



Term 2 | April 2018

## TERM 2

Welcome Back to returning families, and a warm welcome to our new families of Totara! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable holiday. We are all looking forward to a wonderful term!

This term we will be learning about Space! We are looking forward to exploring planets, stars and the moon!

We also have 2 trips, a whole school event and a team presentation this term, see the key dates for more information.

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## BUILDING SKILLS AT HOME

A great way to help your child at school is to build some skills at home! In this newsletter we will focus on how to build motor skills at home. Why not try:

1. Encouraging your child to cross the mid line of their bodies, touching opposite toes to knees or toes. Or passing items from one side of their body to the other, without changing hands.
2. Pretending to be animals and seeing the different ways our bodies can move. How does a penguin, bear or elephant move?
3. Throwing and catching. Try it with the smallest ball you can

These build muscles to help with writing, sitting comfortably and focusing!

## KEY DATES

### ASB Sports Trip:

Totara and Miro  
Tuesday 15th May  
ASB Sports Center - Kilbirnie

### Whole school cross country:

A long distance race, parents very welcome to watch!  
Monday 22nd May  
Alex Moore Park

### Space Place trip:

Totara trip to further explore our space knowledge.  
Wednesday 6th June

### End of term presentation:

The learners of Totara will present the Te Reo songs they have been learning.  
Parents and Totara  
Friday 6th July  
West Park School Hall

## CROSS COUNTRY

We will be practicing our cross country skills every day by running a small course at school. Please make sure that

every day this term your child is wearing appropriate shoes and clothing for running.