



Dear Families, Whanau and Friends of the School
Kia ora koutou katoa.

THE BIG CLEAN UP

We were pretty badly hit on Tuesday. Sunshades damaged, caretakers shed blown away, spouting wrecked, big trees down and then all the rest! A huge thank you to parents that came in and helped us get back in order. **THANK YOU. You made a really big job for us very manageable. THANKYOU. However, the financial cost is still to be assessed. Ministry of Education insurance does not stretch to caretakers sheds.**

WANT RICHIE MCCAWE to visit our school. Its up to you.

There is link on page one of our website. Go there!
<https://www.fonterra.com/nz/en/what-we-stand-for/fonterra-milk-for-schools/richies-milk-run.html>

TURUTURU GALA

Thursday March the 8th 2018 - 5pm to 8pm.
WATER ONLY SCHOOL

Turuturu School is a water only school. Do not send other drinks to school in children's drink bottles.

LEARNING TALKS

These were held this week on Monday and Tuesday. Thanks for coming along and getting to know the new teacher.

STOP WORK MEETING

Turuturu School teachers are attending a STOP WORK meeting on Tuesday the 20th of March. **School will close at 12.30 on this day and children will need to be picked up before 1pm.**

I fully support and encourage teachers to attend this meeting, during school time. Why?

1. Teachers wages and conditions have not kept pace with other professions.
2. Only one in twelve primary school teachers is a male. This is a crazy situation and actions need to be taken to improve this. In my humble opinion improving wages and conditions for teachers will improve the number of males wanting to work in school. Although there are many other reasons that Teachers need a decent pay increase, these are the two that I am highlighting.

I am hopeful, that our community also support this action. It is a major inconvenience I know, however, this issue is now really important to us and to quality education in NZ.

READING RECOVERY

Reading Recovery is a program we provide for children that are 6 years old, and need a boost in their reading. I think it is un-

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February 22nd 2018.

(355ml per serving) **9.38 TEASPOONS**

(355ml per serving) **9.5 TEASPOONS**

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precedented that a school can provide 4 days a week of this program. That is 4 full days a week, of one to one teaching, of 30 minute intensive sessions, with children needing a boost in their reading. Letters went home this week to parents. Children involved need home help as part of the program. **Please pop in to see Mrs Sonja Smith to learn how to get the most from this program.**

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

R.I starts on the 22nd of March. It runs from 1.35pm to 2.05pm. It starts with Year 3 and 4 children. It lasts for approximately 15 weeks, one session a week of 30 minutes. It is run by very capable and caring teachers. It promotes Christian values, not dissimilar to our ROAR values of Respect, Responsibility, resilience, and readiness. Care-givers are welcome to opt out of this program. A short note would be appreciated.

HOME READING

Nothing beats a home routine involving children reading. READ A BOOK, A MAGAZINE, A PAPER, WHATEVER... there is NO SUBSTITUTE for maintaining and IMPROVING YOUR CHILDRENS LEARNING THAN a solid routine of reading at home. Watch out for the Reading Together program run by Mrs Soothill and Mrs Elgar.

IMPORTANT GALA NOTICE HEADING HOME TODAY.

CAMP NOTICE

There is a Camp Notice heading out tomorrow, Friday the 23rd of February. E.g. gear list and reminders. Please watch out for this.

KAPAHAKA

The Kapahaka will perform at the start of the Gala, on Thursday the 8th of March at 5pm.

SENIOR SWIMMING

Children in the Senior School get 6 formal swimming lessons at the Aquatics Centre gaining from the expertise of the swimming tutors at the pool. Children get the bus to the pool and back and the **subsidized cost to parents is \$10.** This is an amazing deal. **Our BOT funds 4 of the 6 lessons.** "Kiwisport" pays for the bus there and back. **Payment is due on Friday the 16th of February. Six lessons for \$10!**

IMPORTANT DATES

2018

SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS

Thursday the 1st March

PP 2nd of March

SPRAGG BANNER

Wednesday the 7th of March

GALA

8th of March 5pm to 8pm

RIPPA TOURNAMENT

Wednesday the 8th of May

WINTER TOURNAMENT

Wednesday the 7th of June

TURUTURU SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

19th September

TARANAKI CHAMPS CROSS COUNTRY

26th of September

TURUTURU SCHOOL ATHLETICS

14th of November

DIXON BANNER ATHLETICS

21st November

SCHOOL CLOSES

20th December

If you have no intention of paying this, tell us and the children can stop going to these lessons.

JUNIOR SWIMMING

The date of the Junior Swimming Demonstration day is scheduled for Monday the 5th of March.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Thanks Rooms 3 and 10 for being the first classes to get the Assemblies of 2018 going. It was a neat Assembly with lovely clear speaking. Here is the timetable.

Room 12 and Room 1: 8th of March

Room 11 and Room 14: 22nd of March

Room 4, Room 5, and Room 13: 5th of April

Room 6 and Room 2: 10th of May

Regards

RICHARD BRADLEY AND THE TURUTURU SCHOOL TEAM