



Adventure School

Totara Syndicate Newsletter – Term 2 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to the second term of the year. Hopefully we can look forward to another couple of months of reasonable weather and Covid free schooling. The following is a short summary of what Totara has planned for the next ten weeks.

Topic/Inquiry: We have a major focus on Science this term. Initially this will be in the form of environmental science with a field trip to test the water quality of streams in the area. We then move onto fair tests and science experiments. We will be asking students to conduct and report back on a science experiment of their choice. They will present their work at a Science Fair to be held in the Hall on Wednesday of the last week of the Term.

Literacy: Our science focus offers useful context for procedural writing this term. We will also reinforce surface features with set activities centred on punctuation, grammar and spelling. Reading activities will focus on close reading of non-fiction texts and the building of precise vocabulary.

Maths: The statistics and measurement we covered off last term in maths will be revisited as we work our way through our science unit. Algebra will be our new focus in maths for term two. We are also introducing a programme called Banquer across all three classes early in the term. This programme introduces a number of key concepts in financial literacy, so you might get your child asking you the odd question about income, expenses and savings.

Health: We will be conducting a Health Unit that navigates the subjects of puberty, relationships, health and wellbeing. We will be sending home a more detailed advisory on this in due course.

Sport/PE: Cross-country training starts in the first week of the term. The whole school event takes place at the end of Week 4. We have a Para/Plim Ripa Rugby tournament in Week 3. Tough Guy and Girl will be held on the 27th of May this year.

There are lots of other things that students have an opportunity to participate in this term: choir, basketball, badminton, ukulele, code club, green screening, gardening and more. But in an effort to keep this newsletter to a page, I won't go into every detail. Feel free to contact me if you would like to know more.

Thanks and regards on behalf of the Totara Syndicate.

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