

TOTARA COLLEGE NEWS

This Term at Totara

Theme:

How Food & Nutrition impacts our personal health and physical development

Value: Respect

Scripture:

The whole Armor of God

Ephesians 6 v 13-18

Therefore take up the whole armor of God...



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Vision

Reaching our God-given potential

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

THE ARMOR OF GOD



above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication.



From the Dr's Office...

Hi Everyone

We've just completed week 7 so yet again the term is rushing away. There's been a number of fun learning things happening and some of them include:

Swimming sports

Swimming sports was another awesome event and my thanks to **Jonny Max** and the house leaders for all their efforts in making this day so successful. Not all students love swimming sports! In fact some actively hate it, but, as I keep reminding the students: we live on an island and a major river (that has had fatalities) is quite close and so water safety, and growing ability in the water, is something that is important for young Kiwi kids to learn as they grow up.

The swimming sports was the first of our house events for the year and was won by Judah. We celebrated their success on Thursday morning's assembly. We have a new swimming trophy and Judah's name has been inscribed on it for winning this year (and the last two years). Overall the house groups are competing for the House Cup which will be awarded to the victorious house leader on prizegiving night at the end of the year.

Student leadership

We've also had various leadership courses taking place for our student leaders and others. Mr McIntyre is responsible for the student leaders this year and meets with them fortnightly. Mr Max meets with the House leaders.

The student leaders are:

Head Girl: Grace Reid, Head Boy: Zach Welsh

Leaders: Hezekiah Tohu, Kyle Strydom, Adena Green, Peyton Peters, Izzy Lawson

The House group leaders are:

Judah (last years' winning house): Elijah Max

Zebulun: Heidi Dean

Abraham: Damian Jordan

Levites: Hezekiah Tohu

Volleyball

The senior volleyball team, which is a composite team between ourselves and Dannevirke High School, has been having some success at regional level. The last result I heard is them beating Taraua College – nice to win the local derby. Basketball season is also starting to ramp up.

Tahiti trip

We are intending to take a group of our students to Tahiti at the end of this year. Mr Wright is organising this. Various fundraising initiatives are in place including a catered formal dinner at the Hub this Thursday. We'd love you to support this. Tickets available from the office.

There's plenty of stuff to get into as well as the learning in day to day school life.

Best wishes, Peter





These six students represented Totara College at the Country Schools Swimming Sports today at the Wai-Splash complex. They performed exceptionally well, even winning the final mixed relay at the end of the day. It's very likely that a number of them will go on to represent Totara College at the Inter-schools Swimming Sports which is the next step up. Well done!!



Fun times at the swimming sports. Great to see the students supporting their houses with all their bright colours!

Totara College Evening Banquet

Totara College is hosting a restaurant meal at the Hub on April 3rd from 6:00pm -8:30pm. It is a part of the fundraising that a group of High School Students are doing to help cover costs for their upcoming French immersion trip to Tahiti in late November.

The meal will be cooked and served by these students under the supervision of the school's Food Tech teacher Mrs Ranier Arnold. It will consist of three courses and soft drinks will be available throughout with hot drinks being served at the end.

The cost of all this is only \$45 and tickets may be purchased from the school office.

Sales are limited to 60 tickets so you are advised to book early for what will be a great evening.

Tahiti Trip

TAHITI TRIP FUNDRAISING DINNER:

In order to keep the costs down, the school would appreciate donations of any of the groceries, as listed below:

2 x 10 kg bags spuds, 15 bags kumara, 3-4 large pumpkins, 8 x 1 kilo bags peas/corn,

15 sachets gravy, 12 whole chickens, 4 roast muttons, 2 bags coffee,

1 box tea bags, 1 x 5kg box ice-cream, 5 blocks butter, 10 x 500g fruit salad,

2 kg coleslaw, 10 bags tomatoes, 13 avocados, 2 bags onions,

13 rounds Brie or Camembert, 13 french sticks, 7 tubs sour cream

8 x 3 litre fruit juices, 3 oil sprays, 2 jars garlic powder

Could you please leave any goods either at the school office or have them given directly to Mrs Arnold NO LATER THAN 9:00am on Wednesday 2 April.

Thanks in anticipation

S Wright

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.

Please Remember...

- Friday 28 March—Teacher Only Day
- Tuesday 1 April—Interschool Swimming Sports
- Thursday 3 April—Evening Banquet
- Friday 11 April—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

E-mail: office@totaracollege.school.nz

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