

TURITEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 8 December 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As there won't be a newsletter next week, I have decided on an insert into the Community Newsletter. On Friday, we received Stacey McKenzie's resignation.



Congratulations Stacey on winning a position at St Peter's School, starting at the beginning of 2022. Stacey has only been with us for 7 terms; during that time we have enjoyed her leadership in Kapa Haka and as one of our sports coordinators. We wish you all the best in your new job Stacey 😊 and thank you for your contribution to Turitea School. As we have just been through another appointment process, we have been fortunate to appoint Mr Cameron Schaw to the Year 4/5 position. Cameron is from Palmerston North but has been teaching for the past two years in Tauranga. We look forward to welcoming you to the team Cameron.

Recently, whānau, students and teachers were asked to complete a survey around *Rongohia te Hau*. We would like to thank you all for participating. We appreciate your time and energy. *Wordles* were created using the responses from the survey. The size of the words correlates to the number of times it was used in the comments. The whānau voice *Wordle* has gifted us the opportunity to think about communication between home and school. We would like to understand what good communication looks like to whānau.

We have heard that there is a discrepancy between how tamariki communicate with their whānau about their learning, and how Turitea School communicates student learning. How does the school show to whānau that we are caring for our students, both inside and outside the classroom?

There is a perception that there is a difference between whānau and Turitea School around student achievement. This poses a challenge as to how we can turn this perception around. We are confident that our 2022 PLD around 'Formative Assessment' and 'Assessment for Learning' will address this.

Responses to the survey will inform our planning for 2022.



END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATIONS



Please keep **Monday December 13** free for our school End-of-Year Celebrations. Unfortunately, this will be very different this year, with COVID restrictions on numbers on site, and all schools are affected. Things have changed again slightly with the new "Traffic Light" system and our area in orange. We will host two different ceremonies, one starting at 2.00pm when we will give out class certificates and the Year 6 speech and PowerPoint will be delivered. I will notify you if your child is receiving a certificate, and whānau of recipients **ONLY** are welcome to attend. Mask wearing is encouraged. This event will also be recorded on Zoom. At 5.30pm, the Year 6 celebration will take place – these families have received a separate notice.

NUMBERWORKS'NWORDS

NumberWorks 'nWords have once again donated 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 in the office **by TOMORROW**.

DON'T FORGET



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.



KAURI FUNDRAISER - Massey Wildbase Hospital



Friday 9.30 - 11.00am on 10 December.

There will be stalls selling Xmas Cards, Baking and fun games to play. Please come along with some gold coins to help support the Hospital and mend our native species.

Thanks from *Kauri Class*

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.

POOL KEYS



School Pool keys are available for community use – these will be \$35.00 for the season and the pool is available after 3.00pm, at the weekends and in the school holidays. Under COVID restrictions, we will be adopting a high trust model for users. You must comply with public health requirements while you are using the pool including:

- keeping two metres physical distance from people you do not know
- sign in using the NZ COVID Tracer app which will be on the seat in the pool area
- wash or sanitise your hands before and after using the pool.

Please avoid overcrowding, and do not come into the school grounds if you are feeling unwell.

Please come into the school office to purchase keys and sign a contract. **Keys must be collected before December 14.**

PTA NEWS

PTA Christmas Cookies: Thank you all for your orders.



We are expecting 294 buckets of cookies to arrive at school **on Friday!** The PTA profits \$2.50 from each bucket. Thank you for your support. Please come to the table which will be set up across the main entrance to the office to collect your order. These will be available from 2.30pm onwards.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



This will be held on Tuesday 14 December at 12.30pm. Children do not need to bring their lunch that day, unless they don't eat pizza. Pizza will be provided by the PTA. Children will be able to watch a DVD, have some quiet

activities, swim or join in a water fight – water guns, togs, towels and changes of clothes essential!! No water balloons please. We **need parents to help** with supervision of students, games, giving out food, at the pool, etc. Help is required from 12.15pm – 3.00pm. Please let Julie know in the office.

HEALTH CURRICULUM SURVEY

Last week you were sent an email with a link to a Health Curriculum survey. Please take the time to complete this survey **by Friday.**

ORAL CARE/YUMMY FRUIT COLLECTION



Please keep bringing in all your oral care boxes, packaging, old toothpaste tubes and old toothbrushes and place them in the box at the school office. Also, please keep collecting your *Yummy Stickers*. If you have filled up your sheet, please bring it in to the school office and get a new one.



TERM DATES 2022

These have already been published, but I want to let you know that on Monday 31 January, we will be holding individual conversations with whānau and students. These will start at 10.00am and the last korero will be at 6.45pm. A booking system will be available via Skoop Loop before the end of the year. This is a chance to start building relationships with the child's new teacher, discuss goals, etc. Troy will also be available that day.

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



It has suddenly become very real that this will be my last newsletter! Thank you all for the privilege of being your Principal for the past 20 years. I am honoured to have met so many amazing people – students, staff and whānau, and made lasting friendships and connections with many of you. I have a myriad of happy memories and a treasure chest full of cards, notes and pictures. I will certainly miss you all but it is time to move on and explore other adventures. I wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a safe and wonderful holiday.

Glenys Murphy, Principal

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Some dates for you to note:

13 December	End-of-Year Celebration
14 December	PTA Kids' Christmas Party
15 December	Last day Term 4. School finishes at 12.30pm
31 January	Korero Teacher, Parent & Student
1 February	First Day Term 1 2022