

Term: 3 Week: 1

25 July 2024

TOTARA COLLEGE NEWS

This Term at Totara

Theme:

Looking after God's Creation

Value: Kindness

Scripture:

ROMANS 5:8

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Vision

Reaching our God-given potential





From the Dr's Office...

Welcome back to school for another ten weeks packed with learning. The students settled down to work very quickly on Monday and we were back into the normal routines as if we'd never left (although people definitely seemed a little more refreshed).

Over the holidays we've started some more work on the property:

- Painting refresh has begun in the secondary block

- Signwriting for the concrete has been organised and will be completed sometime early this term (probably on a weekend)

- The van signage has been updated to reflect the fact that we proudly come from Dannevirke.

Themes

This term's theme is 'Looking after God's creation' and I introduced this to the students on Monday's assembly where I talked about space and some of the wonder God has put in the night sky. Part of this theme will include a **Pet day** towards the end of the term. Details to come out later.

Our value this term is Kindness and in classes we will be teaching the students what kindness means and how they can grow in this. Hopefully you might see the results of some of this teaching at home! As part of this we will be having a **Random Acts of Kindness week** in the middle of the term where students will, randomly and secretly, be doing something nice for a student chosen for them. More on this later.

Our scripture this term is Romans 5:8

'God demonstrates his love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.' This is the kindness of God for us and hence fits well with our term value.

Teachers

As I write, Carlyn Ryklief and Debbie Max are enjoying summer in Europe where they've been doing their overseas experience. They'll be back in week 4. In the mean time we've been blessed to have **Karen Phelps** looking after LC2. Karen is a very experienced practitioner and was the stand in principal at Weber for a while last year.

Next week Lisa Knightly starts her final teaching practicum experience at Norsewood school prior to her obtaining registration. She will be away for 5 weeks (week 2-6) but will be around and will be here for the parent teacher interviews. In her stead, Trea Barnett will pick up an extra day and **Renee Timmins** will also join us. Renee also is highly experienced and a previous principal. She and her husband are leaders of the 7th day Adventist church in town. For the time Lisa is away, Trea will teach Monday, Thursday, Friday and Renee will teach Tuesday, Wednesday.

Parent teacher Interviews

These will be on Tuesday week 3 (6th August). School will close at lunchtime and interviews will begin at 1.30. The bookings will be on skool loop as previously, please call the office if you'd like assistance with this. Interviews will be 10 minutes with a 5minute turnaround time. Please be aware that you do not have to wait until interviews to talk to your child's teacher – we're always available, just book a time. LC2 interviews will not be happening with Carlyn away, but we will organise something for those parents after week 3 when she returns.


We strongly encourage parents to attend these interviews if you can!

Have a great weekend.

Peter

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Details

🕒 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

📅 Six weeks starting
Thursday 8 August

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Please Remember...

- Tuesday 6 August 1.30pm onwards—Parent Interviews
- Tuesday 6 August 7.00pm—Board Meeting
- Friday 23 August—Teacher only day—no school
- Monday 26 to 30 August— Convention
- Fridays—Term 3 onwards— Office closed every Friday

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