



18 June 2024

Matariki, Rugby and Tōtara Formal Dance

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I thought it best to combine notices on three activities that are coming up over the remaining weeks of this term - our Matariki Breakfast, Rugby Skills Training and our Senior Ball.

Matariki Breakfast

As you are most likely aware, next week is Matariki week at Adventure School. Tōtara Syndicate has a number of activities planned for the students during this time that will enrich their Tikanga Maori and knowledge of Matariki. Sharing of food has always been an important element in celebrating Matariki and is actually a nationwide theme for this year. This will be acknowledged with the hosting of a breakfast for Tōtara students on Monday the 24th of June.

The breakfast itself will commence in the Hall at 7.45am. It will consist of eggs, sausages, beans and toast. Gluten free and vegetarian options will also be available. If you would like your child to attend the breakfast could you please fill out the following [form](#)? This will allow us to get a clear indication of how many will be attending for catering purposes come Monday morning. Can we also ask that students who are attending come with a gold coin koha, to help cover some of our costs?

Rugby Skills Training

We have been fortunate enough to secure the services of the Wellington Rugby Football Union to provide some fundamental rugby skills training for our students over the next couple of weeks. WRFU obtains funding from New Zealand Rugby, allowing them to deliver these sessions free of charge to the school. To ensure WRFU gets this funding, they need parents to complete a Rippa Module registration form. This looks like a standard rugby registration form and you will receive an email response saying you have registered for rugby, please don't worry, you are not signing up to rugby outside of the in-school module. The form can be accessed [here](#).

Formal Dance

Excitement is building as students complete the last of their dance lessons, pull together decorations for the Hall and start to think about what they will be wearing to our Formal Dance on Thursday the 4th of July.

Students are asked to arrive by 6.00pm. They will be afforded time to mix and mingle, and have photos taken. Introductory dances commence at 6.30pm, with final dances

concluding at 9.30pm. There will be an opportunity for adults to join in on a few of these final dances, if they time their pick up for just after 9.00pm.

Dress for the Formal is, as the name suggests, formal. But this doesn't mean that dinner suits or ball gowns have to be imported from top European fashion houses. Our requirement is merely that students wear the best, appropriate clothes that they have available to them.

Students are also asked to provide Supper for the ball, with a particular group of students responsible for bringing certain items. These are listed below.

- Year Seven Boys: Savoury Items
- Year Seven Girls: Sandwiches
- Year Eight Boys: Drinks / Fresh fruit
- Year Eight Girls: Sweet / Desserts

Invitations will be handed out to students next week. We still require parents / caregivers permission for students to attend the Formal Dance. Can you sign and return the attached permission by next Friday?

Thanks and regards on behalf of the Tōtara Syndicate.



Mark Hughes

Senior Formal Dance Permission Slip

(Please return to your class teacher by Friday the 28th of June)

I give permission for _____ from Room _____

to attend the Senior Formal Dance on Thursday the 4th of July.

Name: _____

Signed: _____