready to hand them back to us for another year of learning. The first week has settled incredibly well and I have been very proud of our students and our staff as we seamlessly moved into the new year, even though there are changes afoot.

We are hugely excited to welcome the following wonderful new teachers to our school:

Mr Carl McIntyre – Assistant Principal. Carl has particular responsibility for the secondary non-ACE programs (while Ruth Peters has responsibility for ACE across the school). His shared office is between LC 4 and 5. Carl has come to us from Cornerstone Christian School.

Mr Warrick Greaves – Head of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) who will be normally located somewhere in the vicinity of the woodwork suite. Warrick has come to us from Tararua College.

Ms Ranier Davie – Food technology and Rural studies teacher. Ranier has come to us from the Intermediate technology facility at Waipawa.

I'd like to also warmly welcome some new students to our fabulous school:

Hannah Beere (Y8)

Nadia Lyons (Y9)

Esther Langdon (Y7)

Zac (Y7), Jacob (Y5), Alannah (Y3) Leitch

Jonathan Genach (Y1)

School times

Please note that this year school starts at 9am and finishes at 3pm. Interval will be 11-11.20 and Lunch will be 12.50-1.30

Secondary programs (Year 7-13)

We are putting the final touches on our new programs in secondary (which now incorporates all students from Year 7-13) and the final timetable for all students will be ready for Monday week 2. There will be two main classes, but these will change a little during the course of each day.

The 2 classes for ACE are Y7-9 under Miss Haider and Y10-13 under Mrs Peters.

The timetable times have changed a little from last year:

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In the Y7-9 class

The day will involve:

Periods 1-2 PACE work

Periods 3-4 Integrated studies teaching

Periods 5-6 Options subjects, which will be half yearly subjects (a different one each day) of Food technology, Woodwork, The Arts (Drama, Dance, Music, Art), Science, French, Careers and Sport.

In the Year 10-13 class

Students will have individual timetables depending on the subjects they choose to take and the number of ACE credits they want to achieve. Some of the new subjects available include: Police studies, First responders, Sciences, Music Art, Drama, Dance, Social studies, Food technology, Rural studies etc. In addition to this we are increasing the number of courses available through UCOL and a number of our students are involved in these opportunities.

Our desire is to see the students equipped and inspired to leave us, when they are ready, with a definite pathway for the rest of their lives. It's exciting seeing the new things available and the buzz coming from the students as new options are offered to them.

Swimming

Swimming lessons will resume again this term for years 1-9. We'll take the students down using school transport on Friday afternoons from next week until week 5. Please ensure they have togs and towels for the next few Fridays. Swimming sports will happen the week after lessons finish.

Parents BBQ

We'll have a BBQ for parents/families to talk to teachers (and me) on Thurs 15 Feb. 5.30-7pm. We'd love to see everyone there if possible.

5.30-6.30 BBQ tea provided by school

6.30-7.00 short meeting by me to advise on new initiatives such as the new secondary timetable and for parents to ask any outstanding questions.

Peter Ferrar

The new Teachers are already in action



Cooking Class with Ms Davie.
Sushi was on the menu this week.



Woodwork with Mr Greaves



Mr McIntyre speaking to the seniors
about their subject choices

Uniforms

Some students have changed into our new uniform—it is looking very smart.



Volleyball instructions
from the coach—
Lawrence Byrnes



2024 Uniform

The new uniform is now available to order—takes 5 to 10 days for the items to arrive.

Students can either wear the old, the new or mixture of both during the transition period.

Primary – LC1 and LC2 (Year 0 to Year 6)

Item		Student	Details
Green Polo Shirt	\$36.00	Girls and Boys	-
Green anti pill Polo Fleece	\$50.00	Girls and Boys	-
Black Pants	\$40.00	Girls and Boys	Option
Black Skort	\$30.00	Girls	Option
Black Shorts	\$30.00	Boys	Option
Black Ankle Socks	\$20 for 3	All students	Girls -White ankle socks if wearing white blouse
Black Shoes or Sandals		All students	
White Blouse	\$35.00	Girls	Option
Black skirt	\$65.00	Year 5 & 6 Girls	Option – only if size available
Sports uniform		N/A	

Secondary – (Year 7 to Year 13)

Item	Student		Details
Black Pencil A-Line Skirt	Girls	\$65.00	Option – below the knees
Black Skort	Girls	\$30.00	Option
Black Dress Pants	Girls and Boys	\$74.00	Option
White Blouse (double layered in front for modesty)	Girls	\$52.00	Short or Long sleeve
White Shirt	Boys	\$42.00	Short or long sleeve
Green Soft-shell Jacket	Girls and Boys	\$55.00	Existing Jacket
Green Tie	Girls and Boys	\$15.00	Formal wear
Green Blazers	Girls and Boys	n/a	Formal wear – not purchased by students – supply held by school
Black Ankle Socks	Boys	\$32 for 3	
White Ankle socks	Girls	\$20 for 3	
Black Shoes or Sandals	All students		
Black sport Shorts	Girls and Boys	\$25.00	Sport uniform
Green Polo Shirt	Girls and Boys	\$36.00	Sport uniform
Black Netball Skort	Girls	\$30.00	Sport uniform option

Any questions, please contact Mrs Holdaway in the main school office.

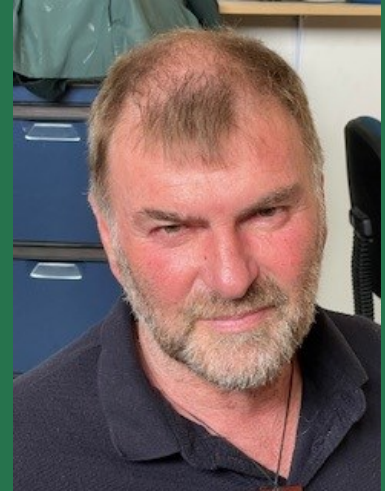
Our new teachers



Mr McIntyre



Ms Davie



Mr Greaves

Please Remember...

- Tuesday 6 February 2024—Waitangi Day—no school
- Fridays 9/2, 16/2, 23/2, 1/3 Swimming for LC1, LC2 and LC3—Year 1 to Year 9's
- Thursday 15 February Parents BBQ 5.30 to 7pm
- Friday 8 March—Swimming Sports
- Thursday 14 March—School photos
- Monday 19 March— Parent Interviews
- Friday 22 March—Teacher only day—no school
- Friday 29 March to Tuesday 2 April—Easter—no school

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