

School Newsletter: June 21, 2023

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**Totara Grove
School**

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 21 June 2023

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

It is hard to believe we are nearly halfway through 2023! Next week, we are all looking forward to our Whānau Open Day and to welcoming you all to see a variety of activities we do and also to see the wonderful mahi our teachers do in their classrooms on a daily basis. More details on times and activities can be found in this newsletter and we will send another notice out next week. I am looking forward to seeing our Kapa Haka performance group in action. They have been working very hard on their waiata and haka with Whaea Tere and Whaea Yvonne. Our junior Teina Team will also be having their usual weekly kapa haka session with Whaea Tere and it is always lovely to see the enthusiasm and kaha they show each week.

This week, I have the last parts of the whakapapa of Te Mātaiaho, our new curriculum refresh to share. The last three parts are: Mātaiaho, Mātaioho and Mātaiahika. Mātaiaho is the weaving of learning within and across all of the eight curriculum learning areas. *Mātairangaranga te aho tū, te aho pae. Weave the learning strands together.* Mātaioho, is the process by which schools draw on our national curriculum to design our own school

curriculum. *Mātai oho, mātai ara, whītiki, whakatika. Awaken, arise and prepare for action.* Mātaiahika, connecting to place and community and learning through local relationships with tangata whenua. *Mātai kōrero ahiahi. Keep the hearth occupied, maintain the stories by firelight.*

In summary, the seven parts are; Mātaurangi, the guiding kaupapa, Mātainuku, creating a foundation, Mātaitipu, vision for young people, Mātairea, supporting progress, Mātaiaho, weaving of learning, Mātaioho, curriculum design and review, Mātaiahika, connecting to place and community.

Throughout next week, we will be celebrating and acknowledging all of our support staff as it is the national 'Support Staff Week.' At Totara Grove School, we have the most amazing and outstanding team of support staff who go above and beyond everyday to help our tamariki and the organisation of our kura. Thank you Ngaire, Megan, Amber, Grant, Glen, Irene, Dianna, Yvonne, Susan, Sheryl, Jess, Tania, Henare and Jaimee Rae. Your service to our school and the community is very much appreciated and valued.

Have a great week whānau and we hope to see many of you next Thursday.
Mauri Ora!

Sharon
Principal Tumuaki

TUPU TAHI – GROWING TOGETHER. STANDING STRONG. REACHING HIGH.

Caught Being Good

Winners of duffy books for the previous two weeks were:



Rm 2: Chelsea

Rm 4: Eva-Maria, Troy

Rm 5: Dawn, Jacoby

Rm 7: Artemis

Rm 8: Arlo, Airoe

Rm 9: Jimmy

Rm 10: Yalaena, Emma, Khale

Rm 11: Tyla-Mei, Rawhiti, Nikkii

Rm 12: Hemi

Rm 13: Jayde

Ngā Mātāpono Awards

Rm 1: Mauri

Rm 2: Te Ririmu, Anaya, Sofia, Jack, Rawiri

Rm 3: Keison

Rm 4: Troy, Po Ariki, Zane, Ewan, Micah

Rm 5: Layden, Manaia, Haimona, TeRuki, Haimona, Willow

Rm 7: Pene, Tarzan, Bruno

Rm 8: Brandon, Jayziah, Amanii, Tyson

Rm 9: Te Ohonga, Hoki

Rm 10: Nivaeya, Archer, Sinaraa, Khale

Rm 11: Kora-Rae, Te Mauri, Christian, Nikkii, Adison

Rm 12: Ava-Leigh, Spencer, Didi, Skyla, Jacob, Kauri

Rm 13: Shaani, Maika, Sandy, Kajahrn, Te Taonganui

| Free school lunch programme

Menus and detailed information are published on the *lunch by libelle* website:
www.lunchbylibelle.co.nz/current-menu.html ([click here](#)).

This week's lunch menu:



Next week's menu is still being finalized.

School Board

The date of the next Board of Trustees meeting is 21 June.

Personal Items

We are noticing there has been an increase in personal items that are treasured or expensive coming to school with tamariki. We would like to encourage whānau to discuss keeping these items at home to keep them safe as school cannot be responsible for lost or broken items.

School open morning

On *Thursday 29 June*, which is the last Thursday of this term, our kura is holding an open morning from 9am till 1pm. We would like to invite you all to share with your child what they have been learning in their classroom, to see some of the other activities we have at school and also to have morning tea with our staff.

Timetable as follows:

9am: Taumata in each class followed by whakawhanaungatanga and the opportunity to observe and share in normal classroom programmes

10am: Kapa Haka Group performance

10.30am: Junior Kapa Haka lesson

11am: Morning tea with staff

11.45 to 12.45: Whānau fun day activities on the field for our Year 1-3 students supported by our Tukana team students. Plus the opportunity to observe other school wide activities including: robotics, taniko, bone carving, Steps Web and art.

Whānau korero

Whānau korero with teachers will be happening around Week 5 in term 3, more details will follow at the beginning of next term.

| **School Camp**

Camp date for Year 6 students is *15-17 November 2023*. All families should have received a notice that was sent out last week with more information and a form to return for those able to come along as parent helpers. Anyone interested in being a camp helper please return these forms to school as soon as possible.

| **Seesaw**



It is fantastic to see how many whānau have taken up the opportunity to enrol in Seesaw. The excitement and delight of watching the tamariki read your encouraging comments is heartwarming. If you would like to get help to use this function, or sign up please make contact with the school or class teacher.

Each week there will be at least one new thing for you to see, sometimes this will be a whole class post and other times it will be a sample personalised to you and your tamariki.

School reports are live this week via Seesaw. You can expect a reading, writing and maths sample along with written comments from the teacher. The sample may be a picture or even a video. If you are unable to access this via seesaw please make contact with the class teacher and an alternative will be provided.

| **Enrolment Day**

The school office will be open for new enrolments during the school holidays on *Thursday 13th July from 10am – 1pm*. Drop in only, no appointments needed on this day.

Please note that we are only able to accept in zone enrolments this year. You can check to see if you live within our home zone here: www.totaragrove.school.nz/enrolments/

You will need to bring the following documents for each child you wish to enrol:

- *Birth certificate/passport
- *Proof of address
- *Immunisation certificate/records

Te Manawa Tahī Timetable

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour, TeManawa Tahī 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 Tahī 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 MFL service (Bicultural Teachers Learning and Behaviour) have teamed up with schools/whānau, early childhood, local and community providers to work together with the sole purpose of providing support for your tamariki and their learning needs.

Whā te āka ora te tamaiti?
It takes a village to raise a child!

How can you find us?

The Te Manawa Tahī flag 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 5248 4256 to make one. Your school/whānau/early childhood service can also make an appointment for you.

What are your concerns?

Are you worried about your tamariki at school/whānau and the way they learn, write, behave? Do your tamariki have difficulty learning, hearing or seeing? 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 5248 4256
Email: TT.Support@education.govt.nz
Facebook: Te Manawa Tahī Whangarei



Upcoming School Events

- 21st June – School board meeting
- 29th June – School open morning, 9am – 1pm
- 13th July – Enrolment day
- 20th July – Term 3 School Mihi Whakatau, 10am
- 17th August – School photos
- 15-17th Nov – Year 6 camp

School Term Dates 2023

- Term 1** **1st Feb – 6th April**
- Term 2** **24th April – 30th June**
- Term 3** **17th July – 22nd Sep**
- Term 4** **9th October – 14th December**

Community Notices

We are supporting Stats NZ to encourage everyone to complete the 2023 Census.

So, this is a reminder that you need to return your census forms if you have not done so already.

Census data is used to make important decisions that affect us all. The census is the official count of people living in Aotearoa New Zealand, and everyone who was in the country on Census Day, 7 March 2023, is required by law to complete a census form.

Your participation will help ensure that our community receives funding for services for the number of people that live in our community. That includes education, health, and social services.

To complete the census, you can do it online at www.census.govt.nz using one of the access codes provided in the letters sent to your household. Or you can fill out paper census forms if you have them. To request a new access code or paper forms, freephone 0800 236 787 (0800 CENSUS) or order online at www.census.govt.nz.

The 2023 Census closes on 30 June, so you should do them online now or as soon as practicable. Ensure your paper forms are posted so they arrive with Stats NZ by 30 June.

Census collectors are no longer visiting households providing help to complete census forms (except in the cyclone-impacted areas of the Far North, Te Tairāwhiti, and Hawke's Bay). If you need assistance or more information:

- *You can attend a census support event and get face-to-face help to complete forms (for more information go to www.census.govt.nz/census-support).*

- *We encourage you to help whānau, friends, and neighbours complete their forms.*

- *There is information in New Zealand Sign Language, Braille, Easy Read, Large Print, and Audio formats, as well as in 29 different languages at www.census.govt.nz.*

- *The 0800 CENSUS (0800 236 787) helpline will be open until 30 June.*

Thank you for your support in making sure our community is accurately represented in the census.

Join us at Totara Grove Playcentre

We are a FREE early childhood centre where you can come with your children to enjoy a great range of indoor and outdoor play-based learning activities as well as a community of friendly & supportive parents.

Feel free to drop in anytime we are open, email us with any questions or find us on Facebook for some photos of what our kids have been up to recently.

Opening Hours: Monday & Wednesday, 9am-12pm during school term time

Address: 38 Corks Road

Email: totaragrove@playcentre.org.nz



Need Support but
don't know where to find it?

Free Online

Support Services Directory Tai Tokerau Northland
www.heartsandminds.org.nz/support-services-directory/tai-tokerau-directory

- Over 600 Free/Low-cost Support Services
- Up-to-date information
- Covers Whangārei, Far North & Kaipara

For additional support please contact
our friendly team:

Phone: 0800 468 288

Email: info@heartsandminds.org.nz



TIPS TO KEEP YOU SMILING

Brush teeth with fluoride toothpaste for two minutes, twice a day
Taitaia ōu riho ki te pēniho pūkōwhai mō te 2 miniti e rua ngā wā ia rā

For children over 5 years,
use a **soft** toothbrush
with a **pea sized**
drop of adult toothpaste

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



Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

BARFOOT & THOMPSON

DO MEET-DO JUNE

YOUNG AUTHORS CHALLENGE

Calling all creative young writers!

What would you do if you could change the world?

The Young Authors Challenge is a short story competition open to all primary, intermediate and secondary aged school children. Put words to paper and tell us what you would do if you could change the world and you can win some incredible prizes.

Send submissions to youngauthorschallenge@barfoot.co.nz with your name, age, school and the title of your story.

For more information visit barfoot.co.nz/young-authors-challenge or barfoot.co.nz/young-authors-challenge

PRIZE POOL

Category winners will each receive a \$500 cash prize and books valued at \$200

Three school winners will each receive a \$200 cash prize and books valued at \$200



Winners will be announced on Monday 30 July. With a special presentation to be held at Term Four 2023.

School competition categories

Primary up to 200 words, Intermediate up to 300 words, Secondary up to 750 words



TERM 2 - Dates and Locations (weather permitting)

3 May - Talare Street, Otangarei
 10 May - Potter Park, Tikipunga
 17 May - Korau Road, Tikipunga
 24 May - Talare Street, Otangarei
 31 May - Potter Park, Tikipunga
 7 June - Korau Road, Tikipunga
 14 June - Talare Street, Otangarei
 21 June - Potter Park, Tikipunga
 29 June - Korau Road, Tikipunga

**Every
Wednesday**
 during school terms
3pm - 4pm

Fruit & Water provided

Bringing the community together:

ALL Whānau and their tamariki welcome.

NO DROPS OFFS - Your responsible for your own tamariki



SCAN QR CODE TO BE TAKEN DIRECTLY TO
 OUR PRIVATE FACEBOOK GROUP



FANTAILS PROGRAMME LAUNCHED

If you've got young girls looking to give football or futsal a go, Fantails is the programme for you.

Fantails is a brand new girls-only programme designed to attract new young female players to the beautiful game. Sessions aim to provide a safe and fun environment for girls to try football or futsal for the very first time, or for girls wishing to continue playing with their peers in a more social setting.

Fantails hubs are now rolling out all across Aotearoa New Zealand. Learn more about the Fantails programme and find a hub in your region now.

BOY'S DANCE CLASSES WITH KANEISHA

NEW class starting term 3

HALF PRICE SPECIAL - \$55 for term 3

Email kaneisha@wadpadance.nz
 for more information and to enrol now

*\$20 registration fee
 applies



A space for boys to create and feel free

29 Commerce Street Whangarei

Enrol now
www.wadpadance.nz

school holiday program

futsal...but so much more

Monday 3rd - Friday 7th July
8:30 - 4:00pm

details & registration



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2023.

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