



TŌTARA

term 3 newsletter



Kia ora e te whānau,

In the words of Bon Jovi - "WOAH! WE'RE HALFWAY THERE!!". We have seen such improvement in the independence of our learners up here in Tōtara team since the start of 2024. In Week 4 LBP will be holding "Student-led Conferences" for the first time, and we're really looking forward to your children taking the lead and telling you about their learning and next steps.

We welcome **Mrs Radojkovich** from Weeks 1-3 as Mr Oates explores Europe with his family. Mrs R. has known our students since they were in younger year groups at Long Bay Primary, and I know she is really looking forward to reconnecting with them for a few weeks.

Our learning in Term 3 is all about "**Embracing Challenge**". Not only are we about to follow the fortunes of our New Zealand athletes at the 2024 Summer Olympics, but we are about to encourage our learners to dig deep into finding out about great New Zealanders who have embraced challenge and made a difference in a variety of ways. We encourage you to have discussions at home about which New Zealanders *you* think have made a real difference to our country, and made a splash on a worldwide scale!

The next 10 weeks is sure to fly by, and by the end of it our Year 6s will be enrolled at intermediate school! **Exciting!!**

Ngā mihi - Tōtara Team Kaiako (Jon, Jono, Elisha and Nikki)

TERM 3 EVENTS	
Cycle Skills Sessions with Auckland Council <i>Bring your own bike if you can!</i>	Monday 22 July (R23 & R24) Tuesday 24 July (R25)
Whānau Waiata Night	Wednesday 24 July
Mihi Whakatau (welcome for new families)	Monday 29 July
PTA Meeting	7pm, Tuesday 30 July
Northern Bays Football Tournament @ Rosedale	Thursday 1 August
Choir rehearsal at Torbay School (PM)	Friday 2 August
Tough guy/girl Challenge Kumeu	Tuesday 6 August
Winter Sports Tournament @ Kristin	Wednesday 7 August
Rippa Tournament (Save day Tuesday 13 August)	Thursday 8 August
Student-led Conferences	Wednesday 14 August
Year 6 Online Parent Camp Meeting	Monday 19 August
Rockshop Bandquest @ Bruce Mason Centre	6.30pm, Wednesday 21 August
Year 6 Northcross Intermediate visit	Friday 23 August
PTA Quiz Night	Saturday 24 August
Northcross Parent Information evening	Wednesday 28 August
Badminton Schools Challenge	Thursday 29 August
Rangitoto Island Trip! (9.00am - 5.15pm)	Monday 2 September
Cultural Celebration at Sherwood	Thursday 5 September
Carolyn and Nick's Music Concert	Saturday 7 September
Sports and Group Photos	Tuesday 10 September
Choir Rehearsal @ Glamorgan School	Thursday 12 September
School Fun Run	Friday 13 September
Senior Speech Final	Tuesday 17 September
School Hangi	Friday 20 September
Year 5 Waterwise Assessment day	Thursday 26 September
PTA Moon Cake Day & Last day of Term 3	Friday 27 September

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING THIS TERM

Inquiry Statement: "Embracing Challenge: Reach for the stars!"

Reading: Research skills, Reading strategies, Reciprocal reading

Writing: Persuasive, Recount, Speeches, Poetry

Mathematics: Fractions, Multiplication and Division, Addition and Subtraction (Number), Statistics and Geometry (Strand)

Oral Language: Persuasive speech writing and presentation

Te Reo: Te Puna Reo programme, Māori Language Week

Science: The Physical World - Science sessions (Weeks 1-3)

P.E./Health: Invasion games, creating modified games

The Arts: Drama and Music Specialisation, Visual Art in class, Using the Arts to display our learning

Social Sciences: Olympics, Historic / Famous New Zealanders

REMINDERS

- Classroom opens 8:30am (pop in and say hi)
- Bring a water bottle to school
- Wrapper free lunches are encouraged
- We are a nut free school
- Tōtara Library day is Monday (issue/swap books)
- Assemblies Friday afternoon (even weeks)

