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School Community Newsletter



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TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura o Tirau

“Whatever is worth doing is worth doing well.”

22nd October 2015 - week 1 Term 4 2015

Important Dates:

26th October – Labour Day holiday

30th October – Pink Day

30th October – Olivia from Team Energize helping with Athletics training

5th November – Adidas Fun Run

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau

Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING starts again after school (3.30) at Tirau Tennis Club on Tuesday, 27 October.

Six lessons with professional coach Clem Apted.

Racquets and balls are provided and can also be purchased. Numbers are limited. \$40 per child for

the six week course. Please ring Janet Palmer

8831452 for more information. Tennis coaching for

high school students and adults is at 5.30, also

starting on 27 October. Same cost, venue etc.

LEARNING AT TIRAU SCHOOL

We had a great turn out at our annual Ag Day last Tuesday and it was a great success, even if we did have to dodge a couple of pesky rain showers. There was some very stiff competition in all of the categories and the judges commented on the quality of the animals and the work that had obviously been done by the children. It was also fantastic to have Cindy and her dogs running our Dog Agility section again this year. I would like to acknowledge the work of Freda Leonard for co-ordinating such a successful day. We would also like to thank Steve Mathis, Hadleigh Putt, our wonderful staff and the parents and students for their work in providing support on the day. It is with the support of our community that days like this can be run and enrich the learning experiences for all our learners. A number of our students have headed to Group Day in Tokoroa today and we wish them all the best for the competition and look forward to hearing their results.

TIRAU LEARNerS ACHIEVING SUCCESS

One of our former Tirau pupils – Sophie Crispe, has been achieving a lot of a success with a app she has designed for people with brain injuries. Last term Sophie placed second in Year 7 at the Matamata Intermediate Science Fair. She then went on to receive a Gold Award at the East Waikato Science and Technology Fair which is a fantastic achievement. She has now been selected as a finalist in the Bright Sparks Awards for 2015 in the Software category. You can view Sophie’s My Brain Injury App at www.braininjurydiary.com and if you would like to vote for her in the Bright Sparks People’s Choice Awards visit www.brightsparks.org.nz/2015/ and click on Software- Junior Finalists. It is great to see the successes of our LEARNerS as they further their education.



Kick Start Breakfast Programme

Tirau Primary School and the Kids Rock Out of School Programme are joining forces in term 4 to bring the kick start breakfast to our school. Breakfast will be available to all pupils from 7.50 am – 8.30 am in the library. Our bus pupils will continue to be part of this and will be supervised free of charge however if you would like them to have breakfast we would appreciate a small koha.

Those who require childcare prior to this time can make direct arrangements with Moe by texting or calling 0210787316.

To help us with the cost of running the programme we are asking for a koha which can be any of the following:

- A gold coin
- Fruit
- Toast brown bread
- Milo
- Snack food we can use in the programme.

Please support this programme by ensuring that Moe and Jacque receive your koha regularly as we want to continue to offer this valuable programme. If there are any parents willing to volunteer some time you will be very welcome.

RAISING HAPPY, CONFIDENT AND RESILIENT CHILDREN SEMINAR

On Thursday the 19th November the Tirau Church will be hosting a parenting seminar run by John Cowan from The Parenting Place. The seminar will be held in the Tirau Memorial Hall from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm with a supper provided. The entry fee is a gold coin donation and the evening will be well worth the price of admission. John will be presenting a range of “hot tips” to support parents with their pre-school and primary age children.

For further information please contact the Tirau Church office on 07 883 1405/ gs.tirau@xtra.co.nz

We will be sending home a flyer about the event closer to the time but please mark this in your diary now.

PLAYGROUND

As you are all aware we are in the process of raising funds to upgrade our current playground which has some parts that to do meet current safety standards. We have been lucky to secure the services of Mr Peter Farrant this term in a casual caretaking role and he is putting his skills to work in sorting out some of these areas. He will also be putting up new speed signage in the parking area off SH27 and doing other maintenance tasks around the school. We really appreciate the community support with our fundraising to date and after the fun run on November 5th I will let you know how much we have raised.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 25th September 2015

Ruma Tui	Thomas	For being actively involved in his transition to Ruma Kiwi. Ruma Tui will miss you!	Willow	For her awesome effort and success in writing and becoming an independent learner.
Ruma Kiwi	Lila	For having an enthusiastic attitude towards all activities	Harumi	For being a positive role model at Tirau Primary School
Ruma Kākāpō	Meah	For being a kind and actively involved member of Ruma Kākāpō	Aaron F	For being focused on his learning and showing our school values
Ruma Pukeko	Maiinga	For being actively involved in all aspects of class life and giving everything a go	Kaya	For being a valuable part of Ruma Pukeko. Best of luck at your new school.
	Bace	For being actively involved in the Senior Syndicate's learning and leadership opportunities	Wiremu	Showing Nurture and leadership with younger students
Ruma Keruru	Jessica	For being actively involved in her learning.	Jeremy	For showing perseverance and determination on our Ski Camp.

Ruru Award:

Ruma Tui and Kiwi – For all being respectful TIRAU LEARNer who are making a positive contribution to Tirau Primary

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 16th October 2015

Ruma Tui	Elsa	For starting the term with an awesome 'can-do' attitude and asking questions for learning.	Acacia	For her willingness to help and having a cheerful smile on her dial every day.
Ruma Kiwi	Zephton	For taking your time and forming your best handwriting yet.	Jake	For transitioning into Ruma Kiwi so wonderfully. It's like you have always been there!
			Jayden	
			Thomas	
			Kaia	
Ruma Kākāpō	Memphis	For showing lifelong learning by completing his homework.	Matty	For showing more focus and responsibility in his learning
Ruma Pukeko	Zara	For showing excellence in all her learning	Riley	For a positive start to the term, showing focus on your learning and a keen helpful attitude.
Ruma Keruru	Tom J	For showing the value of lifelong learning in his amazing LEARNING with PRIDE work.	Dallas	For an amazing start to Tirau Primary School. We are really happy you are here!

Ruru Award:

Jaedyn H – For being a confident TIRAU LEARNer when showing your calf at Ag Day.

CONSUMABLES

Your Consumables payments for 2015 are now overdue. Accounts will be coming out over the next few days. Please get these up to date as soon as possible. See Freda in the Office if you have any questions about what you owe.

PGG Wrightsons Cash for Communities

This spring PGG Wrightsons and Balance Agri-Nutrients will continue to run the Cash for Communities programme, giving farmers an opportunity to earn cash for Tirau Primary School. Any farmer who purchases Balance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser on their PGG Wrightsons account between 1st September and 30th November 2015 can nominate Tirau Primary School at www.cashforcommunities.co.nz and if you have supported us in the past you are already registered.

ENVIRO SCHOOLS

Many thanks to the Dawson family who have kindly donated a petrol lawnmower and petrol can to our Enviro group. This will help us to keep the rampant grass at bay more easily. We would also like to acknowledge the Crispe family who have made a garden bed for us and cleaned up the enviro area this week and Ali Baker for providing some seedlings that will grow into delicious produce for us to use. I also know that Ruma Keruru and Pukeko are also seeking donations of untreated garden edging, nails, old garden tools, and plywood offcuts to help revitalise our enviro area so if you are able to help in any way please see Mrs Watkins or Mrs Steeghs.

No reira ma te manaakitanga

Kia tou, ki runga, kia koutou katoa

Siobhan Patterson

Principal

FIRST AID TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Tirau Playcentre will be having St Johns come to our centre on Saturday 5th of December to hold a level one First Aid course (NZQA unit standards 6401, 6402). If anyone wishes to join us (the more the merrier) then just let me know and I will book you in. The course will run from 0800hrs- 1700hrs. **The cost per person will be at maximum \$197 dollars** as it will cost us \$1957 for up to 20 people, so the more people the cheaper it can be for everyone. Even if anyone has workers or family that need to be certified then we are happy to have the numbers. Look forward to hearing from people

Melissa Stratton 0210719181 or 078839007

RURAL COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY MEETING

Do you agree with the current Health & Safety rules? How will these affect you, your home, your family, your staff and your farm business?

All farmers are welcome to attend our **Workplace Relations and Safety Meeting** where the Hon Michael Woodhouse - Minister for Workplace Relations & Safety and Katie Milne – Board Member, Federated Farmers of New Zealand are our Guest Speakers.

When & where: Wednesday, 28 October 2015 10am – 12pm. Gate 3, Bledisloe Hall, 125 Mystery Creek Road, Mystery Creek Hamilton.

Light lunch provided. For further information contact: Gaylene Bamford, Regional Administrator, Phone: 07 858 0820 or

Email: gbamford@fedfarm.org.nz