



TURITEA SCHOOL

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Turitea School Board Update

Rural and Teaching Principals' Conference

Glenys outlined her attendance at the Rural and Teaching Principals' Conference held in New Plymouth back in May. A range of topics were covered and included site visits to geographical areas of importance, investigated several school projects, including PLD workshops. A key takeaway from the conference was how to support children and their mental health needs in this COVID-19 world.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

A Teacher Professional Development Day was held on Tuesday, 08 June for all staff. A range of topics were discussed including student subject comprehension, mathematical language, and general school activities.

EDUCATION FORUM

The Board Chair attended the inaugural Te Rito forum. Te Rito (helping learners succeed) is a way for important information about New Zealand learners to be securely stored and shared. It involves the development of a national repository of learner data that enables the safe and secure transfer of information between schools and the sector. Over time, Te Rito will allow increasing levels of information about learners to be shared safely and securely as learners move through their education. It will support learners, parents, whānau, educators and other decision-makers to make decisions in the best interests of learners, by enabling informed and targeted action at all levels of the education system. The Board will be required to work through Te Rito and once mandated, will help inform Turitea School's strategic plan from 2023.

School Docs

The Board has responsibilities to review key policy documentation from the MoE. The Board has been working through amendments to Distance Learning and Finance documents. A number of amendments will be required as part of our upcoming finance review.

Appraisals Update

As part of our regular review cycle, progress has been made with staff appraisals which look into professional standards and indicator students (a minimum of one formal observation conducted annually). This process can involve a combination of student interviews and teacher observations with final sign off from the Principal.

Property Update

Plans have been approved for improvements to school facilities including the learning street, office, with additional upgrades to Rimu, Manuka, Rata and Matai classrooms. Funding from the Ministry has been received and fingers crossed, a date for project commencement will occur before Term 4.

Staff report

147 students are currently enrolled at Turitea School however it is looking likely that we will end up with a roll size of 159 students by year end.

Brad Cassidy, Turitea School Board Member

TURITEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 16 June

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is two weeks since the last newsletter, with last week being a short week. We hope you all enjoyed the long weekend. Our Teacher Only Day last week focused on Mathematics – Collaborative Planning (Measurement), reviewing our planning document; a learning progression leading to, “What do we want a Year 6 student to leave Turitea School with and how do we get them there?” We also spent some time firming up the projects for the students in the *Student Volunteer Army programme*, looked again at our End-of-Year reporting, and discussed our **school production**. Speaking of which, Trish and Shane have spent many lunchtimes auditioning students keen to have parts in *Moana Junior (JR)*. Please put a big circle about **Monday September 6** – this is the date we have the Regent Theatre booked to show our students’ talents. ALL students will be involved in the biennial production.

CONGRATULATIONS



A lot has happened in the last two weeks! Congratulations to Juliet and Brian who have become first time grandparents to a beautiful granddaughter. Such a special stage in life 😊 Congratulations also to Alana and Jackson who welcomed their wee son, Mason, to their family. Maia is enjoying being a helpful big sister.

CLUSTER CHESS TOURNAMENT

We had 11 students representing us at Opiki School at



the Fitzherbert Cluster Chess Championship. Congratulations to Stella Agnew who was first overall in the girls’ competition, including Year 7 & 8 students! Iti Falemai was 3rd in the Year 3/4 boys and Turitea School was third overall.

MERCURY WINDFARMS



Last week, we had a visit from Steph Kirk, an environmental scientist from Mercury Windfarms. Steph spoke to classes of students about the Turitea Windfarm Project and her slideshow let the children see behind the scenes up there in the Tararua Ranges right on our doorstep.

CROSS COUNTRY EVENTS



On our TOD, five students entered the Year 5/6 Inter-school Cross Country in the Ashhurst Domain. We had 52 representatives at the Fitzherbert Cluster Cross Country event at Tokomaru last week, the highlight being 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings in the Year 6 Girls’ Race – spectacular. Congratulations to the following placegetters:

YR 0/1 Boys – 1st Zac & 3rd Charlie

YR 0/1 Girls – 3rd Harper

YR 3 Girls – 3rd Ada

YR 4 Girls – 1st Juliette

YR 5 Girls – 3rd Dana

YR 6 Girls – 1st Julia, 2nd Ella J & 3rd Eden

TOUGH GUY & GAL / ORIENTEERING



Nine students chose to individually enter the Linton Tough Guy & Gal Competition and get themselves covered in mud. Congratulations to Ella who entered an Orienteering event and was placed first girl in the Manawatū with a very quick time through the course.

VEX ROBOTS



On Monday, three groups of Year 4 – 6 students had the privilege of working with Stephan van Haren, Henry Opa. Stephan teaches at St.

Peter’s College and is on a sabbatical this term. His speciality is in IT and our students were the lucky recipients of workshops making and using VEX robots. 30 students in all participated in a wonderful day of learning. Thank you so much Stephan for the opportunity.



HUI CERTIFICATES

11 June



RIMU

Mātauranga & Manaakitanga *Zac*

MANUKA

Mātauranga *Quinn*

POHUTUKAWA

Kaitiakitanga *Aria*

RATA

Mātauranga *Elliot*

MATAI

Mātauranga *Travis*

TOTARA

Manaakitanga *Matilda*

KAURI

Mātauranga & Whanaungatanga *Isabella*

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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| Reading progress | <i>Liam</i> |
| Kindness | <i>Finn S</i> |
| Writing progress | <i>Mylo & Stanley</i> |
| Whanaungatanga | <i>Carmen</i> |
| Kindness | <i>Harper</i> |
| Kaitiakitanga | <i>Hazlitt Whānau</i> |
| Mātauranga | <i>Karen</i> |
| Written Language | <i>Olivia</i> |

SICKNESS

We are having record numbers of students away from school (23 on Friday!) with the nasty cold bug that is doing the rounds. A reminder that if your child is away for any reason, please phone or email the office, with the reason for the absence. We would appreciate this message coming from an adult please.

STUDENT INFORMATION FORMS

You have all recently received a form to update your contact details, and also a survey about what you would like to see on the school website. Some of these forms are still outstanding – we need to ensure our data system is updated with this important information.

SCHOOL GROUNDS

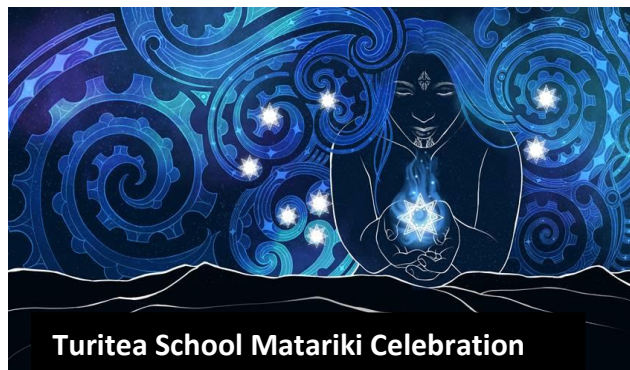
The school field is back in operation! The new grass has taken a good hold and there was great excitement last week when the children were finally set free! Once again, a huge thanks to the Hazlitt whānau for all their work, the latest being the first mow of the new grass.

Glenys Murphy, Principal

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MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS



Nau mai haere mai e te whānau o Turitea School. We are pleased to invite you to attend the Turitea School Matariki and Kapa Haka festival to be held at school Friday 2 July 2021. We will mānawatia a Matariki, enjoy performances from our school Kapa Haka group, and Kapa Haka Roopu, have a presentation from a guest speaker, and enjoy shared kai together.

5:15pm – Community arrive

5:30pm – Presentation and performances begin

6:15pm – Shared Kai (dinner)

6:45pm – Star gazing

Please bring a plate of food to share, and your own cutlery, crockery and drinks. Hopefully (weather permitting) we also get a chance to star gaze and spot Matariki and other stars/constellations.

NumberWorks 'nWords have once again been donated a voucher to the school for a term's free specialist tuition in Maths or English. If you would like your child to be in the draw for this voucher, please give your name to Julie or Belinda in the office **by Thursday 8 July.**

LUNCHES



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

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre is holding a Predator Hunting Hui. All details and bookings ['Chasing ZERO' Predator Hunting Hui - Masterton - Eventfinda](#) and <https://fb.me/e/280oseqXf>

Hui Dates for this term are:

➤ 25 June – Buddy Sharing; 9 July – Hui

Some dates for you to note:

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| 2 July | Cluster Kapa Haka Festival |
| | Matariki Celebration, 5.15pm |
| 9 July | Term 2 ends |
| 26 July | Term 3 starts |
| 30 August | Mid-term break |
| 6 September | School Production |