

Dear Whanau and Our Totara Community

Welcome to the 6th Week of Term 2

I hope the lovely long weekend was lots of fun and a great family time was had by everyone. The weather has certainly helped us get out and about without worrying about the weather. Teachers are currently working hard in classrooms to ensure we meet our achievement standards by the end of the year. They are also gathering achievement data and writing reports for each student.

Student Achievement:

At this time of the year schools are completing their documents for the Auditors and other reports that are mandatory. One of these is reporting to the community on our student achievement results for the 2024 academic year.

“Most students did achieve well at expected levels: Reading 78% at or above expected levels, Mathematics 74% at or above at expected levels, Writing 45% at or above expected levels for 2024.”

As you can understand we are working hard on writing to improve student achievement.

We are delighted to have our University of Canterbury teachers on our staff over the last two weeks. Their input into teaching and learning has been awesome. Our students have enjoyed the presence of teachers who are knowledgeable and supportive of what we do at Totara School.

Matariki Breakfast - 19 th June at 6.30am

Menu: Breakfast buns with meat pattie and egg, weetbix and milk and toast and jam .During breakfast time we will hope for a clear frosty morning so that we can star gaze to find the Matariki Stars.

After Breakfast the morning will commence at the usual time at 9am. The students will have a range of matariki activities to complete during the rest of the morning.

We hope to see you all there so that you can share breakfast and go off to work at your usual time.

Our next **BOT meeting is on the 18th June at 3.30pm**

We are trying to streamline our communication. Please ensure you have uploaded the **EDGE App** to your phone so we can send messages to you. We will continue to upload to FB and some emails. Thank you so much.

Nga Mihi
Judy Elvidge

Kakariki Camp has a sausage sizzle planned for fundraising at Mitre 10 on Saturday 7 June from 10am until [2pm](#) If you are able to help would be amazing. Please let the office know if you

are able to help, alternatively let Scott Rawson. Camp for the seniors is in Christchurch, an amazing place to be exploring. This is a parent driven fundraising activity. We will be holding quite a few more fundraising events for Kakariki's Camp so that we can lessen the load on Whanau Camp costs.