

Tōtara Syndicate Newsletter

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TECHNICRAFT

Students need to be at school by 8.30am on Thursdays so that we can take the roll and get on the buses by 8.45am. Please ensure they are wearing closed shoes and any long hair tied back.

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to the start of Term 3, the second of our two winter terms. Our night of fun filled formal dancing feels like a distant memory. We are now looking forward to an action-packed schedule that balances academic rigour with other learning opportunities, a school trip and a History Fair at the end of the term to showcase our efforts.

Curriculum Focus and Other Learning Opportunities

Our primary academic focus is to build on the strong foundations that were put in place last term.

- Literacy: In the mornings, we are continuing our Structured Literacy lessons to enhance our students' reading and writing capabilities. The lessons learned will be applied directly to our integrated studies in the afternoon.
- Mathematics: We are continuing our number workshops twice a week to reinforce strategies and knowledge. For strand, our focus is on Measurement and then Financial Literacy.
- Inquiry: Our Inquiry topic for this term is a historical look at Power, Politics, and Influence, initially focusing on New Zealand and then broadening out to the rest of the world.
 - School Trip: Students have already kicked off their Inquiry with an exciting trip to Parliament and the National Library on Tuesday of Week 2.
 - History Fair: Their learning journey will culminate in a History Fair at the end of the term, where students will showcase their research and projects.

Learning Beyond the Classroom

Students still have the opportunity to reinforce school learning at home through a series of take-home activity sheets. These will be available to students on Friday afternoon. Participation remains optional. We will move from these activity sheets to the construction of artefacts for the History Fair in the latter half of the term.

Other home learning can be accessed via Google Classroom and will include links to this term's Inquiry, reading activities, maths programmes, and touch typing tutorials.

Thanks and regards on behalf of the Tōtara Syndicate,

Mark Hughes