

School Newsletter: February 8th, 2023

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**Totara Grove
School**

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 8th February 2023

No. 1

Kia ora, Namaste, Talofa Lava, Konnichiwa, Ni hao, Kia orana, Malo e lelei, Chao, Hallo, Zdravstvuite, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Salam, Suostei, Hola, Annoyong Haseyo, Caio, Nei ho, Suoday, Ni sa Bula, Kamusta, Xin chào, Gutentag, Bonjour,

A very warm welcome back to school to all of our students and whānau. A special welcome to our school too if you are new this year. It is wonderful to have you all as part of our Totara Grove whānau. We also welcome Beth Lamb our new deputy principal and teachers Kitty Sorenson, Courtney Shuttleworth and Bridget Johnson to our kura too. They have all settled in so well and we are very pleased and excited to have them as part of our team.

I hope everyone had a good break over the summer. I enjoyed spending time with my whānau though the weather did put a bit of a damper on some days. Our thoughts are with our Auckland whānau at this time as they continue to clean up and return to normality after the deluge of rain they experienced. It certainly was a concerning time for us with a state of emergency being declared for Northland last week too. I was about to board a plane from Wellington to Whangarei as this happened and was very grateful to land safely at Whangarei airport last Tuesday night in time for school the next morning!

It is so awesome to see all of the excellent learning our students are doing already! Our topic theme for Term 1 is 'Ko wai au....ko wai koe...ko wai tatou ~ Who am I....who are you...who are we?' This topic lends itself beautifully to our Whanaungatanga value as students will focus on getting to know each other, our kura, and the community around them whilst sharing about themselves and what makes them unique and special.

Have a great week everyone.

Mauri Ora!

Sharon

Principal Tumuaki



Totara Grove staff 2023

We would like to welcome the new kaiako to Te Kura o Tōtara Grove, 2023. Beth Lamb, Kitty Sorenson, Courtney Shuttleworth and Bridget Johnson. Nau mai haere mai ki Te Kura o Tōtara Grove!

A list of our 2023 staff is available at the office and included below:

MEMBERS OF STAFF

Mrs Sharon Kaire-Gataulu	Principal		
Mrs Beth Lamb	Deputy Principal		
Mrs Pam Fairley	Teacher	Rm 1	Year 2 & 3
Miss Emma Walker	Teacher	Rm 2	Year 2 & 3
Miss Olivia Harvey	Teacher	Rm 3	New Entrant
Mrs Kitty Sorensen	Teacher	Rm 4	New Entrant
Mr Douglas Kelly	Teacher	Rm 5	Year 1 & 2
Mrs Courtney Shuttleworth	Teacher	Rm 7	Year 2 & 3
Mrs Melissa Patten	Teacher	Rm 8	Year 2 & 3
Mrs Tanu Kaur	Teacher	Rm 9	Year 5 & 6
Mrs Sharon Fryer	Teacher	Rm 10	Year 5 & 6
Mrs Bridget Dymock-Johnson	Teacher	Rm 11	Year 5 & 6
Mrs Sue Jensen	Teacher	Rm 12	Year 4 & 5
Miss Aimee Marinovich	Teacher	Rm 13	Year 4 & 5
Ms Deanne Metta	Teacher	Rm 14	Year 4 & 5
Mrs Karmyn Nathan	Release Teacher		
Mrs Jenny Whitham	Reading Recovery		
Ms Seneca Tipene	Part-time Teacher		
Mrs Fiona Watts	Part-time Teacher		
Mrs Gillie Archer	Part-time Teacher		
Mrs Ngare Riley	Executive Officer		
Miss Amber Percy	Administrator		
Mrs Megan Davidson	Administrator		
Mrs Jess McCartain	Teacher Student Support		
Ms Rachael Hardcastle	Teacher Student Support		
Mrs Sheryl Toi	Teacher Student Support		
Mrs Irene Martin	Teacher Student Support		
Mrs Dianna Peki	Teacher Student Support		
Ms Susan Gent	Teacher Student Support		
Mrs Yvonne Clarke	Teacher Student Support		
Mr Glen Campbell	Teacher Student Support		
Miss Amber Fowler	Teacher Student Support		
Mr Grant Salmon	Caretaker		
Ms Tania Carpio	Gardener		

Free school lunch programme

Please see attached the menu for the next fortnight. More detailed information is published on the *lunch by libelle* website: www.lunchbylibelle.co.nz/current-menu.html ([click here](#)).

This Fortnights lunch menu:



Asthma medication for at school

If your child needs asthma medication while at school, please ensure your teacher and the office is aware of your child's specific needs. There is an asthma form available at the office which we can refer to if needed. Medication can be kept in the sick bay. If you can please bring in a current inhaler -CHECK EXPIRY DATE – and check we have an up to date asthma form for your child.

School Board

The date of the first Board of Trustees meeting for the year is yet to be finalized and will be announced in the next school newsletter.

KiVa



We have begun our journey as a KiVa school. We are excited about taking a community approach by working alongside our neighbouring schools- Tikipunga High School, Tikipunga Primary School and Te Kura o Otangarei to implement this kaupapa. He waka eke noa – we are all in this together!

Our staff completed the initial training yesterday and are excited to be learning more about KiVa. We look forward to sharing our knowledge with you all throughout this journey.



School policies



Our school has updated all of our policies this year and has joined the *School Docs* policy platform who support many schools throughout NZ with policies and community access to these policies. If you would like to access any of our school policy information, please see the log in details below. This will also be updated on our website.

The SchoolDocs site (URL) is: <https://totaragrove.schooldocs.co.nz>

COMMUNITY LOGIN

Username: totaragrove

Password: totaragrove

Te Manawa Tahi Timetable

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour, TeManawa Tahi have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them.

This is a free service and each site will be identified by a Te Manawa Tahi flag. Drop into a hub or make an appointment by phoning 0800 5248 4256 or emailing TT.Support@education.govt.nz.




About us

What is happening?

Te Manawa Tahī is a learning support hub where you can come in and talk to education professionals about your child's learning needs. This is a free service.

Who are we?

Learning Support (formerly Special Education) and the RTLB service (Resource Teachers Learning and Behaviour) have teamed up with schools/kāhanga, early childhood, iwi and community providers to work together with the sole purpose of providing support for your tamariki and their learning needs.

Te kōwhiriā te tamariki
"It takes a village to raise a child"

How can you find us?

The Te Manawa Tahī Bay will identify each Te Manawa Tahī site. Our timetable with dates and times is posted on our Facebook page. You can come into the hub without an appointment or you can call 0800 524 842 to make one. Your school/library/community centre can also make an appointment for you.

What are your concerns?

Are you worried about your tamariki at school/kāhanga, and the way they learn, write, behave, listen, or remember? Any number of these concerns can affect a child's learning.

Ko te Tamaiti te Pūtake o te Kaupapa

The Child - the Heart of the Matter



Te piki o te ora, tērā te tupu o te rākau

With improved wellbeing, the tree will grow

Te Manawa Tahī o Whangarei

Supporting your child's learning

Contact us

Phone: 0800 524 842
Email: TT.Support@education.govt.nz
Facebook: Te Manawa Tahī Whangarei







Te Manawa Tahī Community Timetable

WHANGĀREI

All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated

Date	Hub location	Term 1 2021, Weeks 1 to 6
Thurs 2 Feb	Te Māta, Cor William Jones Drive & Rata Place, Ohangarei	
Wed 3 February	Block 2 Basilis Childrens, 179 Newton Road, Mangataniwha	
Thurs 4 February	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takuta Place, Kaitiaki	
Thurs 11 February	Clark Road Chapel, 6-8 Clark Road, Kaitiaki	
Thurs 18 February	Tauranga Area School, Ormiston Road, Mangataniwha	
Thurs 25 February	Oranghi Community House, 130 Oranghi Road, Oranghi	
Wed 27 February	Archer Bull Hall, 11 Kaitiaki - Mangataniwha Road, Kaitiaki	
Thurs 28 February	Whānau House Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville	
Thurs 29 February	Te Ora Houa, 104 Corks Road, Pūkapa	

Drop into a hub or make an appointment by phoning 0800 524 842 or emailing TT.Support@education.govt.nz



Upcoming School Dates

2023

25th Jan – Enrolment day, TOD

Term 1 **1st Feb – 6th April**

6th Feb – Waitangi day

7th Feb – TOD

Term 2 **24th April – 30th June**

Term 3 **17th July – 22nd Sep**

Term 4 **9th October – 15th December**

Community Notices

Girls' Brigade invites you to join a fun, inclusive group for girls and young women aged 5 to 18 years, who want to make the most out of life. Joining a GB company is a great way for girls to make new friends and enjoy activities that challenge and nurture their growth in a safe and supportive environment. You can find out more at

<https://www.girlsbrigade.nz>

There are two Girls' Brigade Companies in Whangārei, meeting on Thursday nights. Our first enrolment night for the year is 16 February:

1st Kamo Company meets from 6.00 – 7.30pm at St John's Golden Church, 149 Kamo Road, Kensington, *contact Kerry 021 0230 4000*

OR **2nd Whangārei Company** meets from 5.30 – 7 pm at Hope Whangārei Church, Hunt St, Whangārei, *contact Sue 021 260 0792*

Let's have a Conversation about Money

MONEYmates


SHARE knowledge
EXPLORE your choice!

Tuesdays 10am - 11.30am

2023:


- 28th Feb & 7th Mar** From seeds to table: Basic gardening skills utilising recyclable materials
- 28th Mar & 4th Apr** Tracking where your money goes: Reviewing your spending
- 2nd May** Getting out of debt / Begin a savings plan
- 30th May** Reviewing the need for insurance
- 20th Jun** Afterpay / Scams / Online safety

Anglican Care Centre
1308 Rd, Paparua, Whangarei
Ph: 08 437 6387
Email: enquiry@ahicare.org.nz

 Spit, don't rinse after brushing
Tuwha, kaua e opeopea i muri i te taitaitanga

Avoid eating or drinking after brushing your teeth; especially at night

Need a dental appointment for your child?
CALL 0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384)

 **MY TEETH**
NORTHLAND DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD