



Dear Families, Whanau and Friends of the School

STRIKE ACTION TUESDAY THE 13th of NOVEMBER.

I would like to thank the Turuturu School Community for their support on this day. Turuturu School was closed for the day. We stopped teaching and tried to draw attention to the future of education in NZ. I know it was inconvenient and I acknowledge the difficulty of the situation was passed over to you.

I hear on the news we have 550 new teachers all ready to arrive in NZ and take up the teaching profession.

I'm glad that our Turuturu School teachers are all trained in NZ, familiar with the NZ curriculum and NZ children. I'm glad they are in teaching for the long haul, not visiting to see whether they like it.

It's good that there will be up to 800 new teachers entering the country to mop up the shortage of teachers. Perhaps we can just do this every time things reach breaking point. Some of these new teachers might just stay on and really do well.

On the other hand training our own NZ made teachers to meet our own demand would seem a better long term plan to me. There are so many fine parents out there that could train to be a teacher. Have you thought about it?

In these times of strikes.... we are forced to highlight the bad things about education. I'd like to flip the coin a bit.

Teaching is an awesome job.

We get to work with fantastic children, wonderful caring parents and focused hardworking BOT members AND SPA members.

One day a teacher is a scientist... then they get to be a coach... then they get to be a detective, an author, an artist a dance master, an ICT whizz. TEACHING IS AWESOME! Of course we need to be skilled at teaching reading and writing and mathematics. These are the cornerstones for further learning.

I vote for reminding everyone what a great job we have and how much we care about it.

Yesmore money is needed to resource schools to meet the demands and requirements of the communities we serve. And it's likely we will carry on banging on about it because if we don't, no one else will.

NEW TRACK SUITS

With SPA, Turuturu School and the Southern Trust all chipping in our OLD Tracksuits have been replaced with brand new ones! **The old tracksuits were 20 years old. So we do look**

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Thursday 15th of NOVEMBER, 2018.



after these and this new lot will be looked after just as well.

Thanks SPA. Thanks Southern Trust. Thanks BOT.

All going well the first time they will be used is this coming Wednesday when children attend the Dixon Banner!

At the Dixon Banner we will also have our new Gazebo up!

DISCO

A fun disco was held on Friday evening! Thanks for all the support.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL CLASSES

These are held on a Wednesday and now there is a timetable in place to limit numbers. So please if you are bringing your 4 year old to transition to school classes, check with the Office to get suitable dates to visit.

BOT NEWS

Here are the highlights of the discussions at our October BOT meeting:

What technology do we want in classrooms? What is best for teaching and learning?

Results for Yr. 4-6 Wellbeing Survey.

Painting and refit of Room 8 ready for 2019.

Review & submission of new 5 year property plan.

Appointment of part-time staff for 2019.

Grant received from Southern Trust towards new tracksuits.

IMPORTANT DATES

DIXON BANNER ATHLETICS

21st November

MONITORS DAY

December the 17th

LEAVERS DINNER WEDNESDAY THE 19th of December.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL THURSDAY THE 20th December at 12.30pm

FIRST DAY OF TERM 2019

Monday February the 4th 2019

We've also been talking about the review of our Strategic Plan - our vision for achieving equity and excellence at Turuturu School.

ATHLETICS DAY

What a fine Athletics Sports Day we had yesterday.

Thanks for parental support. It was much appreciated.

This year we had an awesome team from the High School, mostly past pupils assisting at each station and this went very well. Staff are hard at work adding children's points and cards and deciding who is best to enter into the Dixon Banner. I have complete faith in the future when you see the calibre of these fine ex Turuturu School students that came to help us out! I can't quite tell you the champions yet, but I can say a newsletter will be out ASAP regarding the Dixon Banner team.

PLUS thanks SPA for the treat of a free sausage at the Sports!

A BIG THANKS TO THE TURUTURU SCHOOL STAFF THAT ORGANISED THE EVENT!

THE HAWERA A AND P PARADE.

Friday evening, that's TOMORROW?

A return slip is needs to be returned by Friday morning... tomorrow...to be in the parade and parents need to be in the parade too if a child is in. A newsletter went out earlier in the week. Dress in country costume, like WINDUST!

Call Alison Smith on 0273416066, for any more details.

SCHOOL APP

We are putting together a School App for your phones.

It will combine a few tools we currently use, all in one place.

Instead of calling about an absence, you could email us.... Soon after 9am.

We can contact you quickly, like a school text, with updates.

You can have access to the School Newsletter from your phone.

We can remind you about school events in the calendar.

You can contact your child's teacher. (But nothing beats face to face!)

It's currently in Beta mode, getting trialled by a few and getting the bugs fixed.....

So when it's ready I'll let you know....hopefully by the next newsletter.

PROPERTY UPGRADE

Hopefully Room 8 will be getting a facelift starting next week, ready to be a new teaching space in 2019.

Regards

Richard Bradley and the TURUTURU SCHOOL TEAM