

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you all for supporting us as we moved again on Monday into COVID-19 Alert Level 2. Let's hope it's a quick fix. I will keep you up to date as soon as I can with any further developments. Remember to scan or sign in if you are coming into the school grounds. Students are not permitted on site until 8.30am at this level and we will bring them to the gate to meet you at 3.00pm. We've altered the play/eat times at interval and lunchtime so we can monitor hand washing.

When we are able to go back to Level 1, we are slightly altering after school arrangements to maximise safety for our students. They will be allowed to play on the upper adventure playground and court only until the bell rings at 3.10pm. At this time they must come and **sit** outside the office area with their bags to wait for pick-up. Parents can only take their children to other parts of the playground to play after the bell has been rung. Children playing after the bell must be actively supervised by their own parents unless another parent is actually taking them home. It has become nearly impossible for staff to work out who is waiting for their parents to arrive.

## BEACH EDUCATION - 2021



We were lucky to be able to go ahead with the Year 1 – 3 Beach Education trip to Foxton on Monday. Many thanks to all the parents and grandparents who were able to accompany us and help with supervision – no mean feat with 75 young people! And thanks again to the PTA for funding the buses.



Congratulations to Julie and the Macdonald whānau on the birth of their grandson Tyde last week. He is a real sweetie 😊

## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Staff **Professional Learning and Development** continues this week. We had Liz Kane (*Structured Literacy & The Science of Reading*) with us at school yesterday. Liz modelled lessons to teachers and went through our latest data collected since school returned, to identify the specific learning needs.

➤ **HUI (School Assembly) on FRIDAY at 2.20pm.** Everyone most welcome to attend. Future dates this term are Buddy Sharing, March 5; Hui, March 19; Buddy Sharing, 9 April.

## PTA NEWS



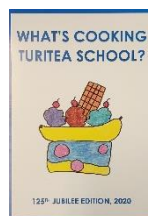
Last week you received a flyer about Turitea School's major annual fundraiser, the **MONSTER GARAGE SALE**, to be held on **Saturday 13 March** at Turitea School. Please make every effort to keep the day free as we need

lots of help to make the event successful. The raffle tickets are flying out the door – we have some very keen sellers this year. Thank you for your amazing efforts 😊

**Friday (19 February)** is hopefully the annual PTA Overnight Camp. We'll keep you updated if anything needs to change. At this stage, we're looking forward to a fun night. **Please bring your own plates, bowls, cutlery and cups, enough for your family, and a tea towel. Also bring a water bottle each – these can be filled at the taps on the side of the water fountains.**



**Our next PTA meeting is on Thursday 25 February at 7.00pm.** This meeting will focus on the Monster Garage Sale. New parents are most welcome to attend.



The PTA Recipe Book, *What's Cooking, Turitea School?* produced last year to celebrate our 125<sup>th</sup> year, is still for sale through the school office. Packed full of tried-and-true recipes, it's a bargain at \$15.00. They make great gifts too.

## WEET-BIX TRYATHLON

For those interested in participating in the 2021 Weet-bix Tryathlon, this link will enable families from Turitea School to join our School Group with ease!

The direct link to register into our school group is <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=40602&G=118570>

## TOTARA CLASSWORK



This term Turitea School is focusing on Manaakitanga-Respect. Totara has made some pretty cool posters to put in Tane Mahuta. Our main message is 'Alofa Atu Neil, Alofa Mai Taeao - Kindness Given, Kindness Gained.



## 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.

## SWIMMING DEMONSTRATIONS

Please ensure your child(ren) brings their togs to school **every** day. If they are not well enough to swim, we would appreciate a note or phone call please. **Swimming Demonstrations** will take place at school on **March 2 & 3**. Come along and see your child's class in action with their regular swimming lesson. Swimming times are ...

• Kauri	9.15am
• Totara	10.00am
• Matai	11.30am
• Rata	12.15pm
• Manuka & Rimu	1.40pm
• Pohutukawa	2.15pm

## DEVICES AT SCHOOL



We have noticed some students bringing their own devices to school. This is not necessary and some have been used unsupervised at break times and after school. The staff and Board are currently working on an IT strategy and BYOD may be considered, but at this stage, we ask that devices be left at home please.

Glenys Murphy, Principal



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## Some dates for you to note:

<b>FRIDAY</b>	PTA Overnight Camp
25 February	PTA meeting, 7.00pm
2 & 3 March	Swimming Demonstrations
13 March	Monster Garage Sale
24 March	Turitea School Athletics