



Totara Syndicate Update Week 7 Term 2, 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I mentioned in our start of this term newsletter that I would be sending through an update on a variety of events and activities that are taking place in the latter half of the term. Of particular note for our Year 8's are the upcoming College Open Days and Evenings. This is that update.

Technicraft Open Day

Brandon Intermediate will be opening their doors to parents from 10am to 11.30am on Thursday the 15th of June. This "STEAM Open Day" will give parents an opportunity to see what their child has been doing at Technicraft over the course of the year. There is no need to pre register a place, just sign in at the Brandon Intermediate office on the morning of the event.

Matariki Breakfast

Matariki traditionally marks the beginning of winter, the completion of harvest, celebration, reflection and the coming together of people to share food. Totara Syndicate will be holding a Matariki Breakfast for senior students on the 26th of June - the last Monday of the term. Although it isn't compulsory to attend, it would be great to see similar numbers of students attend the event as they did last year. An assortment of food (eggs, sausages, baked beans and toast) will be cooked and ready to serve by 8am in the morning. Students need only bring themselves (and ideally a gold coin Koha to cover some of the costs).

Science Expo

Many of you will be well aware that our Science Inquiry is now well underway, with all manner of experiments taking place at home. Thank you for your involvement in the growing of mould, creation of crystals, smashing and setting fire to things. It should all be over soon. We do in fact have our Science Expo booked for Wednesday the 28th of June. This will be held in our School Hall and we encourage you to come along! The Expo will be set up between 9.30am to 1pm, please come and see the variety of learning that has taken place.

College Open Days

Aotea, Tawa and Kapiti Colleges have all got back to us now with details about various Open Days and Evenings. You will likely already be aware of some of the information below. But I have included all information we have received, just in case you are unaware of an upcoming event.

Aotea College:

Open Evening on Thursday the 15th of June
Session 1 – 3.30pm to 5.00pm
Session 2 – 5.30pm to 7.00pm

Tawa College:

Open Evening on Wednesday the 14th of June.
4pm to 6.45pm

Kapiti College:

Student Open Day on Wednesday the 21st of June
8.25am to 12.05pm

Students who have already indicated they would like to attend this morning session have been given additional information to take home. Please contact me as soon as possible if you didn't receive this information.

Thanks and regards on behalf of the Totara Syndicate.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Hughes', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mark Hughes