

Term: 1 Week: 58

21 March 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.



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From the Dr's Office...

Greetings Everyone

Sadly I had an accident (a bad head clash) the Monday before last and have been recovering from concussion ever since; this included 5 days off school and retinal (eye) surgery. During that time many school events happened, and I missed some of the really fun ones. This is also the reason why the newsletter did not come out last week – my apologies.

Swimming sports was a much enjoyed event again this year, run by Mr Max. Judah took out first place again and gained maximum points toward who will be the overall winner of the house competition in 2024. My thanks to Mr Max and also the House Leaders for organising another very successful event – I was disappointed to miss it. The next house event will be a sports competition on the last day of term.

School photos occurred on Thursday and Mrs Holdaway will send out the information when it comes to us regarding how you can obtain your copies.

Last Friday saw the School Leaders organising the primary disco which was well attended and the children all had a great time swinging their hips I'm told.

This week we had parent teacher interviews; my thanks to all of the parents who attended, I hope you found them useful. The staff were well prepared to answer your questions and were also well looked after for afternoon tea with a huge spread put on by our Food Technology teacher Mrs Ranier Arnold. Ranier (née Davie) was married a couple of weeks ago and we wish her and Mark every success and enjoyment of their marriage. If Mark is fed anywhere near as well as the staff were this week, he is a lucky man indeed. Ranier has also been involved in having our students join in the local golf club. She and her Rural Studies class were also instrumental in planting our new Totara trees at the front of the school and so she has been very busy and we feel very blessed to have her on staff.

This Friday, there will be a teacher only day as the schools in our Kahui Ako (community of learning) gather together at Cornerstone Christian School for a day of professional development.

The term is counting down and winter seems to be waking up. Next week is the Easter break and the week after will be the end of daylight savings and our longer days. The week after that will start the holidays. Each season brings something new and it's time to start thinking about putting away the beach togs and picking up the skies

Best Wishes

Peter

Puppet making



Various Activities



Step into a vibrant tapestry of diversity as our school transforms into a kaleidoscope of cultures on Culture Day!

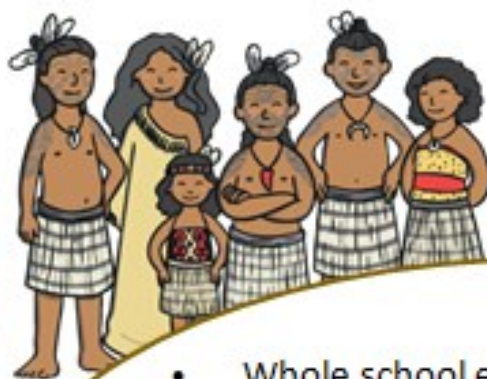


Culture Day



UNITY IN DIVERSITY

Come and join us in celebrating the rich heritage and traditions of our global community that make our school a mosaic of unity and understanding.



- Whole school event on last day of term
- Shared lunch—Send online a dish from your chosen culture to share.
- Dress up—wear clothes that represent your chosen culture.
- House competition parade—watch the tamariki showcase their style.



Community Notices:

- We have some free tickets for families to attend Circus Quirkus in Palmerston North on the 23 May 2024—If you would like tickets, please contact Mrs Holdaway to arrange them.
- GRG (Grandparents Raising Grandchildren) Support Group coordinator is Robyn Hargreaves. She can be contacted on 027 857 5165.
- Totara College school office will be closed from 12 o'clock for the afternoons on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th March 2024. If anything urgent phone Peter Ferrar on 021 201 0963. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Please Remember...

- Friday 22 March—Teacher only day—no school
- Friday 29 March to Tuesday 2 April—Easter—no school
- Friday 12 April—Culture Day
- Friday 12 April - Term 1 ends
- Monday 29 April —Term 2 starts

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Tēnā koe,

My name is Anahera Aramakutu and I am the Regional Project Manager for TupuOra Education and Development Ltd. TupuOra is delivering a te reo Māori course for the education workforce in your region as part of an initiative called Te Ahu o te Reo Māori - Te Rekamauroa.


On behalf of TupuOra, we want to extend an invitation to members of your school community to participate in our Term 2 intake and seek an opportunity for our team to present to your ECE, Kōhanga, School about Te Rekamauroa

The programme is specifically aimed at supporting the education workforce; teachers, managers, support staff and whānau to use te reo Māori with confidence. Its focus on Māori language acquisition for immediate integration into the classroom/centre is a unique offering and is open to all teachers, support staff, parents, and caregivers.

In summary, the offering is:

- *A FREE te reo Māori programme for the education workforce and family members*
- *Delivered online and face to face*
- *Caters to all competency levels - beginners to advanced*
- *Each level is completed in a single school term*
- *Includes a \$500 payment to the education provider per participant graduate*
- *Tailored to your region, local iwi and histories*
- *Supports teacher professional standards*
- *Supports delivery of Aotearoa NZ histories*
- *Helps to build a localised curriculum*

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- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the ‘Select your schools’ this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the ‘select schools’ button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the ‘go back’ button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



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Details



8:30 am – 3:30 pm



Saturday 6 April



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15 Gordon Street



\$40 per couple
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Lunch Provided



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Details



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Sunday 24 March



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Payment confirms your place

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Details

-  7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
-  8 Weeks starting Wednesday 1 May
-  Tararua REAP,
15 Gordon Street, or
-  Online from home
Personal computer required
-  \$40 per registration*
50% discount for Community Service Card holders

To Register
Contact Tararua REAP

*Registrations can be as an individual or family group

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