

TURITEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 10 November 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

After the cold weather last week, it's lovely to see the sun this week. We're all soaking up the warmth. This is a timely reminder for all students to have a drink bottle at school every day as the water fountains are still covered up because of COVID restrictions, and it's important to keep rehydrated. The children might also like to have sunscreen with them to apply when necessary. Our school supply is currently in a cupboard that's inaccessible at the moment!



This week we warmly welcome a new family to the Turitea School whānau. Franklyn (Year 4 in Matai) and Katelyn (Year 5 in Totara), and their parents Chantelle and Frank have recently moved to Palmerston North. We hope you have a long and happy association with Turitea School. Have fun with your learning guys.

PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT UPDATE



I am delighted, on behalf of the Turitea School Board, to be able to announce the appointment of Mr Troy Duckworth to the position of Principal of Turitea School. The Turitea School Board knows that, as a community, we will make him very welcome.

Troy has developed his teaching craft and leadership style at Russell Street School in his current role as Deputy Principal. He is looking forward to making a meaningful contribution towards maintaining the already high standards at Turitea School and lifting the overall quality of education we offer our tamariki. He is a well-researched and passionate educator who easily develops positive relationships with all stakeholders. He hopes to help breathe new life and perspective into our vision and the values that we hold dear at Turitea School.

We were very lucky to have such an exceptionally strong field of applicants to choose from, with many skilled, experienced and passionate candidates, so we wish to acknowledge them, thank them for their applications and wish them all well for the future.

The staff and the Turitea School Board will welcome Troy with a mihi whakatau shortly. Unfortunately, due to current COVID restrictions, this will not yet be able to include the wider school community. This will, however, enable him to begin working within the school. We look forward to formally welcoming him with a powhiri on the first day of school in 2022. Hopefully, at this time, the community will be able to join with us in inducting Troy into the Turitea School community.

Ngā manaakitanga
Beth Tootell
Presiding Member
Turitea School Board

BUILDING WORK

The building in Rimu and Manuka is nearly complete, and we're waiting on a council inspection before the classes can move into their amazing new space. Top effort from all the contractors concerned. Thank you



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.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

Turitea School is a member of Te Oro Karaka Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning) and our Professional Learning and Development focus this year is on Culturally Responsive and Relational Pedagogy. As part of our professional responsibilities, school leaders are always interested to understand more about whānau views and experiences of student learning in their classroom and school, as well as whānau perceptions of their experiences when in contact with school. This survey is an opportunity to collect whānau views. There are questions that ask about how school is for Māori students and for Māori whānau. This is so we can make sure that we are providing inclusive and equitable teaching and learning. We are also getting our teachers and our older students to answer a version of this survey so we can see everyone's perspective. All are asked for their perspective about their experiences, irrespective of cultural location/identity. School leaders will then put into place some evidence-based actions in response to this student, staff and whānau perception data collected.

Our teachers absolutely want to ensure that **all** students reach their potential whilst experiencing their education as culturally located citizens of Aotearoa, New Zealand. Thank you for helping us with this goal. Please complete the survey **BY SUNDAY**.

<https://forms.gle/zFjbu7rKQeAM3T3N6>

2022 DATES

Term 1: Tuesday 1 February – Thursday 14 April.
Waitangi Day observed – 7 February; TOD – 14 March

Term 2: Monday 2 May – Friday 8 July.
Queen's Birthday – 6 June; TOD – 7 June; Matariki – 24 June

Term 3: Monday 25 July – Friday 30 September
Mid-term break – 29 August

Term 4: Monday 17 October – Thursday 15 December
Labour Day – 24 October

Some dates for you to note:

15 December	Last day Term 4
1 February	First Day Term 1 2022

PTA NEWS

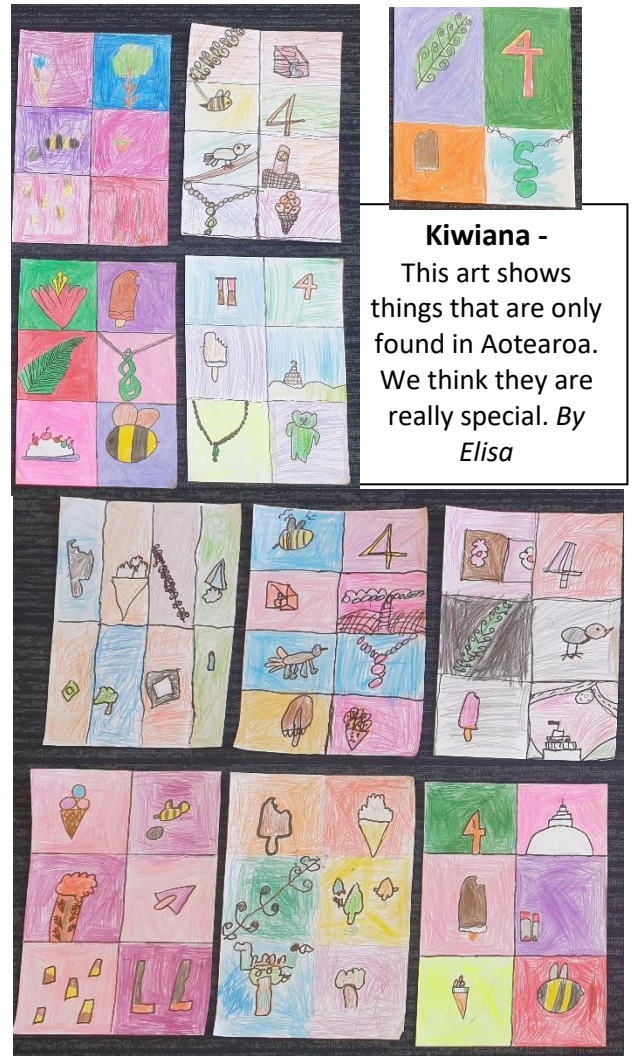


Cookie Time Fundraiser, please support if you can and what better way than buying cookies ☺

Last week you should have received a form for the cookie fundraiser; if you have not, there are spares at the office.

Next meeting Wed 24 November at 7pm.

RATA KIWIANA ARTWORK



Kiwiana -

This art shows things that are only found in Aotearoa. We think they are really special. By Elisa



Glenys Murphy, Principal

Glenys

