

TURITEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 21, 2018

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a fantastic night we had last Thursday for our annual Overnight Camp ☺ Many thanks to the PTA members who organised the catering, collated RSVPs and money; and thank you to the team who pitched in to help with the cooking, serving and cleaning up of dinner, supper, breakfast, morning tea and lunch. Thanks to each and every one of you for your help and support. There were some tired bunnies by the time we got to 3 o'clock on Friday! Any feedback on the lovely whānau event would be welcomed by the PTA.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

At the first BOT meeting for the year, held last week, Beth Tootell was elected as the new Chairperson of the BOT. Beth was elected to the BOT in May 2016, and has also played a big part in the PTA, so will be familiar to many of you. We really look forward to working with Beth in her new role.

A huge vote of thanks from the Turitea School community to Chrissy Severinsen who has been a BOT member since 2010 and admirably chaired the BOT since 2013. Chrissy has been amazing to work with, always has the interests of our students at heart, and is an inspirational leader. Chrissy remains a Board Member so we have her wisdom within the school community still. Tino pai to mahi Chrissy ☺

School Charter and Health & P.E. Community Consultation – November 2017:

Based on a small number of responses, some conclusions can be drawn from this survey. The community were generally happy with the Turitea School Charter and Health and Physical Education (P.E.) Curriculum document. Trends emerged around levels of communication, transparency, teacher practice, the use of Te Reo Māori in our documentation and suggested teaching themes and contexts. Full feedback from the survey has been shared with the BOT and staff to review any changes that can be made at all levels as part of the school's self-review process. Many thanks to all those who provided us with responses to the survey.

When the new Government was announced last year, one of Labour's promises was to give schools who did not ask for a school donation contribution from whānau, \$150 per student. We certainly haven't seen this in our bank account, and there has been no confirmation how the process may happen! Apparently, it has to be passed through the Government's budget this year. The Board has decided to hold off any decision re voluntary contributions until after this year's budget announcement. You will shortly receive an invoice for this year's stationery however. This is for items your child has received to assist with their learning, and is required to be paid.

BEACH EDUCATION STORIES AND POEM



At the beach education I press my ear to a shell and hear the sea inside the shell. It sounds as though the shell is talking. It will be a good shell to put on my sand castle. I grin with delight as I squash the shell on to my sand castle. Suddenly the life guard says, 'Get your togs on and get into the water but don't go too far'. I dash to get changed and as soon as I'm changed I run down the ramp and leap into the water.

By Tsehai



On Wednesday 12.2.18 all of the seniors of Turitea School went to Foxton Beach. My favourite activities were playing games. When we got

to go down to play a game, it was called seaweed. The adults were in, I did not make it. Then we played two more games. It was fun. After some lunch they talked about some safety in the water. Then we got into the water. The waves were splashing. The water was really salty. Everyone was having fun!

By Maggie-Rosa

The Sea



I heard the waves crashing,
I heard kids laughing,
I felt the waves hitting me,
I felt the sea on my back,
I saw kids playing in the salty water,

I saw the life guards helping,
I wondered what it would be like to be a life guard.

By Angus

REGIONAL THEATRE AWARDS



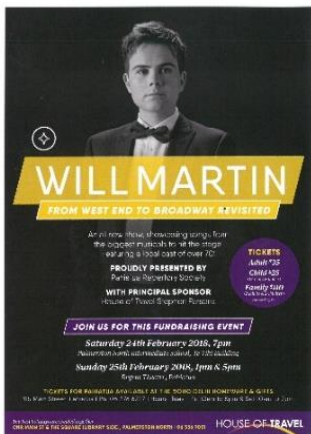
Congratulations to Shane who won the Best Musical Director Award for "Jekyll and Hyde," at the regional community theatre awards on Friday night. The musical scooped

five awards all up. Top effort Mr Brown ☺

LATE TO SCHOOL

I am concerned about the number of students arriving late to school in the mornings. After only three weeks, we've had 17 incidents of lateness, i.e. children arriving after the roll has been marked in class. Others are just scraping into their rooms before the 9.00am bell. When students walk into class late, it doesn't make them feel great, and it's disruptive for the whole class when instructions have to be repeated after the child has been to the office to say they have arrived. Please try to have your child(ren) at school on time, ideally by 8.50am, so they can be settled for the start of the day.

WILL MARTIN CONCERT



We are extremely fortunate to now have Will Martin visiting us at Turitea School TOMORROW (Thursday), to sing for us and tell us something of his life story. The whole school will have the pleasure of seeing Will – we ask for a gold coin donation that day. Some of the Turitea students, past students, and staff are singing in the choir with Will at his concerts in Palmerston North and Pahiatua on Saturday and Sunday. It would be great to see you there.

PARENT TEACHER KORERO

Will take place next Wednesday (28 February), starting at 1.10pm. This year, we encourage you to bring your child along with you so they can talk to you about their learning and their goals. School will finish at 12.40pm that day.

PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL

When paying for school events on line, please take note which account the money should be going to. We've had things like hockey fees paid to the PTA, and overnight camp to the BOT! Makes lots of extra work for treasurers transferring money and also Julie trying to keep track of it all. We'll try and be more vigilant about always stating a bank account number on forms too.

SQUARES

Congratulations: Rania, Tsehai, Klara and Mrs Cutts!! had their names drawn from the "Squares" at our last hui. These students, along with all the others who had their names in the squares, had been noticed by staff members for making the right choices (or they self-nominated!!). Well done everyone 😊

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Check out our website at <http://tiriteaschool.wordpress.com/>

PTA NEWS

The next PTA Meeting will be held on **TUESDAY 27** February at 7.00pm, at school (note change of venue). The only focus of the meeting will be organisation for the Monster Garage Sale. We'd love to see you there.

FOR SALE - EGGS

direct from The Free Rangers - Fresh, free range eggs – mixed grade Size 7+. \$6 per dozen with \$1 from each dozen being donated back to Turitea School. Available any time from the school office – **CASH ONLY**



MOBILE LIBRARY

VISIT **TOMORROW** 22 February. The children who are members can exchange books during these visits. If your child is not a member and you would like them to take advantage of these visits, please see Julie or Sarah in the school office for a membership application form.

LUNCHES



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.

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.

BOOKS AND GIFTS DIRECT

On display at the office. Money due by **Thursday** (22 February). Please make sure you pay by the due date.



REMINDERS:

- **Hui on Friday, 2.10pm. Manuka will be presenting.**



Glenys ☺

Glenys Murphy, Principal

Some dates for you to note:

TOMORROW	Mobile Library
28 February	Parent Teacher Child Korero
2 March	MONSTER Dress Up Day
10 March	Monster Garage Sale

You may have noticed...

The Parent Teacher Calendar App is now... **The Skool Loop App**

The same fantastic app with a smart new look

✓ Remember to check your App/Play store regularly for updates.

