

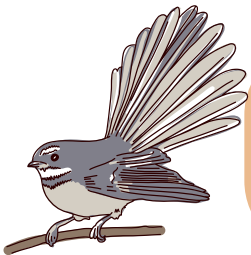
Tōtara Newsletter

Term 2 2024



Welcome back to Term 2. We had a great time getting to know your tamariki over Term 1, and starting all of our routines. It was a pleasure to see our Kapa Haka Junior Roopu and Pasifika group get up and running. We are looking forward to building and developing our learning and relationships throughout Term 2.

Term 2 Learning



This term our learning focus is Ngāhere Kaitiaki, Guardians of our Forest, specifically looking at ngā manu, our native and endemic birds. We will have weeks where we are looking at the forest, ecosystems, and how we can be kaitiaki's of our birds and forests around us. This topic will be connected throughout our learning areas of Reading, Writing and Art.

Reading

During the term we will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts.

We will also be focusing on:

- answering literal and inference questions.
- asking our own questions to find out more, before, during and after reading.
- making connections to the text, to myself, other texts, and the world around myself.

Writing

In term 2 we will be writing informative reports based on our topic, Ngā Manu.

In the reports we will be focusing on:

- Encoding - spelling rules and skills.
- Sentence Structures.
- Writing down our own ideas.
- Adding more information to our ideas.

Maths

Multiplicative Thinking

We will be learning how to solve a range of multiplication, division and fraction problems. At home you can help by practising their 2, 5, and 10 tables, and in turn division facts.

Measurement

We will be using our measurement knowledge of length, perimeter, area and volume to help design a new sandpit area. We look forward to showing you our designs later in the term!

P.E

We will be exploring invading space through invasion games.

Art

In Art we will be getting creative by exploring a range of mediums, such as pastels, cutting, gluing, and maybe even a little paper mache.



Term 2 Uniforms



As we slowly get closer to the colder, wet, and windy months of the year please make sure you are prepared for all weather.

Any plain, navy blue bottoms are allowed to be worn.

During these terms school jumpers are very good at disappearing, please double check that you have these clearly named.

Make sure there is a named rain jacket packed into your child's bag each day.

Please note that umbrellas are not allowed.



Munch and Crunch

We really enjoy starting the day together as a community, while we are munching and crunching. Just a wee reminder that the only foods to be eaten during these times are fruit, vegetables or crackers.

It is a good idea to pop these into a smaller separate container so it is easier for ākongā to bring into class in the mornings.

Term 2 Events

Pop these dates into your diary. They are our known events for the term.

Date	Event
Friday 3rd May	Pōwhiri to welcome new families
6th - 12th May	NZ Sign Language Week
Friday 17th May	Pink Shirt Day
27th - 30th May	Samoan Language week
Friday 31st May	Teachers Only Day - No School
Monday 3rd June	King's Birthday
Thursday 13th June	Give a Kid a Blanket Day
Friday 14th June	PTA School Disco
Friday 28th June	Matariki - No School
Tuesday 2nd July	Mahurangi Junior Production
Wednesday 3rd July	Mid Year Reports due home
Friday 5th July	Last day of Term 2

Please feel free to get in contact with your child's guardian teacher if there is something you would like to discuss.

Ngā mihi nui,

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