

TURITEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 28, 2018

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have certainly had an amazing time since last week's newsletter! Thursday was a very special day with two wonderful visitors coming to Turitea School. Our first visitor was Nigel Allsopp – a war historian, specialist police dog handler, wildlife expert, published author and TV celebrity. Nigel started his Military Career as a Military Working Dog Handler in the Royal New Zealand Air Force in 1980. He currently serves as a senior constable in the dog section of the Queensland Police. The focus of Nigel's visit was to tell our students about all the animals that have in the past, and still do, work in the war. From horses and dogs, to pigeons and seals, Nigel had fascinating stories to tell our Year 4 – 6 students. We were privileged to have him as our guest.



In the afternoon, we had Will Martin as our guest. Will told the children several stories about his life journey, and how he first came to singing when he was twelve – he didn't know he could sing but auditioned for a part in his school production and got the lead role! Three of our students, Lauren, Else and Karla, plus some past Turitea students, Shane and I, were all part of the adults' and children's choir who sang with Will in three concerts over the weekend. The girls also sang with him at PNINS on Friday. Once again, a very exciting experience for us all at Turitea. We were so lucky that Will made the time for a special visit.

WILL MARTIN CONCERT



On Saturday and Sunday, we got the opportunity to sing with Will Martin, Val Andrew, and the children's and adult choirs. Also, Alex Wiltshire the amazing pianist who sounded like a whole orchestra, played for us. The songs we sang were *Waterloo*, *The Winner Takes It All*, *Any Dream Will Do*, *Close Every Door To Me*, *Circle of Life*, *Can You Feel the Love Tonight?* *Endless Night* and *The People's Song* from *Les Misérables*. We were pretty nervous but it was really exhilarating to be there. We even got Will Martin's autograph and his CD signed.
By Lauren & Else

UNION MEETING

You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers. Children need teachers with enough time to teach so they can give each child the attention they deserve, and children need talented and inspiring people to be attracted to teaching.

Children are missing out on some opportunities to learn because teachers are bogged down in administration or are struggling to get enough support for children with additional learning needs.

Teachers at our school are joining an NZEI Te Riu Roa campaign, called *Kua Tae Te Wā – It's Time*, to address these issues. Our goal is to free teachers to teach, and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. And we'll attract more people to teaching by respecting and paying them as the professionals they are.

NZEI Te Riu Roa members at our school have been invited to paid union meetings in March so that we can plan and discuss the campaign and our upcoming collective agreement negotiations. The meeting schedule has been planned so that teachers and principals across the country can work out the best meetings for them to attend. For us, this is on **Monday 19 March at 2.15pm. We ask that you collect your children at 1.45pm that day please to allow our teachers to attend this important meeting.**

Our children deserve the best education in the world, and New Zealand can afford to provide it. It's just a matter of priorities. Thanks for your co-operation in this important matter.

PARENT TEACHER CHILD KORERO

Parent Teacher Child Korero will take place **TODAY**, 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. Thank you for collecting your children early to allow the discussions to take place.

SQUARES

Congratulations: Karla, Theo, Georgia Hally, Georgia Hoskins and Khobe 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. Well done everyone 😊

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Need a cleaner? Christine (school cleaner) has a 2hr slot on Fridays available. Please call her on 027 355 8632

PTA NEWS

Remember the Dress Up Day on Friday ... and to send along a can, a bottle and a packet for the Monster Grocery Raffle.

HUI CERTIFICATES

23 February

RATA:

Star Student

Writing

Welcome



Richie

Olivia

Harrison

RIMU:

Star Student

Positive role model

Cintia

Aiden

MANUKA:

Star Student

Wonderful attitude

Rosalie

Rania

POHUTUKAWA:

Star Student

Self-management

Great start to the year

Olive

Julia

Kiara

TOTARA:

Star Student

Creative problem-solving

Great start to year.

Incredibly well organised

Hazel

Aiden

Katelyn

MATAI:

Star Student

Whānaungatanga

Responsibility

Charlotte

Mikayla

Raphael

KAURI:

Star Student

Confidence to take risks

Super listening + focus

In-class discussions

Harry

Eden

Angus

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Kaitiakitanga

Story writing

Home learning

Maths

Helpfulness

Art

Theatre award

Laila, Jayden

Arran

Olivia

Gabe

Georgia

Ruby

Leah, Dana

Shane Brown

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.

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.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Check out our website at

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

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**



BOOKS AND GIFTS DIRECT

On display at the office. Money due by Friday 9 March. Please make sure you pay by the due date.



LUNCHES



FRIDAY'S lunch is pizza. Please bring money in a clearly marked envelope with name, what pizza you are having (either Hawaiian or Meat Lovers), and how many pieces you would like (\$2.00 per slice & cookie \$1) by Thursday 9.00am.

MOBILE LIBRARY

NEXT VISIT **Thursday 15 March**. 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.

Reminder:

➤ **No Hui this week.**



Glenys ☺

Glenys Murphy, Principal

Some dates for you to note:

FRIDAY	MONSTER Dress Up Day
10 March	Monster Garage Sale
19 March	Paid Union Meeting

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.

