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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the first of two biannual Community Newsletters from Tiritea School in 2016. Term 2 in particular has been action packed with students involved in many and varied learning experiences. Our roll has reached 154 and we have just opened up our seventh classroom.

NEW SANDPIT

The students were very excited on Day 1 this year when they discovered our new sandpit. A HUGE vote of thanks to Linda, Neville and Danielle who donated a substantial amount of money towards the sandpit, topped up with funds from the PTA. What an amazing gesture from a past Tiritea School family ☺



OVERNIGHT CAMP

On February 18, the Tiritea School grounds turned into tent city for our annual overnight camp for the whole school! I never cease to be amazed at our fabulous students and the level of support they and the school receive from our families. Many thanks to everyone for their help and support. As the camp is held early in the year, it is a great chance for new families to get to know each other, and the staff.



On Thursday 18th of February the whole of Tiritea School met together for an overnight camp. First we had to pitch tents. My family had two tents so it took even longer. After the tents were pitched I had a swim. I swam for so long that I had to have dinner in my swimming costume and towel. Lots of other kids did that too. When I was dressed, dry and warm I found out there was ice-blocks. I got a green ice-block. I think it was lime. Lime is my favourite type of ice-block. I licked my ice-block with joy. When I finished my ice-block I played with my friends until the bell for the movie rang. Half way through the movie there was popcorn. The bags of popcorn were quite small. After the movie there was supper. Supper was Milo and a biscuit.

By Sophie (Totara, age 8)

MONSTER GARAGE SALE

In March, the PTA held their major fundraising event – the Monster Garage Sale in the school grounds. We raised a record profit of \$8,612. Many thanks to everyone who attended the event. Thank you also to all the families, staff and friends of Tiritea School who assisted in so many ways to make the event happen. Special thanks to several key people who spent many, many hours organizing before, during and after the event. The PTA has taken a key role in supporting many events at Tiritea which helps to maintain that friendly community spirit our school is known for, and also provide additional resources to assist student learning.



WAIOURU TRIP

Term 2 started with a trip to Waiouru for the whole school, and with lots of whānau support. We visited the Army Museum and had a wonderful learning experience with the educators there, and after lunch we were welcomed onto the Marae, a new experience for many of our students. Many thanks to the PTA for funding the bus transport to Waiouru, to Andrew Barrie, one of our parents for being the inspiration behind the visit, and to Matua Shane for accompanying us and being our speaker on the marae.



LETTERS HOME FROM THE WAR

Kauri wrote letters home from the war through the eyes of a nurse. Here is an example of a beginning of a letter.

25 April 1915

Dear Mother and Father, Life here is scary, even strange. It is dangerous every second of every day. As time goes by I sigh in relief as I am still alive. I still hear the wild bombing from the Turkish soldiers. The other nurses were terrified.

Georgia is my best friend and we work together to nurse animals like horses and donkeys. One donkey was so brave that it was used to carry the wounded soldiers from the front line.

Georgia and I love animals, so we both asked to keep one animal each. I kept a pony and I named him Philip. The little pony has a blaze and he is a cheeky chestnut. Georgia picked a donkey. It was black with white spots. His name was Simpson, the famous donkey.

By Nicki (Kauri, aged 10)

Highlights:

- ♦ Professional Learning and Development for the staff with an Education Advisor from *Swim Safe New Zealand*. Sarah also worked poolside with every class for a day. Koru the Kiwi (the *Swim Safe* mascot), also visited!
- ♦ Our Dress-Up Day for the PTA Monster Garage Sale. Students and staff came to school dressed as something starting with a letter in MONSTER.
- ♦ A visit from students studying to be Early Childhood teachers, from Den-en Chofu University in Japan.
- ♦ 8 students were involved in the *Primary Girls QuickHit Festival Day* and played four games of cricket.
- ♦ Staff involvement in the *Relay for Life*.
- ♦ Students represented us at the Inter School Triathlon and Striders Road Race – congratulations to Hayley Cornwall who was placed first and second respectively.
- ♦ A performance from three young members of the “Zirka Circus.”
- ♦ Some senior girls in Kauri Room organised a Cupcake Sale to raise money for disaster relief in Fiji – a massive \$460 was raised in an hour.
- ♦ 44 students participated in the *Weetbix Tryathlon*.
- ♦ We received a \$100 voucher for our top level of participation in the “I Tried the Tri” series.
- ♦ Participation in the *Rippa Rugby Junior Cup*.
- ♦ Laying a wreath at the Cenotaph on ANZAC Day.
- ♦ Year 5 and 6 students had the opportunity to try out racquet sports at the Massey Recreation Centre.
- ♦ The school, Cluster and Inter School Cross Country events – congratulations to the Year 6 boys who came 2nd as a team. 29 schools were in attendance!
- ♦ Support for Massey *Wildbase* – Pauline talked to the students in Kauri Room in Term 1, and received their \$100 donation. The morning team from *More FM* visited, Mike West and Gareth Morgan in their bird costumes! Another \$211 raised from the gold coin donations, and we featured on the radio!
- ♦ A performance by the Kahurangi Dance Theatre – *Taonga*, describing the treasures of the Māori people.
- ♦ We performed a 15-minute segment of *The Little Mermaid* at the Unity Singers Annual Concert at the Regent Theatre.
- ♦ Two days (senior and junior school) spent at the Rangitaane Marae, *Te Hotu Manawa o Rangitaane o Manawatu*. Staff and students shared in a very rich and rewarding learning experience.
- ♦ The P.T.A. movie and pizza night in Tane Mahuta.
- ♦ The school and Cluster Speech Competition.
- ♦ The whole school performed on stage at the Regent Theatre in the Te Pae Tamariki Festival for the very first time. We couldn't be more proud of our students ☺

Tiritea School has achieved well in the **Fitzherbert Cluster Events** so far this year.

- At the Cluster Swimming Championships, we gained 10 first placings, 6 second placings, and 8 third placings, as well as coming second in the Year 4, 5, 6 relay ☺
- Our two cricket teams were placed third and fourth in the Cluster Tournament run by Cricket Manawatu.
- We won the shield for the Touch Rugby Tournament again ☺
- Speech competition – congratulations to Liam Bland who came second.
- At the Cluster Cross Country event, 12 students were placed in the top three in their races.
- 4 students represented us at the inaugural Chess Tournament. Congratulations to Alexi Vertongen who was placed 2nd in the Year 5/6 competition and 3rd overall, Year 0 – 6; and to Fraser James who was placed 2nd in Year 3/4.

BOT NEWS

This year was the triennial election of school Boards of Trustees. Congratulations to Chrissy Severinsen (Chairperson), Anna Stephenson, Beth Tootell, Finn Ogle and Fiona Murray who were elected to represent the parent community for the next three years; and to Trish Molloy, the Staff Representative. We look forward to working with you. Many thanks to Chrissy, Fiona, Janene, Julie, Kiri and Trish for your time, support and guidance over the past three years. You have been a great team to work with.

Check out our website at:

<http://tiriteaschool.wordpress.com/>

Do you have pre-school children and are still to enroll them at Tiritea School? To help with our planning we would appreciate hearing from you. Please contact the school office to enroll or find out more. We welcome visitors to Tiritea School.

Glenys ☺



Glenys Edmonds, Principal .

