

# TIRITEA SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 13, 2017

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the second of two biannual Community Newsletters from Tiritea School in 2017.

After 122 years as Tiritea School, this year we have corrected the spelling of our school name and as from 1 January 2018, we will be Turitea School. We will be strengthening our links to the local area and demonstrating our respect for Te Ao Māori and commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We're honouring the name Turitea, which means 'clear, bright water.'

"When we asked the Ministry of Education about the process for changing a school's name, we found that it is actually quite a straight forward procedure – evidence of having consulted the school community, a board resolution, and a letter to the Ministry," says Dr. Severinsen, BOT Chairperson. "But 122 years of tradition and many families who have attended our beloved school, meant that we had to undertake this process with much care and respect for past, present and future generations. As a board, we believe that correcting the name to Turitea is a time to celebrate our school's history, identity and all that is good about our school."

It was exciting to see our story on *Te Karere News* on television and in the *Manawatū Standard*.

Terms 3 and 4 at Tiritea School have been action packed as always, with many highlights. I have completed reading all student reports, and have been 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 Tiritea School.

We also hear of the awesome successes of past Tiritea students. This year, the Head Boy at St. Peters, Head Girl at Feilding High School, and Deputy Head Boy at PNBHS, all attended Tiritea School. Rose Wu, another past student is Dux at PNGHS this year, and all seven past students from Tiritea in the senior school at Awatapu College this year were awarded prizes and scholarships. We are so proud of you all 😊

Our 2018 starting roll is again allowing us to be staffed with seven teachers and we congratulate Mrs Bridgit James on now having a permanent teaching position on the staff.

At the end of Term 3, Mrs Vicki Geddis retired from her position as School Secretary after fourteen years on the staff at Tiritea School. Mrs Sarah Lee was able to extend her Teacher Aide hours to cover some of the office time, and Julie also extended her hours. Thank you, ladies, for your extra commitments.

Sadly, we are losing Mrs Kirstin Wilson at the end of the week. Kirstin has accepted a Teacher Aide position at Linton Camp School for next year. We thank Kirstin for her

support for teachers in their classrooms and for the individual and small group work with students.

We are currently in the process of organising classes for 2018. Classes will be confirmed on the first day back (Tuesday 30 January) as we always tend to enrol students that we didn't know were about, on or just before the start of the school year, and sometimes have to do a last minute reshuffle.

**Lamb, Calf and Pet Day** on Saturday 28 October was a huge success. It's great that we can retain this rural, community aspect of Tiritea School. A big thank you to the PTA who organised the day, and to all the helpers on the day. The children made a superb effort of their indoor exhibits, and displayed care and knowledge in the raising of their pets. We raised \$2,406 from the Novelty Cake Auction with some fierce bidding on the day!



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

- ♦ Gaining some more car parking where the Scout Hall used to be.
- ♦ The school and Cluster Speech Competition. Congratulations to Kade, Tom and Cooper.
- ♦ Rata Room (New Entrants) involved in a pilot project with *SwimMagic* at the Lido.
- ♦ The PTA Disco held in Tane Mahuta.
- ♦ Two teams entered in the annual MATHEx competition. The Year 6 team was 6<sup>th</sup> and the Year 5 team 11<sup>th</sup> out of over 40 teams in each event.
- ♦ Matua Shane Ruwhiu continued his work taking all of our students for Kapa Haka once a week in Term 3.

- ♦ Our stunning school production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Our tamariki were super stars on the Regent stage.
- ♦ Two students involved in a Conservation Challenge Day at the Totara Reserve, Pohangina.
- ♦ Cricket Awareness Programme – 5 classes involved.
- ♦ Basketball coaching – 4 classes involved in a 5-week programme.
- ♦ Our team of eight students won the Primary Schools Table Tennis tournament 😊
- ♦ Leah Hart won the *Totally Vets* 2018 calendar competition with her fabulous photo.
- ♦ Kauri and Matai Rooms involved with Sport Manawatu's Cycle Safety Programme.
- ♦ Winning the Fitzherbert Cluster Touch Rugby shield for the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year 😊



WIZARD OF OZ



TE PAE TAMARIKI



Leah Hart Calendar Photo

Finally, I would like to thank the staff, students, Board of Trustees and 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. 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 2018.



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Check out our website at

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

### TERM DATES 2018

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| Term 1 | 30 January – 13 April                                |
| Term 2 | 30 April – 6 July                                    |
| Term 3 | 23 July – 28 September<br>(mid-term break 27 August) |
| Term 4 | 15 October – 14 December                             |

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Glenys Murphy, Principal

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