

TURITEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 15 September 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

With the newsletter all ready to be printed on Tuesday 17 August, we suddenly found ourselves at COVID-19 Alert Level 4. How quickly things changed for our nation. As you would have heard on the news broadcast on Monday afternoon, we are still in Alert Level 2+ for another week. Thank you for adhering to the restrictions at this level, we know it's not easy, especially the morning drop-off time for our working parents.

FAREWELL

On Friday, we said our very fond farewells to Mrs Paula Cutts. It was hard saying au revoir to such a wonderful teacher who has been with us for 13 years. Paula's appointment to a Team Leader position at PNINS is testament of her mahi. Unfortunately, we were unable to have a community farewell – we promise this will happen at a later date. On Monday morning, staff, Board members and students took Paula to her new school for her powhiri. It was a lovely occasion, meeting the students in her new class and staff Paula will be working with. Many thanks to Shane Brown for taking up the challenge in Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori and being our whaikorero. We are very proud of you Shane – ka pai hoki koe 😊



We warmly welcome Mrs Jenni Herkes as the teacher in Pohutukawa for the rest of this year. Jenni is well known to Turitea School having done relieving in most classes, and release time in Pohutukawa. Thank you Jenni for being available in this capacity – we're looking forward to working with you on a fulltime basis 😊 We also warmly welcome Benjamin Ducre, and his parents Julie and Anthony, to the Turitea School whānau. Benjamin is a New Entrant in Rimu. We hope you have a long and happy association with Turitea School. Have fun with your learning Benjamin.

SPEECHES



Congratulations also to Olive and Sophia who represented Turitea School at the Fitzherbert Cluster Speech Competition, with Olive gaining second place. The topic of the speeches was *I Wish I Had Listened*. The speeches from across five schools were of very high quality. Tu meke Olive 😊

PTA NEWS

What a fun night we had for the annual Disco. Many thanks to the PTA, and especially Anna James, for organising a great community occasion. Everyone had their dance moves out and had a really awesome time 😊

MATHEX



Congratulations to our two teams of students who participated in the annual MATHEX challenge at the Racecourse. The Year 5 team (Emily, Theo, Rosalie, Dana and Rania) was placed 9th out of 28 teams, and the Year 6 team (Nathan, Ella J, Stella, Lara and Millar) was placed 11th out of 32 teams. An awesome effort people. Many thanks to Karen Walker who coached the teams.



VISITORS

Just before lockdown we had another visit from two teachers at Alfredton School (north Wairarapa), to share with them the early stages of the Structured Literacy journey we are on. Once again, a big thank you to the teachers who let them watch a lesson, and those who spent time answering many questions and sharing resources.

LUNCHES



FRIDAY'S lunch is pizza. Please bring money in a clearly marked envelope with name, what pizza you are having (either Cheese, Hawaiian or Meat Lovers), and how many pieces you would like (\$2.50 per slice & cookie \$1), by Thursday 9.00am.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION



Our school production, **Moana Jr.** should have been on stage last week 😞 We will get underway again next week with rehearsals.

We have been lucky to secure the rights from *Hal Leonard* to perform the show 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.**

LAMB, CALF & PET DAY



Entries for Lamb, Calf and Pet Day now close on Friday 24 September. Please note that the original date has been extended. So far we have very few pet entries. It would be great to see more children bringing along their pets.

Glenys Murphy, Principal



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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.



Some dates for you to note:

1 October	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

In Pohutukawa we have been inquiring about Samoa. Mrs Winiata taught us how to make our own tapa cloth.

