

Term: 3 Week: 7
6 September 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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COLLEGE**

Vision

*Reaching our God-
given potential*

LC3 ladies all dressed
up to help celebrate
Daffodil Day -
Great effort .



Convention week:

This year, being the first time at Convention since 2019, 2 schools came - 36 from Otamatea, 10 from Totara College plus a few home schoolers - around 50 students all up.

It was a great week especially on awards night when two of our students won the overall platform for Males—Zac Welsh and overall platform for females—Heidi Dean. We also had a few command performances which meant that the students performed at a high standard and had to perform again at the night rally.



Totara College Show & Pet Day

20th September 2024

Years 1-13 are having their own A&P Show here at school on Friday 20th September. It will be a mufti day.

Parents are welcome to come along and join us during the afternoon from 12.30pm. You may like to bring a picnic and eat on the lawn.

Pets- Categories include:

Small pets

Dogs

Calves

Lambs



Students can bring along their pet in the morning. Small pets will be kept in the student's classroom, however, other animals must be tied up with water available.

Note- Dogs must be controlled on a leash at all times. Please don't bring a nervous or fearful animal to school. They may become dangerous to their owner, or another child, and you will be asked to take your pet home.



Lego creation- Create at home and bring on the day. Watch Lego Masters and get inspired!

Miniature garden- Create at home and bring on the day. This could be made in a foil plate, an old baking tray, a bowl, pot, plate, or something else, so be creative.

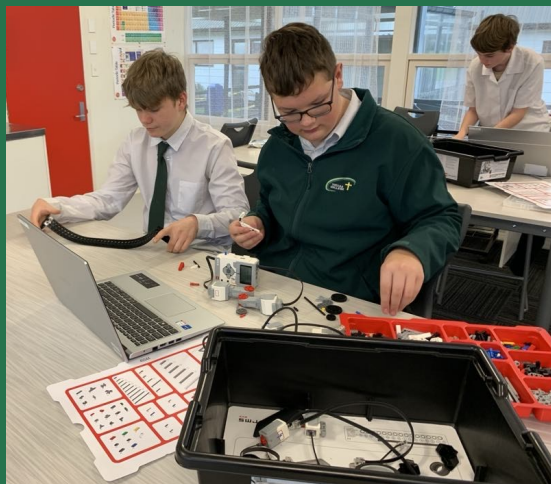
Diorama- Building a diorama is a fun project that allows room for a lot of creativity. Create at home and bring in on the day.

Flowers- Bring some flowers along to school on the day to create a masterpiece. This could be wildflowers from the backyard. The flowers could either be put into a vase or create an arrangement on a plate.

Fruit & Veg creation- On the day bring along items of fruit and veg. During the morning at school the children will be creating Fruit and Vegetable creations.



We suggest you talk with your child and see what they would like to make. Start planning and designing this weekend, so that you have plenty of time to finish your creation. You will have two weekends to work on your creations before Pet and Show Day.





From the Dr's Office...

Greetings Everyone

I hope you're all well as we welcome in the change of seasons. I mentioned to the students in an assembly that the traditional dates for the change of seasons are on the first day of September, December, March and June respectively for Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter; so according to that we're now in spring.

However, the astronomical dates are linked to the solstices (longest and shortest days) and equinoxes (equal amount of daylight and darkness all over the earth) and since the spring equinox is on the 23 September this is when spring actually starts astronomically. Regardless of the above, it actually felt more like spring most of this week until the rain came, and daffodils and blossoms are certainly sprouting.

The heralding of the warmer months always makes people feel better and this dovetails well with our value of kindness this term. As part of teaching kindness, we've had a 'random acts of kindness week' this week where everyone picked a name from a hat in assembly and had to do secret acts of kindness for the person they picked. The theory is for them to practice kindness intentionally to the point where it becomes part of who they are, and hence this is a character development strategy. Hopefully, it's been a positive experience.

We've finalised our values definitions into a poster now, and this can be seen all over the school, again this is a character development strategy. By this, I mean that at Totara we define good character by our four values and teach explicitly to these to try to engender them in the growing lives of the children.

Hopefully you're seeing some evidence of this!

Have a great week

Peter



5th September 2024

Dear Parents

The **Totara College Singers** have again been asked to provide a **choir** and to perform with the Viking Choir at 2 concerts which are to be held at the Dannevirke Anglican Church on **Saturday 23rd November** and at the Woodville Anglican Church on **Saturday 7th December**.

2023 was a wonderful opportunity for the students to rehearse and then perform on the 'stage', so am writing this letter to gauge support for 2024. I am hopeful that our choir will be made up all of ages from 5-17.

Mr Wright, on behalf of Dannevirke's Lions Club, is also keen for the **Totara College Singers** to perform at this years 'Christmas in the Park', which will be Saturday 14th December. 2024

These concerts will be on Saturday evenings and students will need to be dropped off and picked up (we will take minibus to Woodville also), I ask that all families contact me via email if they have children wanting to participate. My email is ruth@totaracollege.school.nz

Consents in by next Thursday 12th September so we can organize rehearsals for the next 2 terms. Students do not need to be available for all concerts, so if they have another engagement on one of the nights, I would appreciate you informing me of the dates they are available to perform.

Yours sincerely

Ruth

Ruth Peters
Music Coordinator



Totara College Singers 2023





Please Remember...

- 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 20 September—Pet and Show Day
- 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

E-mail: office@totaracollege.school.nz

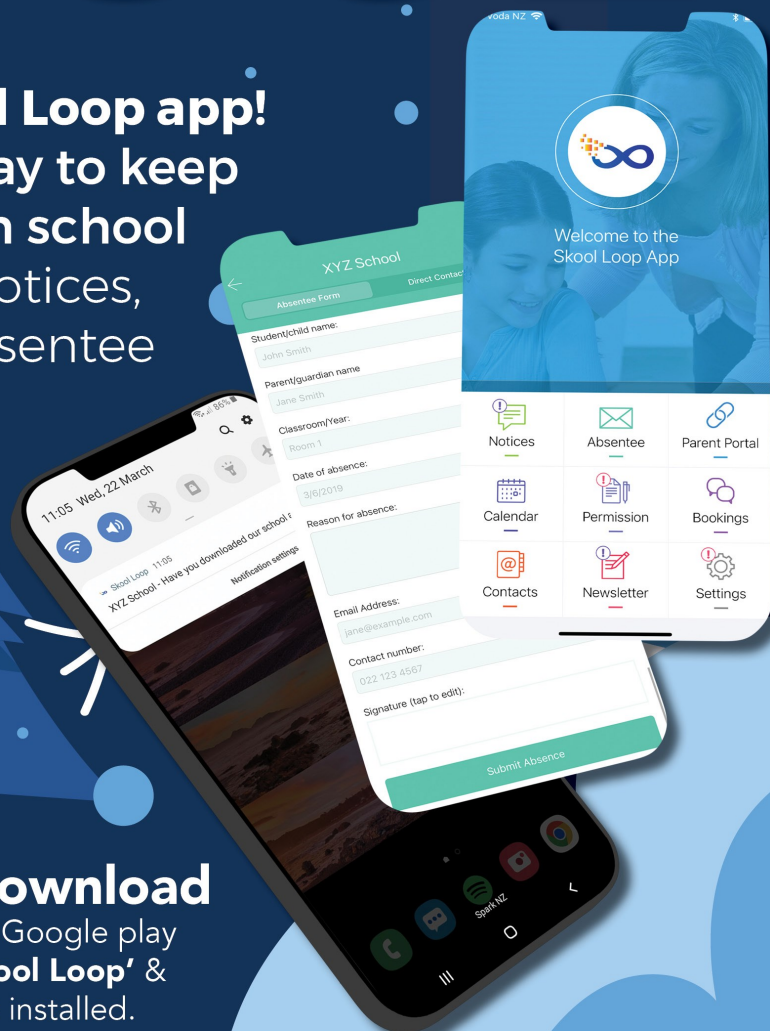
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SECOND ANNUAL

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GLITTERS. PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED

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Daylight Savings

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AND KIDS' SLEEP SOLUTIONS WITH TRIPLE P



Manage your kids' sleep routines with the daylight savings change on 29 September.

Learn how to teach your child to stay in bed quietly, what to do if they keep getting up, and much more!

If you are dreading the change of time and getting the kids to sleep earlier, this workshop is for you!

"The information is helpful for me as a mum, definitely feel like this course will give me useful tips and tricks with all our kids."

Details



9:30am - 12.00pm



Monday 9 September, or
Thursday 26 September



Tararua REAP,
15 Gordon Street



Koha Appreciated



Refreshments available



**Registration Essential
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