

TURITEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 17 November 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I'm sure you will have heard in the news over the past week about stresses and staffing issues at schools across Aotearoa New Zealand with the COVID vaccination mandate. Fortunately, we are not one of those schools facing staffing shortages. However, there are some implications for visitors and parents who need to come into the school grounds. If you have not yet had your first vaccination (the deadline was Monday), you MUST wear a mask, you must remain at a 2m distance from any other adult, and you are not able to come into any contact with students on the school grounds or outside the gate at pick-up or drop-off times. We are adopting a high trust model at Turitea School, and ask that you strictly follow these rules if you are unvaccinated. It seems cases of COVID are getting ever closer to Palmerston North and we must try and keep our students and staff safe.

WATER & SUNSCREEN

Please remember that all students need 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!

CONGRATULATIONS



The weekend just gone was very eventful for some of our students. Congratulations to Ella Ryan who won several ribbons at a Gymnastics Competition, coming first overall on the bar and second overall for the floor routines. Watching Ella on the bars at school, this is no surprise! Congratulations on your successes Ella 😊

PTA NEWS



Cookie Time Fundraiser
– Thank you everyone who supported this fundraiser, orders are being delivered approx.

6 December. We will let you know when they are ready to be picked up.

Next meeting Wed 24 November at 7pm.

CHAMPIONSHIP DAY

Ella, Izzy and Charlie took their calves to the Manawatu Oroua Ag. Club Championship Day and came home with many ribbons and trophies.

Calves Leading

Year 5&6

1st *Izzy* – Turitea

2nd *Ella* – Turitea

Calves Care and Attention

Year 1&2

5th *Charlie* – Turitea

Year 5&6

3rd *Izzy* – Turitea

4th *Ella* – Turitea

Calves Dairy Type

Heavy Breeds

Friesian, Ayrshire, Shorthorn

1st *Izzy* – Turitea

Team of 3 Leading Calves

2nd Turitea

Congratulations people – what an amazing achievement

😊 You have obviously put a huge amount of time and effort into your calves. Tu meke!



Turitea School has received a donation from AFFCO NZ Ltd in the "Cash for School" Programme (bobby calves). With thanks to the Finnigan and Gribbon families for their support 😊

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.

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. Rata is now working from the library as it's likely the builders will need to start refurbishing Rata before the inspection.

Thanks for your hard work in making the shift Mrs Walker! Top effort from all the contractors

concerned. Thank you 😊 Yesterday afternoon, we had the new building blessed by Jason, a long-time friend of Turitea School. It was lovely to see Jason and his daughters Hiria and Emily again, to share in this special occasion. Ngā mihi Jason.



2022 STUDENTS

We are hearing several 'rumours' from students who tell us they are shifting over the holidays. To help us with our class organisation next year, please let the office know ASAP if your child won't be returning.

TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT



Yesterday we had a team of eight players representing Turitea School at the annual Table Tennis Competition. The girls came 3rd, the boys 5th, and Turitea School was 3rd overall. Congratulations to

Amber who was the overall individual winner, winning all 16 of her games! Amber and Lara also won the longest rally – 773 hits.



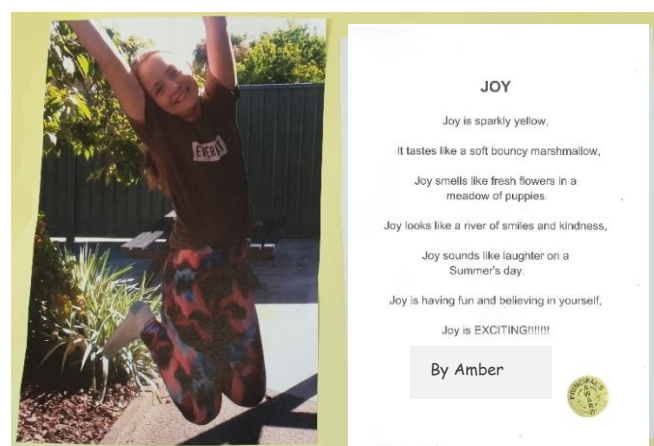
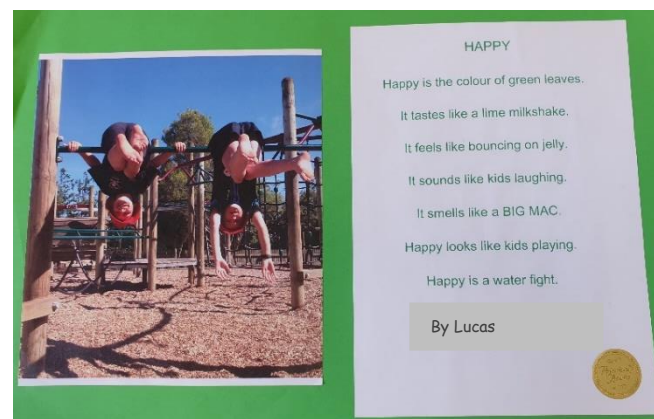
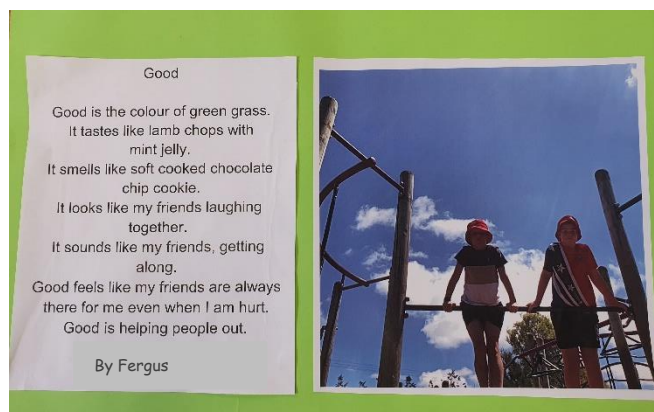
TOYS AT SCHOOL



A reminder about children bringing their toys to school: Our Board **Bringing Valuables to School Procedure** states:

Students' Property: Students are discouraged from bringing valuable items to school. If a child brings an item to school, Turitea School takes no responsibility for theft or damage. Sometimes students like to share an item with their class. In this case it is advisable that parents make arrangements with the classroom teacher and then accompany the child for the duration of the "talk," taking the item home immediately afterwards.

KAURI POEMS



Some dates for you to note:

24 November PTA meeting, 7.00pm

15 December Last day Term 4. School finishes at 12.30pm

Glenys Murphy, Principal

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