

Dear Families, Whanau and Friends of the School
Production Week

GYM FESTIVAL

A big thank you to Sandra Gates and Alison Smith for their big help with the Gym team. Plus Sarah Groeneveld trained the Cheerleading team ably! The children had positive success. Top 10 results for Annja, Abigail and Sophia. The Cheerleading team was placed second.

TOP SCHOOL BASKET BALL

Congratulations to Adib Ridzuan overall BOY Most Valuable Player. Turuturu School MVP's Cassidy Hughes and Adib!
 BIG BIG thanks to Susan Hopkins for again coaching this team!

LEARNING TALKS

Thanks for coming to the Turuturu School Learning Talks, held this week. The next big session of Learning Talks will be near the end of Term 4. This will involve nearly all the school. However, please be assured that parents can talk to their children's teachers at any time regarding well being, progress and achievement of children at school. I encourage you to make a time and come on in.

TARANAKI CHAMPS CROSS COUNTRY.

We sent a strong team of 28 athletes to this event on Wednesday. Lots of effort and strength on show, with a standout effort by Annja Petersen, coming 5th. As soon as all the results are available I will let you know the placing of the children involved.

WINDUST

Wow what a show!

We had three concerts and two of those were full to overflowing! Ive had so much positive feedback about then performance of the children . It was wonderful. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of all the Turuturu Staff. Each person had a job to do and did it well. A combined effort to make an experience to remember!

STAFF CHANGES

Well folks staff changes are afoot!

We will have staff leaving and new staff starting and currently we are in this process of appointments for 2019! So ages away, right!
 But preparations need to be early to ensure continuity for everyone. I will have clearer information early next term for you. But what I can confirm is Turuturu School will have an additional teacher next year. A new teacher in a new class. This is very exciting for us all.

PROPERTY MATTERS

A new room will be "done up" between now and the end of the year for our 12th classroom. This is likely to be Room 8.
 Over 2019 the rest of C Block will also be done up inside too. Just recently we've replaced all the lighting in C block and also upgraded the ICT infrastructure there so we have fibre fast internet.
 The exterior of C Block is also due for painting this term, so this area will continue to be upgraded and made ready.
 Sun shades that were damaged in the beginning of year storm are being made and should be ready for Term 4.
 So lots going on in regards to property at our school.



Everyone was sooooo busy, we didn't get many good photos of the children on stage. Can you share yours with us?



IMPORTANT DATES

Last Day of Term this 28th September. (TOMMOROW)

TURUTURU SCHOOL ATHLETICS

14th of November

DIXON BANNER ATHLETICS

21st November

LEAVERS DINNER WEDNESDAY THE 19th of December.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL THURSDAY THE 20th December.

WELL BEING SURVEY

Children in Year 4, 5 and 6 are involved in a well being survey today. This should give us some useful information about our children and our school environment.

Here is the scale children will use for the questions:

Never or hardly ever, 1 or 2 times a year, 1 or 2 times a month, 1 or 2 times a week, Almost every day.

Here are the sorts of questions children are being asked and their answers recorded:

Do other students hit push, or hurt you in a mean way?

Do other children tell lies about you in a mean way?

We strive actively for a bully free environment. The information that this survey will make available to us will help us with day to day school management, but also inform our school charter, being developed for 2019.

TERM 4

Hats on in Term 4. Some children may have taken their hats home at the end of Term 1. If so please return them at the beginning of Term 4. All children need a Turuturu School hat during Term 4 and Term 1. New students will receive their hats in Term 4.

Teachers with their children are thinking about our BIG UNIT for Term 4 . I can assure you we will start the term with an exciting new focus and plenty to motivate and encourage our children. **The Sports theme will be Athletics** which everyone seems to love. Children will be running, jumping, hopping, and throwing in their physical activity time during the first 5 weeks of the Term, before our **Athletics Sports Day on the 14th of November.**

FORTNITE

You are meant to be 12 to play this game. I know there is no blood, and it is 'cartoon like' in nature, but... I also know that it seems to grab children's attention, and divert them from more 'useful' interests. The game seems to become overly important. Please be aware of the time your children are on line playing this game. To sign up you have to say you are 12 to play it... We don't have too many 12 year old Turuturu School students! In these holidays please encourage children to spend time learning the joy of reading. This will have life long benefits.

SCHOOL CLOSSES TOMORROW, FRIDAY AT 3pm and REOPENS MONDAY THE 15th of OCTOBER. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday and we all look forward to seeing you back for Term 4.

Regards

Richard Bradley and the TURUTURU SCHOOL TEAM