



St Claudine Thévenet
School

Week Three Term One Friday 16 February 2018

“To be fully alive, fully human, and completely awake is to be continually thrown out of the nest. To live fully is to be always in no-man's-land, to experience each moment as completely new and fresh”.

Pema Chödrön

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a wonderful week we have had. We know it can be challenging to plan activities for so many children going in so many different directions but we've done just that and the students have engaged so positively in all of the experiences on offer. We have celebrated the personal wellness we all experience and have danced, walked, eaten and played to improve this wellness.

The Totara Whanau have had a wonderful camp, built new friendships, made new connections, supported each other and elected their leaders for 2018.

Our gratitude must go to all the teachers for their planning of these events. There are many things that must be planned before embarking on an EOTC week and I personally appreciate their efforts to provide your children with stimulating and exciting adventures. Thanks to those teachers and learning support staff who have been at camp. We acknowledge the time you have given up with your own families in order to support your students.

Thanks to the learning support staff who enable us to positively include every child in our EOTC activities. It is fantastic to have students who need a little extra support fully engaged with their peers.

Thanks also to the many parents and family members who have joined us on trips – we couldn't go without your support. Thank you for giving up your time to support us.

Thanks to the Admin team who do so much work in the background. They are the quiet organisers and deserve our gratitude for their skills and efforts in booking buses, fixing hiccups, preparing first aid kits and keeping the school up and running at this very busy time.

Our aims during EOTC week include:

- To enable teachers and students to develop positive and reciprocal relationships to aid with their learning
- To provide activities which stretch our students' confidence and life experiences
- To cement the overarching theme for learning (Wellness)
- To allow students to show their skills in a wide range of activities which are not always seen in the classroom.

We believe these have been achieved and whilst there are always things we can do to improve planning and implementation; we are all happy with the week. We know there will be a lot of tired children at the end of today and perhaps a restful weekend is the best plan for so many of them. I know that is the plan for many teachers and learning support staff...

Have a great weekend

Sue Jury
Principal

Safety Message:

As our students arrive and leave from school we are extremely mindful of their safety. It is a concern to us that there are parents who still believe it is ok to stop on yellow lines, cross the road at the end of the driveway with their children, drive up the school driveway, walk up the driveway and reverse from the dental clinic driveway... Please be aware that each of these practices increases the risk of injury to children...

Here are our RULES:

Park legally- ALWAYS

Use the footpath to access school

ALWAYS use the crossing before and after school.

Pay attention to the road patrollers and follow all instructions in relation to crossing the road.

The Dental Clinic driveway is not part of the school property and may not be used for drop off or to pick up children.

Remind your children to walk their bike or scooter once inside the gate.

All students with bikes or scooters are required to wear a helmet at all times.

Let's ALL look out for ALL of our children- they are all precious and worthy of our care.

Thank you

Student Council 2018

Whilst away on camp our Year 7 & 8 students voted for their leaders for the year. Congratulations to the following students elected to the Student Council.

Student Role	Student Elected
Student Leader	Keira Smith
Student Liaison	Conor Wakefield
Special Character Captain	Lordes Tanoai
Cultural Captain	Katie Muaiava
Literacy Captain	Ava Ricketts
Sports Captain	Genesis Seupule- Mose
O'Halloran House Captain	Tatiana Edwards
O'Halloran Vice-Captain	Jahna Lelei
McGowan House Captain	Meesha Kumar
McGowan Vice-Captain	Iatira Chadwick
McGuire House Captain	Deziah Sa'u
McGuire Vice-Captain	Ofa Fifita
Geraghty House Captain	Vaitusi Lemana
Geraghty Vice-Captain	Kuini Nanai- Leota
Kelly House Captain	Jasmine van Driel
Kelly Vice-Captain	Cara Domonkos

Communication 2018

We want to communicate well with parents and whanau and know that we have to do this in a range of ways.... Our most preferred forms of communication are digital as they do not require us to use so much paper....

Our school App – this is downloadable from the app store – if you already have the app you will need to update this for 2018 as there are new room names and teachers. On the APP we also have the school calendar so check that regularly to see updates to events, plans dates etc.



We post updates and messages on our school Facebook page along with celebrating special events our students and staff are involved in.

OUR TWO WEEKS IN VIEW

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19 Emergency Response Week 8.40- Totara 3 11.00-Totara 2 1.30-Rata Rua	20 PAID UNION MEETINGS 8.40-Totara 1 11.00-Hinau 3 1.30-Rata Toru	21 8.40- Hinau Tahī 11.00- Hinau Rua 1.30- Rata Tahī	22 8.40- Rimu Tahī 11.00-Rimu Rua 1.30- Rimu Toru	23 School Singing
26	27 Year 4-6 Interschool Athletics	28	1	2 School Assembly

Please note- PAID UNION MEETINGS are being held on Tuesday at 10am and 1.30pm. Teachers will attend one of the two meetings provided that day. We have plans to cover for all classes so the school day will not be affected.



You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

Children need teachers with enough time to teach so they can give each child the attention they deserve, and children need talented and inspiring people to be attracted to teaching.

Children are missing out on some opportunities to learn because teachers are bogged down in administration or are struggling to get enough support for children with additional learning needs.

Teachers at our school are joining an NZEI Te Riu Roa campaign, called *Kua Tae Te Wā – It's Time* to address these issues.

Our goal is to free teachers to teach, and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. And we'll attract more people to teaching by respecting and paying them as the professionals they are.

NZEI Te Riu Roa members at our school have been invited to paid union meetings in March so that we can plan and discuss the campaign and their upcoming collective agreement negotiations.

The meeting schedule has been planned so that teachers and principals across the country can work out the best meetings for them to attend, including the option of groups of teachers attending meetings at different times. This is to help reduce disruption to teaching programmes, children and parents.

Our children deserve the best education in the world, and New Zealand can afford to provide it. It's just a matter of priorities.

Thanks for your co-operation in this important matter.