



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

Here is an important explanation why Turuturu School is closing on Tuesday the 20th of March at 12.30pm.

'Principals and teachers in primary and area schools begin nation-wide meetings next week to plan a response to the crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers, and the inadequate resourcing for children with additional learning needs.

NZEI Te Riu Roa members plan to use upcoming collective agreement negotiations to discuss and progress solutions to the crisis, including a significant pay jolt to address the growing teacher shortage.

NZEI Te Riu Roa President Lynda Stuart said teachers were fleeing education, and students did not see teaching as a desirable career choice, **with a 40% reduction in people enrolling in teacher training in the past six years.**

Members will consider an increase in the order of 16% over two years. Funding for special learning needs coordinators in every school is also essential to meet the needs of all children and to free teachers to give one-on-one time to every child.

The current crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers will be nothing compared to the situation in five or ten years if drastic improvements were not made now.

"The solutions are not cheap, but tackling these issues head-on is the only way to stop this crisis in teacher numbers turning into an unmitigated disaster for our children's future education," she said.

"The children of New Zealand deserve the best education in the world and the government has committed to that. We need to address these issues now, otherwise the crisis in teaching will only escalate and we'll be faced with classes of 40 or more children.

GALA

A HUGE THANK YOU TO SPA AND STAFF FOR ALL THE TIME AND ENERGY INVOLVED IN MAKING OUR GALA A SUCCESS LAST THURSDAY!

Teachers and judges alike were "blown away" by the quality of the creations from the children. **Thank you parents and caregivers for getting the materials to school with the children.** There was a lot of creativity and support which really was on display! Here are the children the judges highlighted.

Year 1: 1st Kora, Lataya, Max **Year 2: 1st** Pearl Robinson 2nd Ashleigh Drake 3rd Micah FitzPatrick **Year 3: 1st** Cayden Hughes 2nd Liam 3rd Logan Hunt.

Year 4: 1st Peyton Scott, 2nd Mace Soothill, 3rd Karlyn Kahui Green. **Year 5** 1st equal Maddison Sturgeon and Nirvana 2nd Afeef Ridzuan **Year 6** 1st Grace Paterson 2nd Lucas Colban 3rd Abigail Meyer.

CAMP WEEK. Children are due back at school tomorrow at 2.45pm. By all accounts they are having a great time. Caregivers can pick up the children and

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Thursday March the 15th 2018.



take them home as they arrive back at school.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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

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.

MORE WORKS AT SCHOOL

The roof of C BLOCK is to be replaced. Men are here from now on for..... 3 months to do the job. All asbestos within the building will be removed, the roof will be re-sloped

IMPORTANT DATES

2018

SCHOOL CLOSURES 20th March at 12.30

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 CLOSURE

20th December

and loads of other internal fixes as well. New high windows, new skylights etc. After all of that we will have a wonderful strong building, ready for further modernisation!

A BLOCK, the Admin area, will also have about 15 sheets of new iron put on rather quickly I hope, as it is just replacing existing damaged iron.

OPEN DAY FOR OUR ART

Come along during the last week of the term to see the children's amazing art on display in classrooms and the Turuturu School Hall. We've had a big art unit this term with a **starting** focus on observational sketching.

TOYS AT SCHOOL

We have so much sports gear at school why bring toys? Toys get broken lost or stolen... which usually means lost. We take no responsibility for toys at school and don't support them being here.

WHAT'S BEEN ON THIS TERM AT TURUTURU

LEARNING TO SWIM, writing, mathematics, CAMP WEEK, singing, SKETCHING and PAINTING, Assembly preparations, GALA creations, games evening, tidying up after the storm, KAPAHAKA, Enviro Activity, gardening, Library visits, transition to school visits, caring and feeding the chickens, lunchtime swims, digging potatoes, gathering apples, making apple strudel, making scones and muffins, cooking sausages and turning our school grown potatoes into chips, LEARNING TALKS, Junior School Discovery lessons started today, League Practises, FRIENDSHIP CHAIR, House Meetings, ICT Suite, SPRAGG BANNER.....SWIMMING DEMONSTRATION DAY, watching the caterpillars and chrysalis and butterfly's grow....and that's just off the top of my head!

Regards **RICHARD BRADLEY AND THE TURUTURU SCHOOL TEAM**