

TURITEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 29 September 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Here we are at the end of Term 3, another challenging term in regards to the sudden Lockdown in August due to the Delta COVID outbreak, just when the country thought we were doing great! Couple this with Paula leaving, being in the middle of a building project, managing changes to routines at COVID Level 2, postponement and cancellation of many events, especially our school production, and it's no wonder we're all feeling a bit stressed and looking forward to Friday! Let's hope when we come back to school on October 18, we're in Level 1.

Many thanks to you all for your support around changes in drop-off and pick up routines – we know it's not easy for many of you. A big THANK YOU to the staff who have kept everyone buoyant and learning happening as normal as possible. Thank you, Jenni Herkes, for being available to be the teacher in Pohutukawa when Paula left; thank you Laurel Winiata for all your amazing efforts in Pohutukawa and through school in general. Laurel officially finishes her practicum in Pohutukawa on Friday, and has passed her practicum requirements at Waikato University with flying colours 😊 Congratulations, Laurel. During Term 4, Laurel will be doing some Teacher Aide work at Turitea, as well as staying on voluntarily in Pohutukawa to work with groups in Structured Literacy. What a fantastic commitment and we are so lucky to have you working with us Laurel 😊

PTA NEWS



The PTA met last night to primarily discuss arrangements for Lamb, Calf and Pet Day, to be held on Saturday 30 October. Information is enclosed. At this stage, we're hoping to be able to proceed under Alert Level 1 – fingers crossed! However, a Plan B has also been drafted. The PTA will make a final decision very early next term as to which plan we will follow.

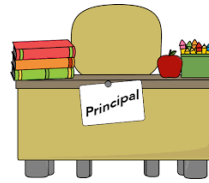
SCHOOL PRODUCTION



Rehearsals are underway again for our school production, **Moana Jr.** on stage at the Regent Theatre on **Thursday 18 November**, so please put a

circle around this date. **Tickets are back on sale through Ticketek** - \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children, plus the usual booking fees and charges. We are unable to sell tickets through the school office this year. **Please note that current Turitea students who are performing do not require a ticket.**

PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT UPDATE



Thank you very much to the entire Turitea staff and community who engaged with the recent principal appointment survey. Your feedback is valued and important, and will be instrumental in our decisions in appointing a new principal at Turitea School. The role has now been advertised, and the board is pleased to advise we have already received a number of expressions of interest from a range of high quality candidates. Applications are open until 19 October, and then the process of shortlisting and interviewing will begin. The board hopes to be able to announce the new appointment before the end of the year.

Beth Tootell

Presiding Member, Turitea School Board

CAR PARKING

A reminder to everyone about our parking arrangements. It is very apparent how well the turn-around at the end of our road works when drivers obey the rules! But cars parked in unmarked spots and on the yellow lines jam up the turning area, causing traffic to back up up the road and then nobody can move. Please be considerate of other drivers and park **in marked parks only**, especially at the moment with the building project happening. I don't enjoy being a parking warden!

LUNCHES – PITA PIT



Please place your order online – www.lunchonline.co.nz

Order by Friday 9am. **Please update your child's class.** Please note that there needs to be a minimum of 20 orders to be economic for all parties involved. It takes a little bit of time to set it up initially. There are a few tips on our website:

<https://turiteaschool.wordpress.com/friday-lunches/>

ORAL CARE/YUMMY FRUIT COLLECTION



Please keep bringing in all your oral care boxes, packaging, old toothpaste tubes and old toothbrushes and place them in the box at the school office. Also, please keep collecting your *Yummy Stickers*. If you have filled up your sheet, please bring it in to the school office and get a new one.



FOR SALE - EGGS



direct from The Free Rangers - Fresh, free range eggs – mixed grade Size 7+. **\$7 per dozen** with \$1 from each dozen being donated back to Turitea School. Available any time from the school office – **CASH ONLY**

POHUTUKAWA TAONGA DISPLAY

The Taonga are made of air-dry clay. We had to let them dry for one or two days then we could paint them if we wanted to. The three shapes mean different things. We learnt that Taonga are important and special. Taonga means treasure in te reo Māori. *By Amelia.*



TOTARA – LINO PRINTS

Totara has been exploring printmaking for art. We started with origami prints before moving to lino carving. Students were very careful to carve out their sketches. They then used special ink to paint over their creation then pressed it into paper. They turned out amazingly.

Some dates for you to note:

FRIDAY	Term 3 ends
18 October	Term 4 starts
26 October	Teacher Only Day
30 October	Lamb, Calf & Pet Day
18 November	<i>Moana Jr.</i>
15 December	Last day Term 4

We hope you all enjoy some lovely whānau time over the break and get a chance to recharge your batteries for the final term of the year. Please note that as advertised at the start of the year, we will be taking our final **Teacher Only Day** for the year on Tuesday 26 October, following Labour Day. There will be no children at school that day.

Glenys Murphy, Principal



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