

Term: 3 Week: 5

23 August 2024

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.'



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Vision

Reaching our God-given potential



Wow, time has flown, Convention is next week and the students are busy preparing costumes etc for one of their events. Good luck to everyone that is going.



From the Dr's Office...

Greetings Everyone

Despite the cold weather and copious rain, the school has been in great heart. The students have been well focused on their learning (generally!) and behavioral issues have been at a minimum, which has been nice.

I've been reflecting on this recently. Our students here at Totara are very well behaved. Usually very kind and respectful and compassionate. As teachers, we are blessed to be looking after such a fine group of young people. Thank you parents, for bringing your children to learn here.

This year's secondary subject initiative has been very successful and we continue to see students grateful for the varied and innovative ways we can meet their learning needs. In addition to the learning, Mr McIntyre has had some great initiatives on Wednesday lunchtimes where students are introduced to the tenets of the gospel message, while eating donated cream buns. Various students have responded to the call of God's love for them.

Mrs Peters has been actively involved in organising a van load of senior students to attend ACE convention next week, where they will compete in various art, speaking and sporting endeavors. The students have worked diligently towards this end, and the science lab and hall have been full every lunchtime with students frantically preparing.

In my space, I've been focusing on where we are as a school and where we are going next year. Such things as:

- Working with a developer for a new school website which will be live shortly.
- Redesigning the school's enrolment forms and prospectus – we've had plenty of interest from new parents.
- Organising new signs for the classes which will be ready soon.
- Organising the internal painting of the secondary block.

As a leadership team we've been looking at what classes we will offer for next year in secondary, and how the timetable will be structured. Students will have their first subject option form coming out shortly for them to complete. Student opinions, and career direction, are a big part of the data we use to organise the classes.

We've been teaching a lot about kindness recently and our inaugural Random Acts of Kindness week is coming up in week 7. In assembly, I'll draw the name of one person in the school for each student to do secret acts of kindness to. The students are really looking forward to it. As a staff we're going to do it too.

We've also got Pet Day coming up in week 9 on the Friday. I've asked Miss Max to coordinate it for us since she's used to doing it. Hopefully the weather will have dried out a little by then.

So onwards and upwards in our lovely little school serving the needs of children in Dannevirke.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Nora from World Vision came for a special assembly and presented Totara with a Platinum Award for top 2% of fundraising schools, based on roll size— over \$3,000.

Totara College raised \$3,375.50. Thank you all for your support.



We have been very fortunate to receive \$1,000 from our local Caltex Westlow - to assist with sporting transport costs. We would be grateful if the school community can support Caltex Westlow when they can as a way of saying thank you.



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SEPTEMBER - 3RD, 10TH & 17TH

JUNIORS (YEAR 1 – 3): 3.30PM – 4.25PM

INTERMEDIATE (YEAR 4 – 5): 4.30PM – 5.30PM

THURSDAYS

SEPTEMBER - 5TH, 12TH & 19TH

SENIORS (YEAR 7 – 8): 3.30PM – 5.00PM

REFEREES (ALL AGES): 3.30PM – 5.00PM



Contact Jamie Hape to register : ☎ 06 374 9224

✉ jamie@kahunguntnar.co.nz

Kia Ora

We have had to start at a later date for our touch development programme, our programme clashed with a double booking as JAB has the fields booked for their 12s and 13s training which is kei te pai 🙏, which means we will start this programme in September 3rd and September 5th and five weeks from then onwards. And fingers crossed the weather is great too. Also, this will give others an opportunity to register 🙏 FYI – the dates finish will be October 1st and 3rd.

We have been fortunate enough to have a couple of local ex-Manawatu touch player who will be taking the kids through all the skills and drills for this year development programme.

Sorry for the inconvenience, for those that have registered I've sent a text/email to them also..

In the meantime if you have any kids wanting to register with link below:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=M_nCE7smr0WHMSA9N5DWQl4YJC-OrstClujMeUTyUHZUM0swOTNZSzlaVTVOSudJOUNITTlaNjBGVC4u

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15
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Totara College Senior Ball

Theme: Under the Sea

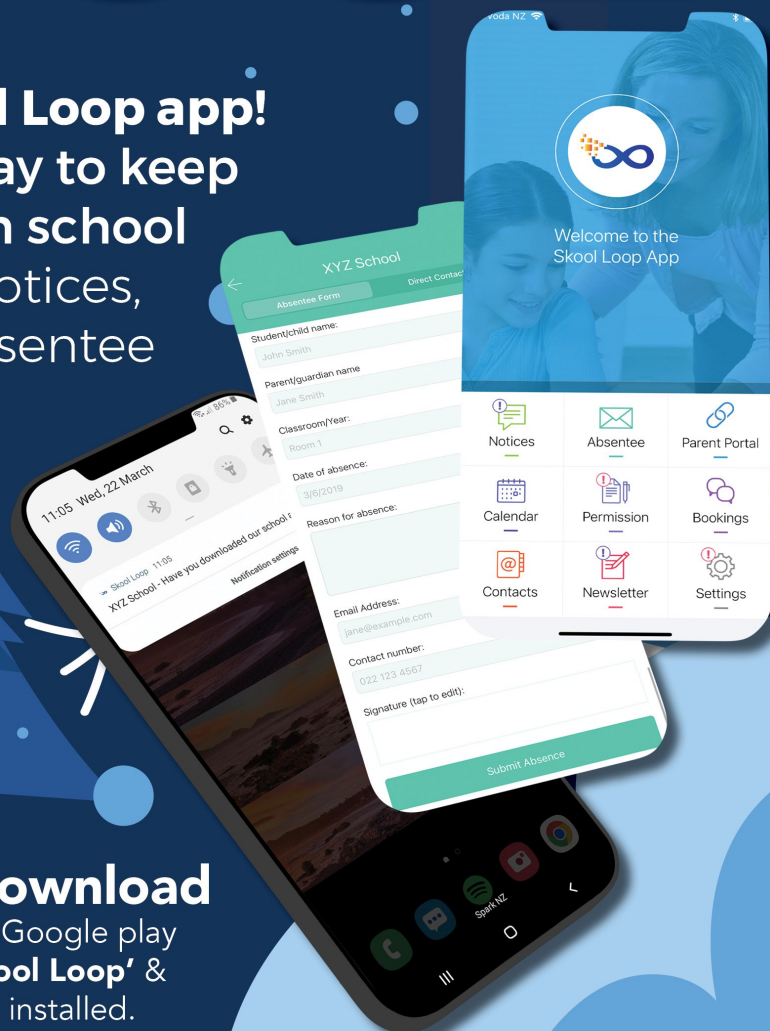
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VACANCY

We are seeking a teacher-aide to work in the special needs area. The position will be for 16 hours per week, Monday to Wednesday during term time only.

Remuneration will be based on experience and the Support Staff in Schools Collective Agreement pay scales.

The successful applicant will start as soon as practicable.

An ability to uphold the special character of the school and be an effective and contributing member of staff is essential.

Closing date: Thursday 5th September 2024.

Expression of interest to: principal@totaracollege.school.nz

Please Remember...

- Monday 26 to Friday 30 August— Convention
- Monday 2 to Friday 6 September—Random Acts of Kindness
- Friday 6 September— 5pm to 7pm—Junior Disco - RSVP to office
- Tuesday 10 September—7pm— School Board meeting
- Friday 13 September—Teacher only day—no school
- Thursday 19 September—Kapa Haka
- Friday 27 September— Last day of Term 3
- Friday 15 November—Senior Ball
- Monday 14 October— First day of Term 4
- Fridays—Term 3 onwards— Office closed every Friday

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