

Term: 2 Week: 1

3 May 2024

# TOTARA COLLEGE NEWS

This Term at Totara

Theme: Time

Value: Integrity

Scripture:

Malachi 3: Verse 6

For I am the LORD,  
I do not change.



**TOTARA  
COLLEGE**

***Vision***

*Reaching our God-  
given potential*

The school van is  
looking very  
sharp with the  
new sign writing.





# From the Dr's Office...

Greetings Everyone

Welcome back to the new term. This term we will focus the value of Integrity and the theme of "Time" in classroom integrated studies units. We plan to finish the term with a day where we celebrate the history of our school as part of this.

Over the holidays a number of things happened:

- Les, our groundman has been active:
  - Desks painted in LC2 which were starting to look a little shabby.
  - Work begun on a uniform storage cupboard in the resource room.
  - New cabinetry put into LC6 (Science) to accommodate technology and art resources.
- The van had a tidy up to make it recognizable around town and further abroad.
- Stuart Wright and I had an exploratory trip to New Caledonia to consider a trip there for the French class students in March of 2025. More details to follow. We are excited about the opportunity to give our local kids from Dannevirke a personal look at a place very different culturally to what they are used to. New Caledonia is rich in Melanesian culture and is a completely French speaking island. Photos of the area are included in this newsletter. If your child learns French you will be hearing about this soon.

At the end of last term we finally planted Totara trees out the front of the school in line with our name. There is a triangle of 6 trees showing the three different varieties of totara.: 3 green totara, then 2 blue matapouri totara and 1 yellow totara (at the apex of the triangle). The aim is for them to show case who we are and also to grow up and provide a nice shady place for students to have their lunch. We will also be placing a new school sign out front to replace the current one sometime soon.

The basketball season has started again and this year we have both a boys and girls senior team competing in the Palmerston North competition. The boys play on a Wednesday night and the girls play on Friday. The boys had their first game this week and it was very thrilling. The scores were level at half time but for a final second score by our PN Boys High opponents which put them ahead. At the final whistle we were narrowly beaten, but the boys were within an inch of starting the season really well. Bring on next week.

Best wishes

Peter

## Advance notice: Totara College Cross country Friday week 6 (7<sup>th</sup> June)

### Proposed French Immersion Trip To New Caledonia 2025

Totara College is currently looking at a week's trip to our closest country New Caledonia next year to give our students a chance to practice their French as well as experience immersion with the French culture.

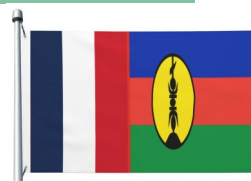
The trip will be open to Year 9 students and above, as of next year, and in the event of huge numbers wanting to go those studying French will have first priority. The tentative date planned is Week 8 Term 1 from Friday 21 March – Saturday 29 March.

To introduce the proposed itinerary, costings involved as well as to gauge initial interest there will be a meeting at the school on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 5:30 pm in the hall.

Dr Ferrar and Mr Wright will briefly give a presentation and then open the floor for questions and discussion.

We would love to see all interested students, parents and family there. Feel free to discuss this, prior to the meeting, with either of us.

Peter Ferrar and Stuart Wright



### School Photo Orders

School photo can still be ordered up to the 13 May. Samples are available to view at office. Order form is attached to this newsletter.



### Wheels day Friday reinstated

Due to popular demand we are reinstating wheels day Friday. This means that on Fridays from now students can bring their skateboards/bikes/ scooters etc and use them on the tennis courts at interval and lunchtime. Basic rules:

- Helmets must be worn
- Only on the tennis courts
- No use of wheels in the school grounds otherwise (eg scootering right up to classroom)





*Dannevirke*

# CACTUS

*29 July - 22 Sept 2024*



*Apply Now!*

*More information and application forms  
at your school office*



Snapshots from Dr Ferrar and Mr Wright's visit to Noumea over the holidays to see if the island is suitable for next year's French class trip.



# Totara College

## School Photo Order Form 2024



Student Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Class \_\_\_\_\_  
Email (for digital images only) \_\_\_\_\_

		Price \$	Number	Total \$
Class Photo - LC1	8 x 10 laminated	15	_____	_____
Class Photo - LC2	8 x 10 laminated	15	_____	_____
Class Photo - LC3	8 x 10 laminated	15	_____	_____
Class Photo - LC5/Paces	8 x 10 laminated	15	_____	_____
Teachers	8 x 10 laminated	15	_____	_____
Board Of Trustees	8 x 10 laminated	15	_____	_____
Basketball Team	8 x 10 laminated	15	_____	_____
Volleyball Team	8 x 10 laminated	15	_____	_____
Whole School	8 x 10 laminated	15	_____	_____
Individual	4 x 6	4	_____	_____
Individual	5 x 7	5	_____	_____
Individual	8 x 10	10	_____	_____
Individual	Digital Image	10	_____	_____
Sibling	4 x 6	4	_____	_____
Sibling	5 x 7	5	_____	_____
Sibling	8 x 10	10	_____	_____
Sibling	Digital Image	10	_____	_____
Class Photo - French	8 x 10 laminated	15	_____	_____
Class Photo - Food Technology	8 x 10 laminated	15	_____	_____
Class Photo - Woodwork	8 x 10 laminated	15	_____	_____
Class Photo - Engineering	8 x 10 laminated	15	_____	_____
Class Photo - Rural Studies	8 x 10 laminated	15	_____	_____
Class Photo - Passion Project	8 x 10 laminated	15	_____	_____
Class Photo - French	8 x 10 laminated	15	_____	_____
Class Photo - Performing Arts	8 x 10 laminated	15	_____	_____
Class Photo - Science	8 x 10 laminated	15	_____	_____
Class Photo - First Responders	8 x 10 laminated	15	_____	_____
Class Photo - Social Science	8 x 10 laminated	15	_____	_____
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<b>Class Photo - PE/Sport</b>	<i>8 x 10 laminated</i>	15	_____	_____
<b>Class Photo - Media/Literacy</b>	<i>8 x 10 laminated</i>	15	_____	_____
<b>Class Photo - Careers</b>	<i>8 x 10 laminated</i>	15	_____	_____
<b>Total</b>				_____
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Our school leaders -  
Head girl Sarah  
Coker, Head boy  
Bradley Locke,  
Deputies: Zac Welsh,  
Izzy Lawson and  
Grace Reid







## Community Notices:

- 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.
- GRG (Grandparents Raising Grandchildren) Support Group coordinator is Robyn Hargreaves. She can be contacted on 027 857 5165.
- Te Whare o Taiao o Rangitane are excited to launch Teaching Scholarship for 2024 and wish to share it to all of the whanau in Tamaki nui-a-rua . Please see attached flyer. This scholarship application round is open from 29 April until 12 May 2024. Enquires to [poutoko-kaiako@rangitane.co.nz](mailto:poutoko-kaiako@rangitane.co.nz)

### Please Remember...

- Thursday 16 May—5.30pm Hall New Caledonia French Trip meeting
- Monday 3 June—King Birthday—no school
- Friday 7 June -- Totara College Cross Country
- Friday 28 June—Matariki—no school
- Friday 6 July —Term 2 last day
- Monday 22 July—Term 3 starts

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

**Phone: 06 374 6165**



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# BOWERBIRD BLUES

AURA  
PARKER



## NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Wednesday 22 May 2024 | #NSS2024 #2MillionKidsReading #LibraryStoryTime

LESS THAN A MONTH TO GO!

Have you registered for **NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME 2024**?  
Join us as together we read with over **2 MILLION** children from across two nations!

**DON'T FORGET YOU NEED REGISTER TO COUNT!**

**REGISTER HERE!**



**WHEN:**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**24<sup>th</sup> OF MAY 2023**  
**AT 12:00 PM AEST /**  
**2:00 PM NZST**

REGISTER TO READ **BETWEEN 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2024**  
**AND 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY** TO WIN ONE OF 50 BOOK PACKS  
WORTH \$150 FOR YOUR LIBRARY.







We are

**EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE**

our Te Whare Taiao o Rangitāne

**TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP**



## TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP

### Criteria

The purpose of this scholarship is to support Māori into a teaching career. To be eligible for this scholarship, you must:

- Be a registered iwi member of Rangitāne
- Be enrolled or planning to enrol in an Initial Teacher Education Program (Bachelor's Degree or Postgraduate Diploma)

For an application or further inquiries, please email:  
[poutokokaiako@rangitane.co.nz](mailto:poutokokaiako@rangitane.co.nz)



# Understanding your Picky Eater

*Find a solution to your child's picky eating*

We will cover:

- Picky eating spectrum
- Recognising the red flags
- How neurodiversity impacts picky eating
- Strategies to get kids to try new foods

and much more ...

**"I would totally recommend this workshop to any parent who has a fussy eater!"**

Feedback from previous participant.



**Monday 13 & 20 May 2024**

**9:30 am - 12:00 pm**

(course is a 2-day workshop)

Registration is essential at least 1 week prior to the course date

**TARARUA REAP**

Rural Education Activities Programme

15 Gordon Street, Dannevirke

06 374 6565

office@tararuareap.co.nz

www.tararuareap.co.nz



## Positive Parenting Programme

*'Help your child to listen'*

Want your child to listen to instructions and follow them straight away? Learn creative skills and create your own family plan to improve communication.

**"Gave me ideas of where to start and what to do next. Excited to try new strategies"**

Feedback from previous participant.

**Thursday 9 May 2024 9:30 am - 11:30 am**

Registration is essential at least 1 week prior to course date

**Fighting and Aggression & Sleep Solution topics are available too! Contact Tararua REAP for more info.**



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# LOCAL TRADIES LOOKING AFTER LOCALS

**Joe Jordan**

**027 318 5875**

joe.ruahinetradie@gmail.com

**Neal Fourie**

CERTIFIED PLUMBER

**022 182 5116**

neal.ruahinetradie@gmail.com

## I CAN OFFER:

- **Decks:**  
new & repairs
- **Timber fences**
- **Window & door installs:**  
insert & full frame
- **Home repairs:**  
weatherboard & rot repairs
- **Sheds:**  
pole sheds, garden sheds,  
wood sheds
- **Carports & Lean-tos**
- **Renovations:**  
bathroom & kitchen

## I CAN OFFER:

- **New installs**
- **Renovations:**  
bathroom, kitchen & laundry
- **Hot water systems & filtration systems**
- **Emergency plumbing service**
- **Fire installations**
- **Plumbing maintenance**
- **Blocked drains**

**Experienced, quality workmanship**

**WE OFFER FREE, NO OBLIGATION QUOTES**