

TOTARA COLLEGE NEWS

This Term at Totara

Theme:

Looking after God's Creation

Value: Kindness

Scripture:

ROMANS 5:8

'God demonstrates his love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.'



**TOTARA
COLLEGE**

Vision

Reaching our God-given potential

As Part of Māori Language Week, the students (and staff) were taught how to ask for a sausage in Te Reo.

Tēnā homai he tōtiti hihī - Can I please
have a sausage sizzle
me te kīnaki tōmato - with tomato sauce
me te kīnaki mātete - with mustard sauce
me ngā aniana - with onions
Tēnā koe - thank you



A huge thank you to the team from Ngāti Kahungunu for the sausage sizzle to celebrate Māori Language Week





From the Dr's Office...

Greetings Everyone

This will be the last newsletter for this term. Next week is Week 10 and then it's the holidays. There's been heaps on this week: Monday had a sausage sizzle put on my Ngāti Kahungunu where the students had to request a sausage from the BBQ in Te Reo Māori to celebrate Te wiki o Te Reo Māori – Māori language week.

Wednesday had wig Wednesday where students came in mufti to raise funds for the cancer victims – they had to wear a wig to focus on one of the symptoms of chemotherapy. Thanks to Mr McIntyre and the prefects for organising this.

Thursday had the primary school competing at the regional kapa haka festival. I was very proud of the students and how they performed. It has been wonderful seeing the older students teaching the haka to the younger ones, although they didn't perform this. This is an example of tuakana/teina where the older students look after the younger students through brotherly type interactions; we see a lot of it at our school.

Through Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the secondary students have been completing online exams for NCEA numeracy and literacy.

On Friday, we have Pet day under the leadership of previous principal Debbie Max. We're looking forward to it and all the potential fun and chaos that it brings. We're a rural community after all!

Next week we'll have the convention students presenting their work and experiences to the school in Monday's assembly – parents welcome. The term will end with Honour roll trips and a house group singing competition on Friday. The teachers will also be involved so I expect we will win that event – the challenge has been laid (and also we're the ones doing the judging—so we're be able to rig it).

Finally, schools are dynamic places and things don't always go right. So I have written a concerns policy and it is available here and at the entrance to the reception for you to know what to do if something is an issue for you.

Best wishes and have a great weekend.

Peter

Communicating your concerns

Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. James 1:19

In our school we have students, parents, volunteer adults, teacher aides, office staff, teachers, and senior leadership (assistant principal, deputy principal and principal). With so many people there are always going to be the odd times when something goes wrong.

Points to having your concerns heard appropriately:

The first adult you see about the issue should be the one closest to the problem.

Concerns are important to us. We may only know of a concern if you tell us.

If your concern is about another child. Please do not approach the child. Approach the school and we will handle it.

Please be respectful to staff. They are expected to be respectful to you.

Please don't approach teachers when they are teaching or on the way to a class – book an appropriate time – this can be done by email.

Please don't discuss your concerns through social media – we prefer to be able to sort them privately. Inappropriate use of social media can lead to unintended privacy invasions which, in extreme circumstance, may lead to court action.

When there is an issue/concern/complaint please follow this process:

Student concerns

See the person concerned in the first instance.

Most issues occur between children in the classroom or the playground and so generally the **classroom teacher** is the first person to speak to. Most issues can be dealt with at this level. The classroom teacher may also involve some professional support (e.g. senior leadership) if they need it.

If you are not satisfied with the response.

Please put your concern in an email to the office (office@totaracollege.school.nz), stating that you have seen the teacher and been unsatisfied with the response. You will be contacted by a person (usually senior leadership) delegated to handle the issue.

If you are still not satisfied with the response.

Write a letter (email) to the principal directly principal@totaracollege.school.nz

If you are still not satisfied with the response.

Write a letter to the Board of the school which will be tabled at the Board's next meeting (generally there are 2 meetings per term). Letters intended for the Board can be left at the front office for the Board secretary.

Staff concerns

If you have an issue with a staff member, please see the person concerned first then, if unresolved, a senior leadership member. If not satisfied with the response go to 3 above.

Senior leadership concerns

If you have an issue with a senior leadership person, please see the person concerned first then, if unresolved, go to 3 above.

Principal or Board concerns

Please see the principal first and follow this up with an email documenting your concerns. If the issue is unresolved, see another senior leadership person to assist. If issue is still unresolved, go to 4 above.

School Board Student Representative Election

Nominations were called for any Year 10 and above students who were interested in being the student representative on the Board. Senior students were reminded a few times about getting their nominations forms in by the closing date.

As only one nomination was received—no election/voting needs to be held and Adena Green was duly appointed unopposed.

The board members would like to thank Kyan Carnie for all his work and input on the board and wish him well for the future.

The board members would also like to welcome Adena Green to our school board.

Please Remember...

- Friday 20 September—Pet and Show Day
- Friday 27 September— Last day of Term 3
- Monday 14 October— First day of Term 4
- Friday 15 November—Senior Ball
- Thursday 12 December—Prizegiving
- Friday 13 December—Splash Planet—Last day of term
- Monday 3 February 2025—First day of Term 1

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

E-mail: office@totaracollege.school.nz

Phone: 06 374 6165

Athletics—registration form attached

Kia ora everyone, with Summer sports approaching we wanted to share the registration link and form to the community and let you all know our start date and fees for this season of Club Athletics.

Fees 2-6 years term 4 only \$30

7-14 years \$70

15 years + \$70

Start date Wednesday 16th October

To register

Dannevirke 2024/25 Membership Form: <https://regoform.mygameday.app/#/Wm9uTCNt8jqlmV4LR8/tM7VVO3fDvhini66GW>

Any enquiries please email Kelly Gillard kellzgillard@gmail.com

I have attached the health and safety form if families want to fill it out prior to the first club night

Forbes and Tippetts will be including other schools in the wider Tararua area so watch this new exciting event for this year!

Date for our Annual Forbes and Tippetts Relay event is Monday 2nd Dec 2024 at 5.30pm with PP on Tuesday 4th. I will send out more information closer to the event.

Dannevirke Primary Schools Touch - Registration form attached

Friday 18th October 2024 – Friday 6th December 2024

3.45pm onwards

Coronation Park

Fee: \$10 per registered child

All teams must provide an umpire, All umpires must go to the office to collect score cards ect and return them after the game.

Junior grade: Play with 7 players on the field, must have at least two girls on the field,

Intermediate & Seniors: Play with 6 players on the field, must have minimum two females on the field.

DANNEVIRKE ATHLETICS CLUB REGISTRATION FORM

Click on link register online and then return this form to Kelly

Starts Wednesday 16th October 2024 at 5.10 for warm up at the Dannevirke Domain

Register <https://regoform.mygameday.app/#/Wm9uTCnt8jqImV4LR8/tM7VVO3fDvhini66GW>

0-6 years term 4 \$30

7-14 years term 4 & 1 \$70

15 years + \$70

Name _____ D.O.B _____ M / F Age at 31 Dec 2024

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I hereby apply to join the above Club and agree to abide by the Club's rules as stated in the Constitution and Bylaws. I also agree, in conjunction with the Privacy Act 1993, that my personal details given above will be made available to Athletics New Zealand and other connected organisations. Dannevirke Athletics Club accepts **no** responsibility or liability for medical conditions, accidents or injuries that occur on club or training nights.

If any child is being unsafe with equipment and / or towards other children they will be given one warning and then asked to leave the club. It is paramount that safety is first in athletics.

Parent/Guardian Name (print) _____

Signature _____

Email _____

Cell Ph.: _____ (for messenger page notices)

Is your child allowed to have their photo on the Athletic clubs website/Facebook page?
YES / NO

Please bring this formed filled out AND SIGNED on opening night and payment already made prior.

Thank you

REGISTRATION FORM 2024

School Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Team Coach: _____

Contact details: _____



UMPIRE NAME: _____

Division - please circle:

Junior (year 1-3)

Intermediate (year 4-6)

Senior (year 7-8)

There must be at least 2 girls on the field, 6 players on the field at one time (Senior and Intermediate grade only)

Juniors can play with 7 players on the field at once (with at least two girls on the field)

ALL TEAMS MUST PROVIDE A UMPIRE

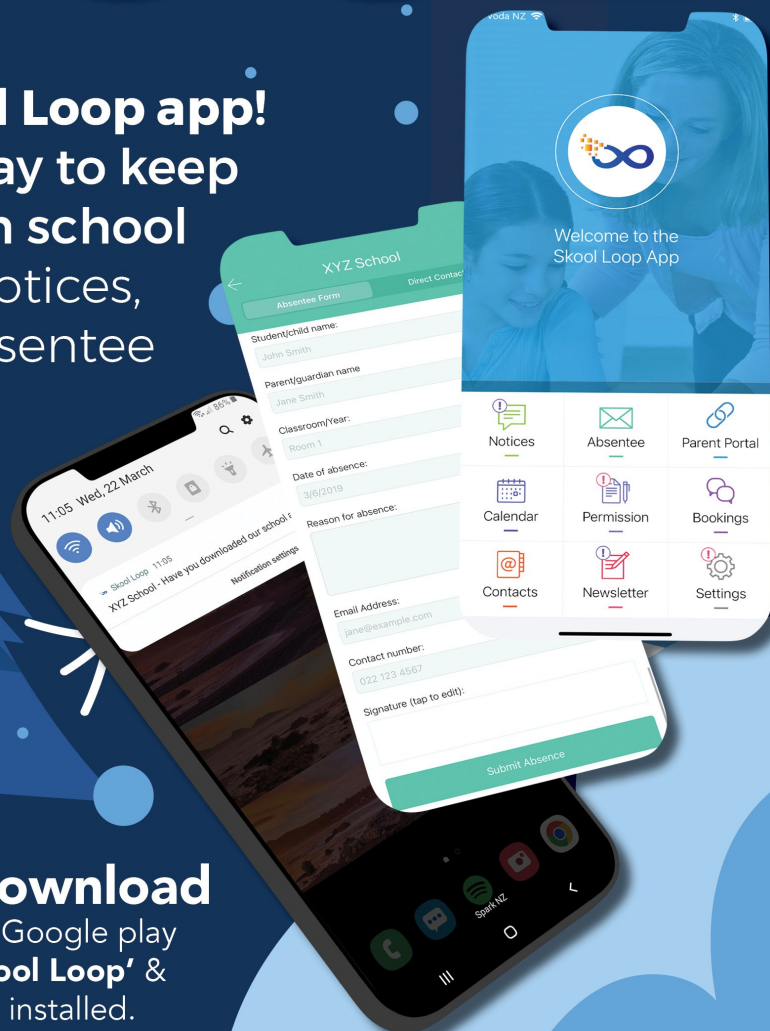
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Kia ora koutou

It is with immense concern that we learnt of the late proposal to toll the new Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatu – Tararua Highway.

The impact of a \$8.60 per round trip toll will heavily affect access to health services, teachers that travel to work here, sports activities, professional development, and meetings for the people of the Tararua District.

This will likely be out of reach for many families who are already struggling financially.

Could you please circulate the attached flyer to your school community any way you can to help us get as many submissions as possible outlining the impacts to families?

We only have this opportunity to make our views known before the Minister makes the decision.

The link to make a submission is below.

[Te Ahu a Turanga - tolling consultation | NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi \(nzta.govt.nz\)](https://nzta.govt.nz/te-ahu-a-turanga-tolling-consultation)

Ngā mihi nui

Tracey Collis

Mayor



Daylight Savings

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AND KIDS' SLEEP SOLUTIONS WITH TRIPLE P



Manage your kids' sleep routines with the daylight savings change on 29 September.

Learn how to teach your child to stay in bed quietly, what to do if they keep getting up, and much more!

If you are dreading the change of time and getting the kids to sleep earlier, this workshop is for you!

"The information is helpful for me as a mum, definitely feel like this course will give me useful tips and tricks with all our kids."

Details



9:30am - 12.00pm



Monday 9 September, or
Thursday 26 September



Tararua REAP,
15 Gordon Street



Koha Appreciated



Refreshments available



**Registration Essential
Contact Tararua REAP**

TARARUA REAP
Rural Education Activities Programme



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