



Kia ora,

Welcome back to the 2023 school year. We hope that you all had an enjoyable break and are ready and raring to go for the new school year! The weather seemed to be all over the show over the break but we hope you managed to make the most of it when you could. We are looking forward to working with you and being a part of the learning journey of your tamariki. This information newsletter is to just let you know a bit more about our hub and some key events that we have planned. Tūrangawaewae encompasses two hubs - both Tuarongo and Tokomanawa. Each hub then has a whānau teacher.

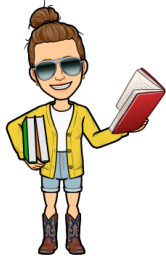
Staff Introduction



Miss Kerri Guard is the Tūrangawaewae Hub Leader and our school Assistant Principal. She is also a classroom teacher for year 7 and 8 tamariki in Tuarongo. Miss Guard has been teaching at Bulls School for just over five years and has really enjoyed spending this time in the senior side of the school. She is looking forward to what this year will bring and building on all the amazing things we do at our kura.
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Mrs Nikita Brown will be teaching Year 6 and 7 in the Tuarongo hub again this year, alongside Miss Guard. Mrs B is looking forward to teaching some familiar and new faces for the first part of the year until taking maternity leave for her second bub due to arrive sometime in Term 2.
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Mrs Vanessa McDowell is going to be with us for a short time until she will be taking maternity leave. Mrs McDowell will have a few different roles and we are looking forward to her sharing lots of her wisdom and making the most of her expertise before she welcomes baby number two.

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Ms Debs Erickson joins us as a classroom teacher within the year 5 and year 6 space where she will be working alongside Mrs Hurley. Whaea Debs has lived and worked in Feilding for just over twenty years and is very excited to be joining our amazing Bulls Kura. She is looking forward to meeting the tamariki and their whanau, and getting started on what will be a year full of exciting learning opportunities.

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Mrs Leah Hurley rejoins us as a classroom teacher in Tokomanawa. Mrs Hurley is stepping back into the classroom full time this year and is incredibly excited to be teaching the wonderful tamariki of Bulls School - some of whom she has previously taught. Mrs Hurley lives on a sheep and beef farm near Hunterville with her husband and two children. She loves spending time outdoors and loves sports! Mrs Hurley is looking forward to getting to know her students' passions and strengths and to see them step out of their comfort zones through the many opportunities presented to them at school.

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We would also have Mrs Sleator and Whaea Di returning this year as our fabulous learning assistants. Both of these ladies bring a wealth of knowledge to our kura and have been a great fit for Tūrangawaewae. Mrs Sleator will be predominantly based in Tokomanawa whilst Whaea Di will be largely working with Tuarongo students.

Swimming - Students need to bring their togs **every day** as we will be utilising our school pool as part of our daily fitness and swimming programme. Whilst tamariki might not be scheduled to swim everyday there can be timetable changes and so they should be prepared to do so. Swimming Sports will be held at Marton Pool date TBC. We will give you more details closer to the time.



Sunsmart School - As a Sunsmart School, Terms 1 and 4 are hat terms. If students do not bring a hat to school to protect themselves then there are shaded areas that they are required to be in during break times. Students should apply sunblock before school and then use the classroom supplies to top up as needed. We ask that you speak to your children about doing this regularly and responsibly.



Camp - Camp for Tūrangawaewae will be taking place at MiCamp Taupo from Monday 20th March - 22th March. Having camp during term 1 is great because it gives us the opportunity to build a sense of whanaungatanga and strengthening our hub culture. As well as this it provides rich learning opportunities in a different setting across a range of curriculum areas. A health and safety permission form will be sent out this week. If you could please return it asap that would be greatly appreciated. Camp is heavily subsidised and supported by the Board of Trustees and through fundraising. This means we have been able to lower the cost to \$220. Payments can be made to the office and includes the option of setting up a payment plan.



Stationery - Thank you again to our BOT who have covered the cost of stationery this year. Having all students set up to go from day 1 has been fantastic! We do use a communication book in our hub to help with keeping in contact about the different happenings in our hub. These are \$10 and can be paid for at the office.

Tūrangawaewae Facebook Page - Our facebook page is a way that we provide information to whānau and share experiences from your child's learning journey. Please join our facebook page so that we can share these with you.

Communication - We do our best to keep you informed and updated about things happening with your tamariki. We acknowledge and welcome the primary role you have in supporting your child on their learning journey and we believe partnering with home and school is vital for your child's progress. Please don't hesitate to speak to us when you

have a question or concern. In the first instance, please contact your child's whānau teacher and arrange a time to meet with them as many of our mornings and afternoons consist of meetings, duties, planning and organising our daily programme, or you may contact us via email as listed above. We will do our utmost to respond within 24 hours.

Here's to a great 2023!