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Tōtara Term 4 Newsletter

October 2019

Welcome to Term 4!

Timetables have been finalised and all programmes are underway for Totara Year 7 and 8 class.

Subjects for Term 4 are:

- Maths
- Social Science
- PE
- Art
- Health
- Digital Technology

Bell times remain the same as previously and are as follows:

8.55am	Form time/Roll
9.00am	LB1 A
10.00am	LB1 B
11.00am	Interval
11.20am	LB2
12.50pm	Lunch
1.30pm	LB3
3.00pm	Home time

SECONDARY INFORMATION

SECONDARY TEAM LEADER COMMENTS:

This term is looking phenomenally busy so it is important that we support our young people during this time so they can be at their best: healthy food, plenty of sleep, keeping warm. This website has some great ideas too for supporting teens and their wellbeing:

<https://sparklers.org.nz/parenting/>

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Michelle Maiava

ABSCENCES:

If you are aware of upcoming absences for your child due to appointments or other commitments, please let the School Office know well in advance so teachers are aware for their planning and assessment purposes.

If you have any queries, then please contact me
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- phone school anytime as our absence message operates 24/7,
- email the school office
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and your child's form teacher
- send a note via our SchoolStream app

Anna King continues to work with Totara class Thursdays LB1-A managing the students spelling and literacy programmes. During LB3 Anna will be teaching Geography, one of her specialist subjects. Students have been given the choice of topic that links to an aspect of Geography, with the option to gain NCEA Level 1 credits.

[Here is a little about what is happening in individual subjects](#)

LITERACY

Imagine deciding what goes on the radio. How would you choose to fill the airwaves? How would you balance the wishes of the audience and your own personal tastes?

This Term Totara students will explore these and other questions which give them the opportunity to produce a series of 20-30 minute live to air radio shows that include:

- News Bulletins
- Weather forecasts
- Biography of a musician (music and information about the artist)
- Pre-recorded interviews of local community members (Potentially these are shared with other local Radio Stations)
- Advertising- Jingles, Posters, Email notifications

Please ask your children to see their 'Radio Show Project' workbook so you can gain some insight into what is going on at school.

Totara class will be travelling from school to the studio (behind Vinnies Café) and back by minivan commencing from week 4 (7th of November) every Thursday and Friday between 11:30 and 12:45. You can support your child by tuning into Karamea Radio 107.5 FM, or by coming down to Vinnies café where you can watch them broadcast their show from the comfort of a couch while nursing a latte!

Brett Mawson

MATHS

This Term Totara are continuing their journey of creating patterns, identifying relationships in

patterns and how to graph these relationships.

Mid way through the Term the learning shifts to Geometry, specifically focused on Area of parallelograms and Triangles, which links directly to Pythagoras Theorem

Brett Mawson

SOCIAL SCIENCES

We will be finishing looking at leadership and how it is acquired, and its' impact on the community from a youth focus. We'll start by looking at NZ youth as well as global youth leaders. Students will identify their qualities, values, skills and also the impact they have on their communities. Our Career's Unit is nearly finished so we will move onto financial literacy and some practical money skills.

Michelle Maiava

VISUAL ART/MUSIC

Students have the opportunity to present a work of art at the Karamea Art Exhibition on the 22nd November. These works are inspired by the students' own interests and motivation from a selected artist of their choice.

Music is based on the Radio Show Project and links to the curriculum by students identifying the variety of purposes and functions music plays in their lives and in their community. They will also gain new skills in musical technology.

Brett Mawson

PE

We are currently working on developing skills within the different Athletics disciplines. Unfortunately, due to our fickle Karamea weather, opportunities have been more limited than I

would have liked. Students are however all progressing well with a variety of physical skills and the class has developed an excellent growth mindset with exceptional levels of participation and teamwork.

Athletics day is next week 30th October and we welcome all parents to come along and support the event.

Following the Athletics event, we will move onto focusing on some of our TOSI sports and there is the possibility of another exciting EOTC PE opportunity on the near horizon.....stay tuned.

Vicky Chandler

HEALTH

We have just finished off our unit on nutrition. Students have learned why different minerals and vitamins are important for the body and what foods contain them. This unit was finished by a cooking lesson where students chose and justified their choice of ingredients to me for why they were a healthy choice and what nutrients they contained. The justifications were very impressive, as were the final taste outcomes- yum!

This term we will be doing a unit on pubertal change and sexuality. An information letter with more details of what exactly will be covered during the classes will be sent out and I hope this will encourage further discussions at home.

Vicky Chandler

CHINESE/MANDARIN

We have been learning about family members and how to introduce them to our friends. We also developed our own language learning board games to practice our vocabulary. Canvas, the online

learning platform that supports the lessons from Jessica Li in China, is up and running and students can access this at any time if they wish to practice what they are learning in the lessons. The students have also enjoyed seeing their teacher's wee fluffy dog, Stormy, as a treat at the end of every live lesson. Language learning can be fun and it can be very challenging, but Totara have managed to work all year through both experiences and have learnt a lot over the year.

Karlene Rainham

TECHNOLOGY

This term during our Technology time Totara will be looking at Digital Technology content. Our unit will be based around Edison robots and will look at barcode, Edblocks, and Scratch programming of the robots. So far the interest and engagement have been high with lots of entertaining learning happening.



Niki Adams

DATES FOR THIS TERM:

Week 1: Thursday 17th October - Shake Out, the NZ nationwide earthquake and tsunami drill
 Week 2: Monday 21st - Tuesday 22nd October - Parent Interviews (www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) Enter the code z5dy7)
 - Parent Interviews (or phone the office and speak with Kate ph 7826717)
 Week 3: Monday 28th October - LABOUR DAY - no school
 Wednesday 30th October - Athletics Day
 Thursday 31st - Halloween (activities to be confirmed)
 Week 4: Monday 4th Year * Discovery Day Wspt
 Week 5: Wednesday 13th November- West Coast Athletics Champs (finalists from KAS may qualify to attend)
 Week 6: Wednesday 20th November-Awards Assembly at 7pm
 Friday 22nd November-Karamea Art Exhibition
 Week 8: Wednesday 4th December-Canterbury Primary Athletics (finalists qualifying from West Coast comp)
 Week 9: Wednesday 11th December - PTA Disco (to be confirmed)
 Thursday 12th December - Family Fun School Picnic Day barbecue
 Friday 13th December - Last Day of School

OTHER INFORMATION

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If you have any concerns or queries about things happening within the classrooms, please contact the appropriate teacher first and foremost.

We strive for positive communication between school, students and whanau so we are always happy to make an appointment to meet with parents and caregivers as needed.

Thanks for reading the Totara class newsletter. We are expecting wonderful achievements this term.

Please see attached Totara weekly timetable.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries or concerns.

Yours faithfully,
The Secondary Team

CLASS TIMETABLE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Form time (8.55-9am)	TOTARA	TOTARA	TOTARA	TOTARA	TOTARA
LB1 A (9-10am)	MATHS (BM) in Room 4	TECHNOLOGY (NA) in Hard Materials Room	MATHS (BM) in Room 4	SPELLING and GEOGRAPHY 7 & 8 (AK) in Room 4	SS 7&8(MM) in Room 4
LB1 B (10-11am)	HEALTH (VC) in Room 4	MATHS (BM) in Room 4	P.E. (VC) in Room 4	MATHS (BM) in Room 4	SS 7&8(MM) in Room 4
<i>Interval</i> (11-11.20am)					
LB2 (11.20-12.50pm)	P.E. (VC) in Room 5	P.E. (VC) in Room 4	RADIO SHOW PROJECT 7 & 8 (BM) in Room 4	RADIO SHOW PROJECT (BM) @ The Cross	RADIO SHOW PROJECT (BM) @ The Cross
<i>Lunch</i> (12.50-1.30pm)					
LB3 (1.30-3pm)	RADIO SHOW PROJECT 7 & 8 (BM) in Room 4	TECHNOLOGY (NA)	CHINESE (CR) in Library / Computer Room	GEOGRAPHY 7 & 8 (AK) in Room 4	ART (BM) Artroom
	2.30pm PB4L OR 2.15pm Celebration Assembly - LIBRARY				