

TURITEA SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER – 8 December 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

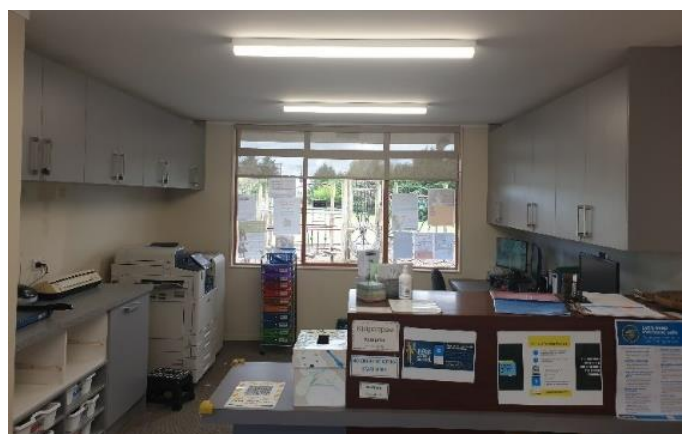
Nau mai, hoki mai. This time last year I started the Community Newsletter with *What a strange and challenging year 2020 has been. I think most people will be very glad to see the back of it! We hope all your family and friends have kept healthy and safe during the height of the COVID-19 Global Pandemic, and that 2021 is a much more settled year for the world.* Change the dates and repeat! I think there have been more challenges in 2021 as vaccinations and passes are negotiated, and we come to grips with the new traffic light system.

Once again, some of our usual happenings were cancelled, including our biennial School Production, and we had to modify other events. **Lamb, Calf and Pet Day** on Saturday 30 October went ahead but without the sale of any food and without the traditional Cake Auction. We were determined to try and retain this rural, community aspect of Turitea School. A big thank you to the PTA who organised the event, and to everyone who assisted on the day. Huge thanks also to our sponsors – *Farm Source, Mitre 10 Feilding, FMG, Farmlands and Hells Pizza*. The students all displayed their creativity with their indoor exhibits.



BUILDING WORK

Our building project eventually got underway! So far, Rimu and Mānuka, our two junior classrooms have been refurbished to create a beautiful new learning space. Rata has been gutted and Matai will be refurbished during the holidays. Kauri Room has been recarpeted and the office and administration area has been painted and new cabinets installed. Everything is looking very flash! We're pleased to be working with the BSM Group again, our project managers, and Isles Construction. Top effort guys 😊



A big thank you to the staff and students who have moved all their furniture and belongings and have been teaching in Tane Mahuta and the library. Hopefully we'll be back to normal at the start of the 2022 school year.

I have completed reading all student reports and am most impressed with the comments about progress, motivation, positive attitudes, leadership and a commitment to learning. Congratulations to all of our students, who are a pleasure to teach and a real credit to themselves, their whānau, and to Turitea School.

Other significant events and successes over the last two terms have been:

- ♦ Rimu Room (New Entrants) continue to be involved in a weekly swimming programme with *SwimMagic* at the Lido.
- ♦ Our valued team member, Paula Cutts, won a teaching position at Palmerston North Intermediate School and left us towards the end of Term 3. Many thanks to Jenni Herkes who stepped in to teach in Pohutukawa for the rest of the year. We have recently appointed Anneliese Nikorima to the permanent position.
- ♦ Stacey McKenzie will be leaving at the end of the year to take up a position at St Peter's School. Cameron Schaw has been appointed to this position.
- ♦ The school and Cluster Speech Competition. Congratulations to Olive Severinsen who was placed 2nd in the Year 5/6 Cluster Competition. The topic was *I wish I had Listened!*



- ♦ Two teams participated in the annual MATHEx Competition.



- ♦ Fun times at the PTA Disco!
- ♦ Getting a grant from the *New Zealand Community Trust* to purchase a new set of school sunhats.



- ♦ Professional Development for the staff – Structured Literacy / The Science of Reading and Culturally Responsive and Relational Pedagogy.
- ♦ Congratulations to our team of 8 players entered in the Inter-School Table Tennis Tournament.



- ♦ Supporting Massey *Wildbase* with a fundraiser organised by the senior students Kauri Room.



After 20 years, this will be my final community newsletter. I am retiring at the end of the year! It has been an absolute privilege working at Turitea School and I have so many happy memories. Thank you to everyone I have come in contact with. I will miss you all but it is time to move on to new adventures. Congratulations to Troy Duckworth who is the new principal. Troy is currently the Deputy Principal at Russell Street School.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff, students, the Turitea School Board, and the PTA for their efforts this year. We are proud of our successes. To whānau and friends who have supported us along the way, many thanks. We wouldn't be there without you. To those students and families who leave us at the end of the year, thank you so much for your many and varied contributions to Turitea School. Best wishes, and please keep in touch.

If you receive this newsletter and have pre-school children who may not be on our projected roll, please contact us. I hope you all enjoy some Christmas cheer and a safe and happy holiday season. Best wishes for the New Year and we look forward to working with you again in 2022.

Glenys Murphy, Principal

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Check out our new website at <https://turitea.school.nz/>

TERM DATES 2022

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