

# TURITEA SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER – 7 July, 2021

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Nau mai, haere mai. Welcome to the first of two biannual Community Newsletters from Turitea School in 2021. What a vastly different two terms compared to this time last year when we were in lockdown for seven weeks. We've had two stints at Level 2 so far this year, but compared to the rest of the world, New Zealand has been extremely fortunate with the management of the COVID-19 epidemic.

As always, our students have been offered many learning opportunities and opportunities to be involved in sporting and cultural events during the first half of the year. The year began with a Powhiri to welcome our new students and their whānau.



This year, the staff are engaged with Professional Learning and Development (PLD) with Liz Kane – *Structured Literacy & The Science of Reading*. Liz is working with us throughout the year, coaching teachers and revitalizing the way we teach literacy. At the beginning of Term 1, staff were involved with two amazing days of *Te Tiriti O Waitangi* training. As adults, we are still learners too! We are grateful to the Turitea School Board for providing these opportunities for the staff, and subsequently, our students.

On February 19, the Turitea School grounds turned into tent city for our annual overnight camp for the whole school! Many thanks to everyone for their help and support to make this event happen. As the camp is held early in the year, it is a great chance for new families and the staff to get to know each other.



On March 13, the PTA held their major fundraising event – the **Monster Garage Sale** in the school grounds. We raised a record profit of \$13,744. Many thanks to everyone who attended the event. Thank you also to all the families, staff, sponsors and friends of Turitea School who assisted in so many ways to make the event happen. Special thanks to several key people who spent many, many hours organizing before, during and after the event. The PTA has taken a key role in supporting many events at Turitea School which helps to maintain that friendly community spirit our school is known for, and also provide additional resources to assist student learning.



The PTA Jubilee Cookbook, *What's Cooking, Turitea School*, full of recipes sent in from families and friends of Turitea, is still available for \$15.00. Please contact the school office if you would like a copy.

## Other significant events and successes over the last two terms have been:

- ♦ Beach Education – two days at Foxton Beach for the whole school, focussing on safety when swimming, how to identify rips, keeping SunSmart, as well as having fun in the water.



- ♦ Rimu and Manuka Rooms (Year 0/1 students) continue to be involved in a weekly swimming programme with *SwimMagic* at the Lido.
- ♦ Our Dress-Up Day for the PTA Monster Garage Sale. Students and staff came to school dressed as something starting with a letter in MONSTER.
- ♦ A free in-school coaching session from Central Football for our Senior Students, and involvement in the Country Schools Tournament.



- ♦ 29 students participated in the *Weet-Bix TRYathlon*.
- ♦ Turitea School Athletics Day at the Massey Athletics Track. Fitzherbert Cluster Junior (at Tokomaru School) and Senior (at the Massey Athletics Track) Athletics. We gained 6 championship placings in the senior event – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Year 6 girls!





- ♦ We received a \$125 voucher from *Kelly's Sports* for our top level of participation in the "I Tried the Tri" series.
- ♦ Two students laying an ANZAC Day wreath on the cenotaph.
- ♦ The PTA Pool Party at the Freyberg Pool.



- ♦ Participation by the whole school in the *Kind Hearts* programme and attendance at the Regional Day.



- ♦ The Turitea School Cross Country event over on the Massey Farm, and representation at the Fitzherbert Cluster event in Tokomaru. Once again, our Year 6 girls were in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place! We also had 1<sup>st</sup> placings in the Year 0/1 Boys and Year 4 Girls races.



- ♦ Parent Teacher Student Korero.
- ♦ Congratulations to our team of 11 players entered in the Fitzherbert Cluster Chess Tournament, and especially Stella Agnew who was the first girl overall, including Year 7 & 8 students.



- ♦ A visit from Sharon Holt, NZ author.



- ♦ Two Year 13 students from Queen Elizabeth College have been taking our students for Kapa Haka and Roopu Kapa Haka once a week. A huge thank you to these amazing young ladies 😊



- ♦ We held a Matariki Celebration at school last week. A guest speaker, performances by our tamariki, shared kai and views of the stars were highlights of the evening.



During Term 3 we'll be working on our biennial school production. We invite you to put **Monday 6 September** on your calendars and join us at

the Regent on Broadway for **Moana Junior**. Contact the school office if you would like tickets.

Our next lot of project work starts in Term 3. We're pleased to be working with the BSM Group again, our project managers, and Isles Construction to refurbish four classrooms, recarpet Kauri Room, and create a new area of AstroTurf at the front of the school. Exciting happenings!

Check out our website at <http://turiteaschool.wordpress.com/>

Do you have pre-school children and are still to enrol them at Turitea School? To help with our planning, we would appreciate hearing from you. Please contact the school office to enrol or find out more. We welcome visitors to Turitea School.

Glenys Murphy, Principal

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### Term Dates for 2021:

**School starts on Thursday 4 February.**

**Term 1: 4 February – 16 April**

**Term 2: 3 May – 9 July**

**Term 3: 26 July – 1 October**

**Term 4: 18 October – 16 December**

**Teacher Only Days: 3 February, 8 June, 26 October**

**Mid-term Break: 30 August**