

Kia ora koutou te whanau

The end of the school year is not far away and seems to be arriving very quickly! As this is our last full newsletter for 2019 I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support during the year. We have all valued your assistance in helping out with trips, camps and school events. Special thanks to those families whose children are moving on to Year 7 and will no longer have children attending our school. We will miss you as many of you have been very involved in our school during your time with us.

Our students in Rooms 19 and 20 were able to return to their newly refurbished rooms last week. The new covered deck has certainly caused a lot of excitement and was a very welcome asset on the hot days last week.

We will be farewelling support staff members Jeanene Lysaght and Michaela Rackley. Thank you to Ashaan Wright who has relieved in Room 9 during this term. We appreciate the extra support they have all given our students and staff during their time with us.

In 2020 we welcome Sue Ranger, as our Finance Administrator, and Rhiann Reedy who will be teaching in Room 9.

Enjoy the special holiday and festive time with your families.

*Meri kirihimete me ngā mihi mō te tau hou ki a koutou katoa
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!*

Judy McLean
Judith McLean (Principal)

Holiday Countdown!

DECEMBER 2019

5 Reports issued

6 North School's Got Talent, 9.15am

6 Colour Fun Run

9 Visit 2020 classes

10 School Picnic

10 T3 Fun Afternoon

12 Last Day. School closes 12.30pm

FEBRUARY 2020

3 First Day Term One

6 Waitangi Day (no school)

MARCH 2020

5 T2 Hamilton Zoo Trip

17-20 T1 Camp Keswick, Rotorua

26 T3 Rainbow Springs Trip, Rotorua

APRIL 2020

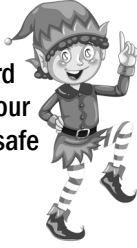
9 Last Day Term One

LEARNING SUPPORT CENTRE *Megan Lamb*

Time is flying by and here we are at the end of another year! Everyone has been busy out and about at different end of year activities. The bathroom renovations have finished and our outdoor area is progressing nicely. It will be nice to come back from the holidays to a nice bright outdoor area.

Our junior children have all been busy practising for the Folk Dancing Festival and we are looking forward to watching their big performance. Thank you for all your support over the year. Have a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy Holidays.

From everyone in the Learning Support Centre.



TEAM ONE (Rooms 2, 3, 4, 5, 20) *Whaea Lisa Jones*
Tokoroa Intermediate

On Wednesday our Year 6 students went to visit their teachers for 2020. There were a lot of excited but nervous children waiting in the hall for their teacher to call out their names. All the very best, Year 6 students, as you embark on the next part of your education journey.

Road Patrol Trip

Thursday saw the 2019 road patrollers enjoy a well-deserved day out with Whaea Preston, Shelley and Constable Theo at the movies and pools. Thank you to all our dedicated road patrol team for this year. It is such an important job and instills responsibility and reliability in our tamariki.

Inter-class Sports

Last week we held our final Rippa game between Rooms 5 and 20. It was a very close game with only a one-point difference. Ka mau te wehi Room 5 for your success in winning the shield for 2019. Well done to all the players involved this year. You showed commitment and good sportsmanship.

Our soccer tournament finals are being played this week. Thank you to our referees who make themselves available to fit around our crazy schedule at this time of the year.

Amazing Race

Oh what fun we had last Thursday completing our amazing race. Great skill, team work, and perseverance was shown by you all. Thank you to our Kaiarahi team for organizing this fun afternoon for Team One.

North School's Got Talent

Congratulations to all students for showing courage to audition for NSGT. All the best to those who made it through to the finals to be held Friday 6th December.

Be SunSmart

With this lovely sunny weather we have been having, it is important your child comes to school with a hat, water bottle and sunscreen on.

Shared Lunch

We appreciate how much of a financial strain it can be at this time of the year. With notices coming home asking for shared lunches, secret Santa gifts etc, only give what you can afford. Thank you for your support.

End of Year Assembly

We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 12th December for our last assembly to celebrate and farewell our Year 6 students. Please be seated in the hall before 9.15am. Year 6s all receive a Graduation certificate, Road Patrollers are acknowledged. Nominees and class winners of the Excellence in Attitude award are announced and the Remy Saunders Manaaki Tangata Award is presented.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday. Enjoy time with your loved ones and we'll see you back on the 3rd February 2020. Team One teachers



TEAM TWO (Rooms 8, 9, 17, 18, 19) *Karen Tyrrell*

Hasn't this year just flown? We have had so many highlights - trips to the beach and Waitomo Caves, Bike Day, tryathlon, disco, hangi, Me Maumahara Tatou 'Let us Remember', Cross Country, athletics, all our different P.E experiences, visits by Taki as well as our learning experiences in the classroom. We've also made lots of friends.

Rooms 17, 18 and 19 have all been rebuilt, so those classes spent some time in a different learning environment and Room 9 has had a change of teacher when Mrs Gerlach left to have her baby, Hudson.

We farewell our Year 4s as they make the move to the senior school and look forward to welcoming the Year 3s back next year and hearing all about their wonderful holidays.

Team 2 teachers thank you for all your support this year. We've enjoyed our time with your children. Enjoy the Christmas break and making memories of family times shared.

Please try to make some time during the holidays to read to and with your children. This will help to maintain the levels they have achieved this year. Have a lovely Christmas and a restful break.



TEAM THREE (Rooms 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16) *Kim Lannon*

Another year has flown by. The children are getting excited about their holiday and a visit from Santa. Room 13 got into the spirit of Christmas with a lovely Christmas jingle at last week's assembly.

Your child's report will be coming home at the end of this week for you to read and reflect on how well, as an individual, your child has progressed during 2019.

Yesterday Team 3 celebrated the end of the school year with our annual Folk Dancing Festival. Thank you Room 15 and Ms Leti for sharing your Zumba Dream with us. We hope you enjoyed the morning. A special thank you to Mrs Martin for the organisation that goes on behind the scenes of this special occasion and all the teachers and support staff for getting the children so well prepared.

It is important over the holidays to provide opportunities for your child to read, or you could read to them. Enjoy having them around and make time for conversations with them.

Keep safe on the roads, in the hot weather and around water over the holidays.

On behalf of Team 3 staff and support staff we would like to wish you a *Merry Christmas, me te Tau Hou Ka hari.*





STUDENT Voice



TEAM ONE

This term Team One had Athletics on the 19th of November. Whaea Preston took vortex, Whaea Nada ran the Sprints, Whaea Lisa was on shot-put, Whaea Kelly had discus, Whaea Megan had high-jump and Ms Rhodes had long-jump for their activities. Placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in more than one event secured a place in our inter-school team. Congratulations to those kids who represented our school this year.

This is our final year at North school so we would like to thank all our teachers over the past 5 years for giving us great experiences at Tokoroa North School. All the best for next years seniors.

By Riley Butler & Pearle Dempsey, R5

Student Voice continued...

TEAM TWO

Room 19 are busy doing fun Christmas activities. We are looking forward to North School's Got Talent show and the Colour Run on Friday. We are learning lots of Christmas songs and can't wait until the holidays! *By Meeya-Jay Te Hiko & Isla Wilson, R19*

TEAM THREE

This week we had a lot of fun. We had fun with Peter, Tiana's brother. He helped us paint a sky. He painted his own picture with mountains. He helped us make a catapult. Some of us didn't know what a catapult was. Peter told us it was a weapon used in Medieval times. He helped us draw detailed pictures. He had his own work and steps for how to draw a dragon. Thanks for helping us, Peter. *From Ruma Whitu*

ACHIEVEMENT BY PROMOTING SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING (APSEL) *Raewyn Whiteman-Thorne*

The end of 2019 - it only seems like yesterday I was returning from a great four weeks with family in Perth. What a year! So many of us have experienced highs and lows and so have some of our children.

I am forever reminded to appreciate what I have and to make sure I show that to those I love and those who are with me here and at home. Learning to appreciate each other is such a life lesson and, as someone said recently, the way we show caring of those we love sets examples for our young ones. No matter what we do we are modelling to someone.

So - it's nearly holidays. What are you doing just for fun? Something that can involve family and friends without great expense. Are you making your own Christmas tree, wrapping presents in enviro friendly ways or maybe, as a family, planning your Christmas Day and other days too?



Life will be quiet for us. I will have finished radiotherapy and will possibly be facing a few side effects. Family have been and gone and that was wonderful. The next group arrive late January and, again, I can't wait!

From me and mine, have a super holiday break and enjoy the festive season.

I wonder what 2020 holds for us all?

LOST PROPERTY

Please take the time before the term ends to check the Lost Property cupboard on the driveway side of the hall. Remember to name all your child's belongings before they return next year particularly togs, towels and goggles during swimming season.

FINAL DAY TIMETABLE 12TH DECEMBER

9.00am	Children to Class
9.15am	Children in Hall for Assembly <i>(except New Entrants, Rooms 10, 11, 12, 13)</i>
10.30am	At the end of assembly, children can go home if accompanied by a parent or caregiver.
12.30pm	School closes. Please make arrangements for bus children to be collected by this time.

Families of Year 6 students are invited to celebrate their child's last assembly at Tokoroa North School



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