

Term: 1 Week: 9

3 April 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.



**TOTARA  
COLLEGE**

***Vision***

*Reaching our God-  
given potential*

Taonga Atua students





# From the Dr's Office...

Greetings Everyone

I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break. Many of the children get to this point in the term and they are quite tired so it has been nice to be able to see them have a bit of recovery time. The ironic way the terms are set out this year (by the Ministry of Education) is that we only have another week and the term is over and there is another two-week break. I haven't heard any of the students complaining!

This last week is an important one for us as we wrap up our cultures theme with **CULTURES DAY**. We need your help to make this a fun and memorable occasion. It will be on Wednesday in the afternoon. We haven't quite organised the timings yet but we will be having:

- a shared lunch
- a parade
- and a house group cultural item.

We are asking the children to all come dressed in a culture. This could be their culture (we have a number at the school: Maori, South African, Asian etc) or a culture they particularly like (I've noticed French culture is having a renaissance with Mr Wright's French classes and our trip hopefully next year to New Caledonia).

Please send your child to school with an item of food from a culture to share. The lunch will be around 1pm – final times to be advised.

We are having our house leaders lead their house in presenting a cultural item to the school. This will be of their choosing so it will be interesting to see what comes up. Parents are warmly invited to join us for the afternoon. It should be a lot of fun.

Class honour roll activities will also be occurring next week to celebrate those children who: have completed their goals, learnt the term's memory verse and had a fine behavioral record.

Hopefully I'll see you all on Wednesday (in your fine cultural clothes)

Best wishes

Peter

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

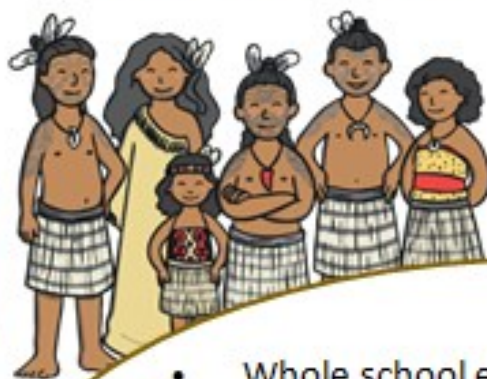


# Culture Day



**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.





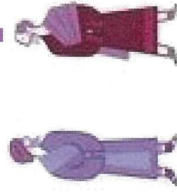
## Abraham

Bertram, Julian  
Bertram, Ruben  
Knightly, Jayme  
Grocott, Finley  
Bertram, Leroy  
Walters, Navallie

Jordan, Sophia  
Coker, Ryan  
Jordan, Damian  
Harrison, Jayden  
Bertram, Taj

## Peters, Peyton

Walters, Israel  
Carnie, Kyan  
Coker, Sarah



## Staff

Bena Haider  
Lisa Knightly  
Connie Peters  
Debbie Max  
Hayley Max

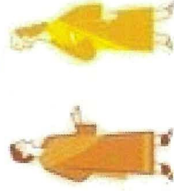
## Judah

Leitch, Alannah  
Chappell, Alani  
Frankcom, Eli  
Tai, Unique  
Tai, Aotearoa  
Omundsen, William  
Omundsen, Elizabeth

Leitch, Jacob  
Leitch, Zak  
Welsh, Faith  
Stephenson, Hannah

## Strydom, Kyle

Stephenson, Grace  
Welsh, Zachariah  
Hema, Tanayah  
Whaitiri, Billie



## Staff

Ruth Peters  
Hope Welsh  
Sue Rowe  
Trea Barnett  
Iona Patu

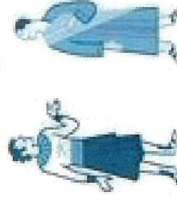
## Zebulun

Britz, Leah  
Hussain, Kaison  
Peters, Jessica  
Locke, Tory  
Jones, Nash  
Beere, Hannah  
Dean, Daisy

Madden, Keanu  
Langdon, Esther  
Britt, Deluca  
Green, Ronya  
Hussain, Alias  
Dean, Heidi

## Green, Adena

Locke, Bradley



## Staff

Stuart Wright  
Danielle Dean  
Sue Holdaway  
Carl McIntyre  
Les Trigg

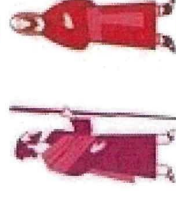
## Levites

O'Neale, Noah  
Woodfield, Benji  
McPartlin, Peter  
Genach, Jonathan  
Genach, Davi  
Berwick, Makaylah  
Johnson, Lara

McPartlin, Oliver  
Johnson, Maddie  
Flanders, Zahara  
Lyons, Nadia  
Cameron, Connor

## Tohu, Hezekiah

Lawson, Izzy  
Reid, Grace



## Staff

Carllyn Ryklief  
Warrick Greaves  
Ranier Arnold  
Ruth McNair  
Sarah Carty

## 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.
- Chess Club: any student (Primary or Secondary) are welcome to join the Chess club. They meet at Dannevirke High School Room 28 each Wednesday between 3.15pm and 4.30pm.
- Year 7 and Year 8 students are invited to join the Dannevirke Smallbore Rifle Club—see flyer attached.
- GRG (Grandparents Raising Grandchildren) Support Group coordinator is Robyn Hargreaves. She can be contacted on 027 857 5165.
- Please see attached flyer from Dannevirke Theatre Company about the production 'Annie ' information evening, auditions etc.

### Please Remember...

- Friday 8 April—School office closed
- Wednesday 10 April—Culture Day
- Friday 12 April - Term 1 ends
- Monday 29 April —Term 2 starts
- Totara College school office will be closed Friday 8th April. Late students to report to Mrs Dean in LC5. If anything urgent phone Peter Ferrar on 021 201 0963. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

E-mail: [office@totaracollege.school.nz](mailto:office@totaracollege.school.nz)

Phone: 06 374 6165

# SKOOL LOOP APP



## Stay “in the loop” with our communication app!

**Events | Cancellations | Notices**  
**Newsletters | Permission slips**  
**Instant notifications | Absentees**  
**Parent Teacher Interviews**

**Simple free download:**  
In Google Play & App Store search **‘Skool Loop’** & choose our organisation once installed.



## Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- 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.





**Radio Dannevirke**

**in Conjunction with**

**Tararua Rotary**  
**Rotary Club of Mana Tangata**



**present a:**



# **Music Quiz Evening**

**Held at:** Dannevirke Services & Citizens Club  
Princess St

**Date:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**From:** 7.00 – 9.30pm

**Cost:** \$60 per table of 4.

All questions based on music from the 1950's – 2000's will be supplied and asked by the radio presenters currently on Radio Dannevirke 107 FM.

Registration forms available from Dannevirke Library, Leader and Watt or email [robynhargreaves@xtra.co.nz](mailto:robynhargreaves@xtra.co.nz)

Light supper will be provided

Great prizes for winning teams & dress up as your favourite music star to win at half-time.  
Main sponsor – Dannevirke Pharmacy.



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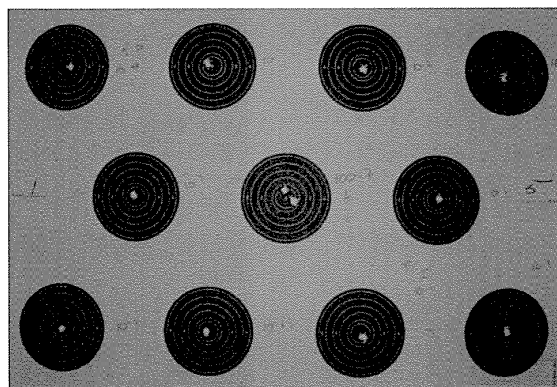
DANNEVIRKE SMALLBORE RIFLE CLUB (DSRC) INVITING NEW JUNIORS TO THE  
CLUB FOR THE 2024 SEASON

Are you keen to give something new ago? Our Smallbore Rifle Shooting season is starting soon. Boys and girls both welcome.

If you are Year 7 or 8 the junior shooting season starts on 30 April 2024 from 5:30-7pm. There are limited spaces available. Priority is given to year 8 students. Parental help is a necessity. Cost for the 10 weeks is \$140 which includes targets, ammunition, rifle use, coaching, final parents vs child shoot, Southern Hawkes Bay competition and awards. Please register your child's interest by the 23 April 2024.

If you are Year 9 and over your shooting season starts from beginning of May. Parental help is a necessity as well. Joining costs are around \$90 for the seasons membership plus a weekly cost of \$6 per card shot. Please register your child's interest by the 30<sup>th</sup> April.

For more information contact Ruth McNair (021 0777952) or Julia Blacklaws (0273311660) or email [juliaanddean@xtra.co.nz](mailto:juliaanddean@xtra.co.nz)







**The**  **SCANPOWER season of**

# **Annie**

## **INFORMATION EVENING**

**Sunday 7th April**

**Dannevirke Fountain Theatre**

**4pm**

## **AUDITIONS**

**Sunday 14th April**

**Dannevirke Fountain Theatre**

## **CALL BACKS**

**Saturday 20th April**

**Dannevirke Fountain Theatre**

**For any enquiries please email  
[dannevirkeannie@gmail.com](mailto:dannevirkeannie@gmail.com)**

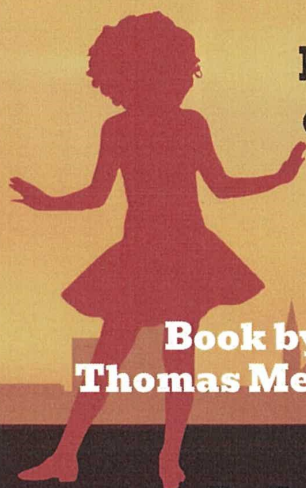
**Directed by Lisa Higginson**

**Book by  
Thomas Meehan**

**Music by  
Charles Strouse**

**Lyrics by  
Martin Charnin**

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# Defensive Driving


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## Street Talk Defensive Driving Course - April 2024 School Holidays

**Daytime: Each session 9:30am - 11:30am**

**Monday 15th April 2024 9:30am NZST**

National Driver Training Centre, 120 Kawakawa Road, Feilding

**Get your full licence sooner.**

### Course dates and times:

Session 1. Monday	15 April	9:30am - 11:30am
Session 2. Thursday	18 April	9:30am - 11:30am
Session 3. Monday	22 April	9:30am - 11:30am
Session 4. Tuesday	23 April	9:30am - 11:30am

From Monday 6th May: 45-minute Driving Assessments, times to be confirmed

This Waka Kotahi (NZTA) approved course is designed to increase your hazard awareness, learning to identify hazards and verbalise them to the instructor.

When drivers, who hold a restricted licence, successfully complete the course they can apply to Waka Kotahi to reduce the time needed before taking their Class 1 Full Licence test. This can reduce time by:

- 6 months for a driver aged under 25 years.
- 3 months for a driver aged 25 years or over

The course is made up of four, two-hour, interactive group sessions in a class setting. Each session must be completed in sequential order, with a workbook provided to each attendee. Those who complete all four sessions and the workbook will then finish the course by completing a 45-minute driving assessment. This assessment is the equivalent of the Class 1 Full Licence Test.

### For each session you need to bring:

- Your NZ restricted driver licence (Class 1)
- A snack and drink, as you cannot leave the premises during the course.
- A pen

A workbook will be supplied at the first session and this will need to be brought to each session.

### Book Now

**Street Talk Defensive Driving \$240.00**

Course dates: 15, 18, 22, 23 April

Available 4 Oct 2023 - 8 Apr 2024

**All prices in NZ Dollars and include GST**

You can pay for this booking by: Credit/Debit Card

# Blended Family Success

1-DAY WORKSHOP FOR COUPLES NAVIGATING STEPFAMILY LIFE



*Do you and/or your partner have children from a prior relationship?*

Discover how your blended family can adjust to stepfamily life, deal with common issues and create a happy home – all in one day!

You will be inspired and equipped with practical strategies that work!

## Details



8:30 am – 3:30 pm



Saturday 6 April



Tararua REAP,  
15 Gordon Street



\$40 per couple  
50% discount for Community  
Service Card holders



Lunch Provided



Childcare Available

Delivered by leading stepfamily presenter, Adele Cornish and her husband Mike. Together they have a blended family with five children



Blended Family  
**SUCCESS**

**Contact Tararua REAP to register**

For more information visit  
<https://www.blendedfamilysuccess.nz/>

**TARARUA REAP**  
Rural Education Activities Programme



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# Sign Language for Beginners

NZSL LEVEL 1A




Starting from the very beginning, this class goes through Deaf culture and Deaf awareness and will teach the basics.

Classes are fun, engaging and for all ages, so the whole whānau can be involved.

Available online, or in a classroom setting.

**NZSL**  **U**  
NEW ZEALAND SIGN LANGUAGE FOR YOU

## 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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