

Tōtara Syndicate School Trip Parliament and the National Library

30 June 2026

Kia ora e te whānau,

As this term draws to a close, Tōtara is already looking ahead to and preparing for an exciting Term 3.

Our upcoming inquiry topic will be a history-based exploration of Politics, Power, and Influence. Throughout the term, students will investigate key moments in New Zealand's history, alongside significant global events that have shaped our world.

To bring this learning to life, we have organised a trip to the parliamentary precinct in Wellington. Students will experience a hands-on, interactive tour of the NZ Parliament Buildings to explore civics, lawmaking, and how governance works. Following this, we will visit the National Library to view the permanent He Tohu exhibition, which houses New Zealand's foundational documents.

Key Details

- Date: Tuesday 28th July (Week 2 of Term 3)
- Location: Wellington Central (Parliament and National Library)
- Transport: Bus to and from the venue
- Cost: We kindly request a **donation of \$15 per student** to help cover transport expenses. Payment can be made via the Hero App.

As this trip takes place during the second week of next term, we wanted to share these details with you now to give you plenty of advance notice before the school holidays begin. If you are happy for your child to attend, please kindly sign and return the attached permission slip to their classroom teacher by the end of the week.

These experiences are only possible with the support of our school community. We would love to have some parent volunteers to help supervise the students on the day. If you are available and keen to join us, please let us know via the form below. We will touch base over the holidays to confirm our final numbers and arrangements.

Thank you so much for your continued support in making these valuable learning experiences possible.

Ngā mihi nui,

Mark Hughes

Tōtara Syndicate

Tōtara Parliament and National Library School Trip
Permission & Parent Help Slip

(Please return to your class teacher by Friday the 3rd of July)

I give permission for _____ from Room _____

to attend the Tōtara Syndicate school trip to Parliament and the National Library on Tuesday the 28th of July 2026.

_____ Yes, I have made a donation of \$15 via the Hero app

I am able / unable to assist as a parent helper on this trip.

Parent Name: _____

Signed: _____