

Totara Syndicate Newsletter – Term 3 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I have to say last term was a bit of a battle for many (including myself) from a health perspective. But hopefully we have now seen the worst of winter ailments and can look forward to a term of fun activities and learning.

The following newsletter outlines some of what we will be doing over the course of this term.

Curriculum

We will be continuing to focus on structured literacy in morning sessions across the syndicate. Lessons learned will be applied during integrated studies throughout the day. Our topic of inquiry this term will look at Aotearoa and other histories. We will be fostering the Adventure Way Traits of curiosity and self direction as we work towards staging a “History Fair” early in Term Four.

Our maths focus moves from measurement to geometry, although we will still be reinforcing number knowledge, strategy and problem solving in twice weekly workshops. I will be organising two teams to compete in Mathswell on Monday the 19th of August. The following day we will all be attending the Science Roadshow at Whitby Collegiate.

In other learning areas, Mr Kelleher has organised teams to compete in school swimming sports in Week 1. We will be preparing for Athletics later in the term. Our languages programme will rotate through German, French, Spanish and Japanese. Technicraft starts up again on Thursdays. Please remember it is an early start that day. Students have also been offered the opportunity to join Kapa Haka and Pasifika Groups over the course of the term.

Production

Auditions were held late last term. This means we will now be moving promptly into various read throughs, dance practices and rehearsals. Production Week commences on the 16th of September (Week 9).

As you can see it will be a full and varied term of learning. We look forward to meeting you at learning conversations in Weeks 2 and 3 to discuss your child’s progress. If you have any questions before then, feel free to contact myself or the team.

Thanks and regards on behalf of the Totara Syndicate.



Mark Hughes