

December 7, 2016

SENIOR ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the small team of Year 5 and 6 athletes who competed at the Interschool Athletics at the Massey Track yesterday. We were up against some big city schools and the Year 5/6 competed together! "They were all bigger than me!" said Neo! The weather was perfect, we were well supported by a great team of parents and whānau (thank you for your assistance with transport and supervision), and as always, our students were superb. Special congratulations to Hayley who was palced 1st in the 800m (the only Year 5 in the race!) and 3rd= in the High Jump.

CRICKET

Yesterday morning, Rata, Manuka, Pohutukawa, Rimu and Totara were involved in a 30-minute Cricket Awareness lesson, run by the Manawatu Cricket Association. The students were taken through some skills and they should have arrived home with an information pack.



On Monday staff had the pleasure of taking our awesome Year 6s out for their farewell evening. There were lots of shrieks as they glided and stumbled around the skating rink! The evening finished with a meal at Burger King. We loved being with you and hope you take fond memories away of this evening.



Manawatu Skating Club in the Bell Hall, Waldegrave Street. Holiday skating on Wednesday 11, 18 and 25 January, 1.30-3.00pm. Come along for some fun.

THANK YOU

Thank you to those families who attended the Māori whānau hui last week. There has been some discussion about the name of our school, Tiritea as opposed to Turitea, and people often ask why this is. The confusion is explained in the Tiritea School Centennial book. Please scan and insert the relevant section. Our students will be doing some research about this in Term 1 next year.

TIRITEA - TURITEA: WHY THE CONFUSION?

Survey records from the 1870's and 1880's refer to the stream as TURITEA. This spelling was used on survey maps until about 1923. Then in the late 1880's the Palmerston North Borough Council decided to obtain a water supply from the Turitea Stream. The first dam was built in 1888-9 and for an unknown reason the Council adopted the spelling TIRITEA.

The Fitzherbert Road Board used both spellings in its Minute books in the early 1890's, but by 1900 the form TIRITEA was in common usage.

For the next ninety years, Tiritea was the name given to the district, stream, road and school. However, when the Palmerston North City Council was researching a name for a new walkway from Bledisloe Park, it consulted with the local Rangitane people, who were adamant that TIRITEA was an error - TURITEA means 'clear bright water', while TIRITEA is rather meaningless.

The P.N.C.C. then applied to the NZ Geographic Board, which ruled in 1991 that the official name of the district, road and stream was to revert to TURITEA (pronounced Too-rec-tay-ah). TIRITEA remains the name of the school - 100 years of tradition cannot lightly be put aside.

BOOKS AND GIFTS DIRECT

On display at the office. Money due by Friday 16 December. Please make sure you pay by the due date.

MUSIC LESSONS

If your child is interested in learning the piano/keyboard next year, please contact Heather de Ridder on 357 6532 or Email harmonyhouse@xtra.co.nz for information. Children receive their weekly lesson during the school day. Keyboards are available for hire.

LUNCH



Friday's lunch is from New World. Please bring money in a clearly marked envelope with student's name and order on it by 9.00am Thursday.

REPORTS

Students who were at Tiritea School this time last year will have received their reports in a plastic cover/folder. Please return these to your classroom teacher by **FRIDAY**. Reports will go home on Tuesday.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visit Thursday 15 December. This will be a collection of books only; there will be no issuing of books. Please make sure the books you are returning to the Town Library are their books and not Tiritea School books!!

LOST PROPERTY

Once again, there is a large number of items in the Lost Property basket. Please check these when you're picking up your children. Any items left at the end of the term will be donated to charity.



POOL KEYS

Keys are available to people from our school community for \$35 for the season (Please have the correct cash). You can use the pool any time out of school hours. You need to come to the office and sign a contract, pay your money, and get your keys **by Wednesday 14 December**. For safety reasons, keys must be given to an adult – children cannot collect them.

PTA: CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



This will be held on Thursday 15 December at 12.40pm. 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, show off their talents with *Sing Star*, 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 our food, etc. Help is required from 12.30pm – 3.00pm. Please let Vicki or Julie know in the office.

Monster Garage Sale 2017 (March 11)

Planning has already begun for the PTA for the Monster Garage sale 2017, and we are appealing for help from the wider school community. While we will still be holding our traditional grocery raffle, we are also on the lookout for other raffle prizes, tickets to be sold on the day of the Garage Sale.

Do you or your networks have access to organisations who may be prepared to offer us prizes? All proceeds go directly back to the school community (in 2016 the PTA donated \$10,000 towards the pool refurbishment, alongside upgrading sports equipment and subsidising the school trip to Waiouru). We very much welcome support in this way from all types of businesses. All contributors' names will be mentioned and thanked in our programme and other publicity associated with the Monster Garage Sale. Should you have any questions associated with this request please do not hesitate to contact me via email b.l.tootell@massey.ac.nz or on 021 490 363. We hope that you will be able to utilise your contacts to support us in this way and we look forward to hearing from you.

NUMBERWORKS'NWORDS

have once again donated a voucher to the school for 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 Vicki or Julie in the office by Thursday (8 December).

END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION



Our End-of-Year Celebration will be held in Te Tihi (the Performing Arts Centre) at Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School, starting at 7.00pm on **Monday** (12 December).

Students need to arrive by 6.40pm, and come in to Te Tihi. We would like the children to come with BARE FEET please. Whānau/visitors are to wait outside Te Tihi for the karanga to begin, and you will be called in. Parking is available inside the school grounds off the South Street entrance. This is a chance for us to celebrate achievements and successes of our students over the year. Everyone is expected to attend.

DONATIONS FOR THE CHILDREN'S WARD AT PALMERSTON NORTH HOSPITAL



Thank you to those who have contributed gifts to the PN Children's Ward. We will be collecting through to the last week of school. There is a box in the office for you to drop off any gifts. Any questions, please contact Laryssa 021522452.

TOUCH RUGBY

The first half of the touch rugby season is over. Thank you so much to all the coaches and managers for your valued contributions. It's been a really successful start to the season and seeing the skills of the players develop each week is wonderful. Thank you also to the parents for your support and help on the side-lines, again it's invaluable. Coaches, can you please return the gear bags. I'll do a stock take and distribute them again next year. Look out on the Facebook page for some impromptu games over the holidays, that's providing the weather improves ☺ See you next year.

Cheers, Alex

STORIES FROM RATA

Me and Maggie had a sleepover at my house. We slept in the same bed. We didn't go to sleep. We laughed all night.

By Kiara



Hi! I am Liza and this is Ella and we are on a mission to save the world together with my sister and brother and we are superheroes! We are going to save the giraffes from the ice breathing dragon. The giraffes have sent us on this mission to save them because I love giraffes. I will save them with a fire gun and a tiny little person to shrink mean things and I will take them to jail.

By Liza

I saw a magic door in the cave and it glowed in the cave. Up and down the magic went. Swish, swish the magic went. I cried because I saw magic flying in the sky. I ran away from the monster guarding the cave. The monster wasn't strong enough so the magic pushed him over.

By Georgia



**Final Hui for 2016 on Friday, 2.10pm
Rata will be presenting.**

Some dates for you to note:

12 December	End-of-Year Celebration, 7.00pm at PNINS
FRIDAY 16 December	School finishes, 12.40pm
31 January 2017	Term 1 starts



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