

Kia ora koutou te whanau

The end of the 2020 school year is not far away. 2020 will be remembered as being a very different year to what we imagined would be ahead this time last year! Covid-19 has certainly created some challenging situations.

We have been fortunate to be able to end our year with our planned events. I have been impressed with the great sportsmanship from students during the Team 1's interclass competitions in Rippa Rugby and Soccer. It has been great to see former pupils returning to referee these games. Team 2 will have their end of year trip tomorrow where they are "going local" as a tourist in our own country. We look forward to Team 3's Folk Dancing next week. Hopefully you may all be able to join us for our end of year picnic in the same afternoon.

### Staff Changes in 2021

We are farewelling staff members who have been successfully appointed to new positions: Jess Gerlach has been appointed to a teaching position in Westbrook School, Rotorua. This will make her drive to school a little easier being closer to home. Nesta Baigent has been appointed as Team Leader at Tirau Primary School. These staff members have worked with us for many years. We wish them further success in their careers.

Our Finance Administrator, Sue Ranger, has been appointed to an accountant's position also closer to home. Thank you to Jazmina Newland who has relieved in Room 16 for two terms and Ashaan Wright who has been teaching in a shared teacher role in Room 17.

Thank you everyone for your service to our school.

We welcome new teachers to our school: Sheree Jansen and Joseph Cathie who will join Team 3; Megan Philip Helnes and Sonia Fletcher who will join Team 2.

Other changes: Kerry Hamley is taking a year's leave for 2021, Anne Rhodes is transferring to Team 2 and Emma Martin is transferring to Team 1.

As this is our last newsletter for the year I would like to thank you all for your continued support during the year. We have all valued your assistance, often from afar this year. Special thanks to those families who are moving on to Year 7 and will no longer have children attending our school. Many of you have been very involved in our school for many years. We will miss you.

May you all enjoy your 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!*



Judith McLean (Principal)

### TEAM ONE (Rooms 2, 3, 4, 5, 20) Megan Gooding

Wow this term has flown by! We've had lots of events and activities to keep us busy. A highlight of the term has been our fiercely contested interclass soccer and rippa competitions. We have been practising our awesome sportsmanship skills and learning to lose graciously. It's been a challenging year with all the Covid disruptions and we are ending the year with a team focus on gratitude and resilience.

The Year 6 children travelled to the Intermediate to meet their new teachers for 2021 and are nervously excited about the challenges that lie ahead. They are looking forward to making new friends and embracing new learning opportunities.

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

Wow, hasn't this year gone fast. It's been a year of many firsts for you, the students and us. We have all made it to the end. We have new vocabulary that we hadn't heard of before. You have had your children learning at home. We have learned about online learning, parents/caregivers are no longer free to wander into school and our tamariki's hands have never been so clean. Tomorrow we are off to Te Waihou and the Event Centre. Fingers crossed the weather stays fine for our walk. Parents accompanying us please be at school at 8:30am. We will organise transport on the day. There are plenty of rides available. Please send your child with a jacket just in case. We hope you all enjoy your Christmas break, have lots of fun spending extra time with your children. Try to make some time to read to and with your children over the holidays. This will help to maintain levels achieved. We look forward to working with you again next year Year 3 tamariki and whanau. Year 4, enjoy the move to Team 1 and all the challenges that come with being a senior.

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

With the school holidays just around the corner our precious tamariki will be out and about, it was timely that Ruben the Bear visited Team 3 today. He reminded us about sneaky driveways, wearing our bike helmets and buckling up in our car seats. Please insist that your child wears their bike helmet and buckles up in the car. We want them back in the New Year safe and sound.

Your child's report will be coming home at the end of next week. The teachers have enjoyed writing these reports. It is a time we can reflect on and celebrate everyone's successes throughout the year. Keep a lookout for them. They will be in a school envelope. Last Friday some of Room 11's tamariki told us something they like about their teddies. We then watched a slideshow sharing all the adventures they had with their teddies at school. We are looking forward to Room 13's assembly item on Friday. It has a Christmas theme and there will be beautiful angels and handsome shepherds.

It is important over the holidays to provide opportunities for your child to read or be read to. 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 Teacher Aides we would like to wish you a

*Merry Christmas, me te Tau Hou Ka hari.*

### Farewell to our Year 6 Students

A special mention to our wonderful, courageous & unforgettable Year 6 students who are Leaving Tokoroa North School to start their Intermediate School careers. We wish you all the very best and you will be very missed by students, teachers & support staff.



### Ka Ora, Ka Ako/ Healthy School Lunches Programme

We are getting ready to take part in the free and healthy school lunch programme as the last newsletter alerted you to. Lunches will be available for all our students and will cater for their requirements, including diet, health and cultural needs. The experienced supplier will follow the strict guidelines from the Ministry of Education to make sure the meals are healthy and nutritious to meet the New Zealand food safety standards. Enclosed with this newsletter is an extra page for you to complete and return to inform us if your child has a reaction to any type of food. Further information can be found at:

[www.education.govt.nz/free-and-healthy-school-lunches](http://www.education.govt.nz/free-and-healthy-school-lunches)

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

To describe 2020 where would I start?

It's been such a different year. How many times have we heard this? I want to remind everyone of the need to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our children.

Many are being deprived of basic parenting and this does not only depend on the food in the cupboard and being over stimulated by, or possessing, too many material objects including technology.

It depends on:

- ☺ Emotionally available parents.
- ☺ Clear boundaries, responsibilities and predictable consistency.
- ☺ Lots of movement and fun, especially outdoors.
- ☺ Quiet times to help them find a solution to "I'm bored!"
- ☺ Team sports or family games.
- ☺ Some chores.
- ☺ Loving your kids and modelling an enjoyment of them and life.

Lastly THANK YOU to every parent that has come to my room or has rung me for any reason. You make my days and remind me why I love this job.

Thank you too to the team of teachers and teacher aides that ensure your children are in a safe school that promotes learning and wellbeing

And most of all at this time of the year- have some chill time, relaxing, laughing, sleeping in and being lazy. Also have healthy meals without timetables. Do things that cost little and help your children learn to appreciate them.

Water pistols are still a great present!

Have a super festive season and lets continue this journey in 2021.

### SKIDS

Thank you to those of you who responded to the survey for After School Care.

Unfortunately there were not enough students for this to begin at the beginning of 2021. Further communication will be made in 2021 to gauge interest.



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!



### TEAM ONE

If I could change the world I would...  
Build homes for homeless people.  
Try to slow down global warming.  
Eliminate pollution.  
End world hunger.  
Get rid of Covid.

Advice for future Year 6 students...

Don't lose the Rippa trophy we just won for you.  
Avoid drama because if you don't then you will eventually be the star of the show.  
Remind Mrs Gooding to do the roll.  
Give 110% effort in everything you do.  
Believe in yourself- mauria te pono.

By Room 3

### TEAM TWO

We have been writing Christmas letters and sharing some of the things that we are looking forward to about Christmas, and that make our Christmas special.

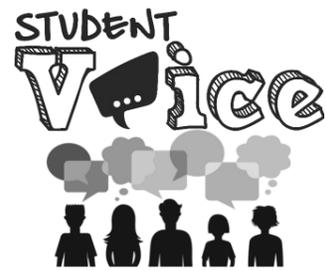
We have also made some art where we learnt about perspective. This is where things that are closer are bigger and far away things are smaller.

By Room 8

### TEAM THREE

Room 13 have been busy practising for our last junior assembly of the year. We are doing a Christmas themed item and are very excited about wearing costumes for it. Room 13 are also practising for our Folk dancing festival and are looking forward to seeing our whanau there. We are also getting very tired and are looking forward to the summer and Christmas.

By Room 13





## IMPORTANT DATES

### DECEMBER

2	<i>Ruben The Bear Team 3, 11:30am</i>
3	Team 2 Trip
4	Interschool Athletics
7	Students visit their classes for 2021
8	Team 3 Folk Dancing, 9.30am
8	Team 3 Fun Afternoon
9	Year 6 Shared Lunch
10	Reports Go Home
11	North School's Got Talent
11	Colour Run
15	Final Assembly - School finishes at 12:30pm but students are welcome to leave with their parents after assembly.

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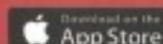
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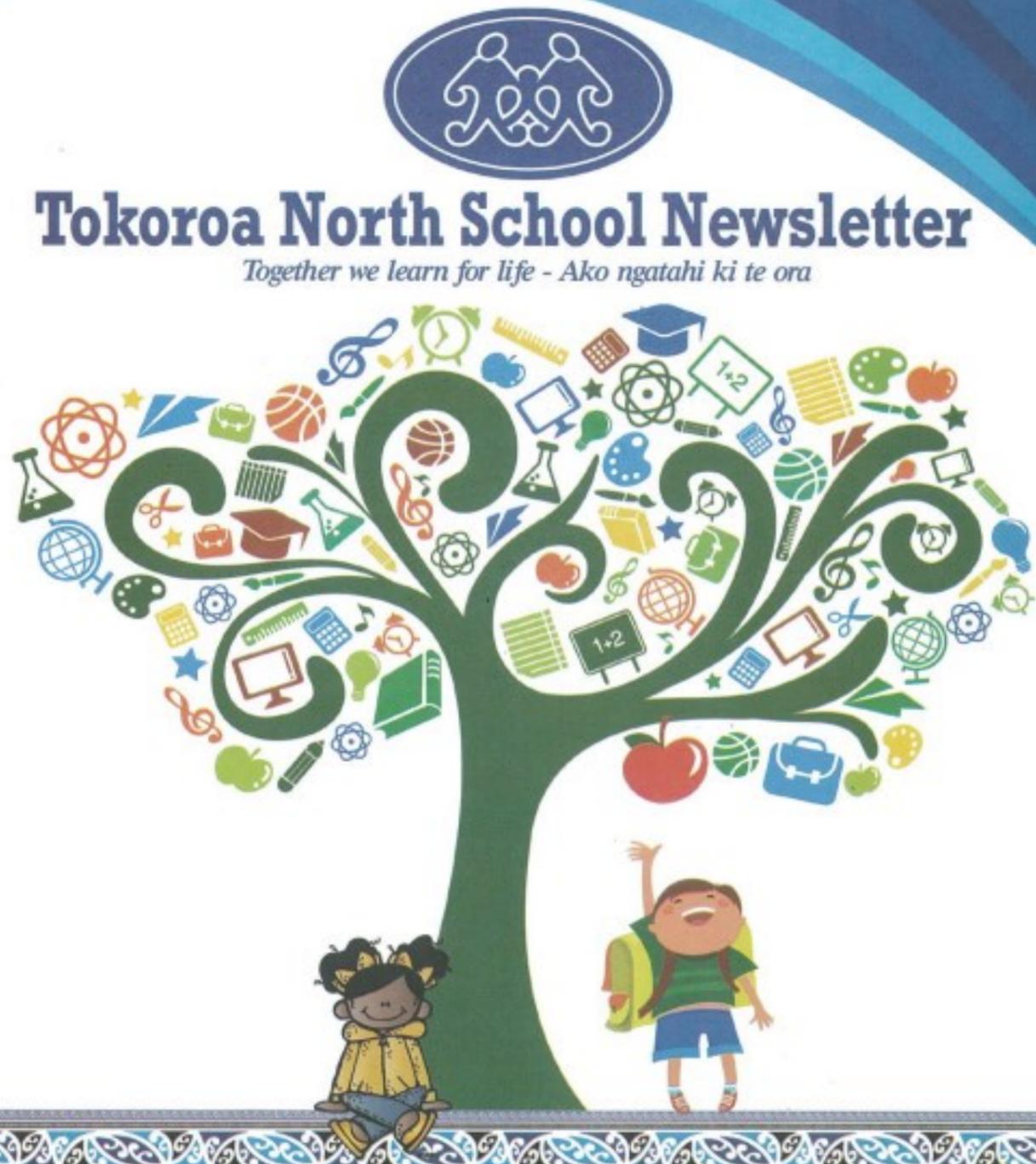
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