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TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura o Tirau

“What ever is worth doing, is worth doing well.”

Thursday 25th February - Week 4 Term 1 2015

Important Dates:

- 25th February – School Swimming Sports – postponement 26th
- 2nd March – House of Zen Games for Years 5 & 6 in Tokoroa
- 2nd March – NZSL Kit Day @ Tirau School
- 3rd March – Interschool Swimming Sports

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau
Tenei he panui kia koutou
Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

PTA NEWS

Our fantastic PTA had their first meeting of the year on Tuesday afternoon and are organising their first fundraising efforts of the year. Next week they are running the sausage sizzle at the Interschool Swimming Sports in Putaruru and require some helpers. If you are able to hep on the day please see Siobhan.

LEARNING AT TIRAU - OUR FIRST LEARNING HUI – Thursday 18th February

It was great to have so many of you turn up for our first Learning Hui last Thursday evening, it was a very worthwhile experience for us as a staff and looking at the feedback we have received it was very worthwhile for the parents. We will definitely be holding more of these as the year progresses and will make them more specific to different curriculum areas. If you were unable to attend the Learning Hui please call in and see Siobhan to pick up a copy of our Tirau Learning Progressions. Look out for our Term 2 Learning Hui.

OUR TIRAU BEHAVIOUR GUIDELINES

Over the past 3 weeks our learners have been working with their teachers to develop their Class Treaties – developing their classroom expectations for behaviour and learning and I asked the classes to come up with a set for our school and link them to our LEARNerS values. Below is the expectations that the children came up with. These will be displayed around the school and used to support our learners to be the best that they can be in the playground.

L

*Having learning conversations
Keep trying, even when things are hard
Sharing the things we know
Being focused on our learning*

E

*Being responsible for our own learning
Giving our best at all times
Be proud of our learning*

A

*Including people – in games, groups and during class activities
Get involved – try new things
Play fairly and by the rules
Look after our own belongings – hats, shoes, clothing, rubbish*

R

*Speak nicely to each other – Use manners and positive language
Keep your hands and feet to yourselves
Listen to others
Use "W.I.T.H.S." when you have a problem*

N

*Help people
Our school, playground and equipment is for everyone to enjoy – Share it
Look after our Tirau LEARNerS and our school property
Support people with their learning*

TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL APP

We have had a small number of glitches with our app. When you submit an absence through the app it opens an email once you hit send. You need to send this email as well as hitting send on the absence screen for your absence to be recorded. Please let me know if the app has been crashing when you hit the more button, as I will need to know the model of your phone and the version of the software you have to sort this out.

GOAL SETTING MEETINGS – Tuesday 8th March from 3:30 – 8:00 pm and Thursday 10th March from 3:30 – 6:00 pm

These are an important opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher and to discuss the goals and areas of focus for the year. The bookings are now open at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and the Event code is **sq6j6**. If you have any questions about these or would like to have the office make your booking please ring either Freda or myself on 883 1653. You can also email us – office@tirau.school.nz or principal@tirau.school.nz.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 5th February 2015

Ruma Tui	Ellie	For her awesome attitude towards learning and showing respect by using her wonderful manners.	Elsa	For making such an independent start to the year and being a wonderful Ruma Tui friend.
Ruma Kiwi	Siwar	For getting off to such a great start in Ruma Kiwi, writing interesting stories, completing maths tasks and following the class treaty.	Thomas S	For being a good listener and a kind, caring and helpful friend.
Ruma Kākāpō	Ngawati	For his awesome start to 2016 in Ruma Kakapo. He is showing respect to all members of his class.	Logan P	Showing a huge amount of responsibility and independence in his learning.
Ruma Pukeko	Zek	For making a fantastic start to 2016 and showing respect to everyone in Ruma Pukeko.	Hazar	For settling into Ruma Pukeko and making valuable contributions to class discussions. Ka Pai!
Ruma Keruru	Dallas	Showing respect to his peers and perseverance with all learning tasks this week. A great start to the year.	Jason	For demonstrating an amazing attitude and great skills in our softball competition,

Ruru Award: Jack M – Being a respectful Tirau LEARNER who is showing excellent Year 6 Leadership skills across the school.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 12th February 2015

Ruma Tui	Gjolek	For being a wonderful and caring friend to everyone in Ruma Tui	Jaydon C	for your awesome attitude towards finishing tasks quickly and independently.
Ruma Kiwi	Zephton	For displaying Nurture in the classroom and in the playground. You have been very caring towards others	Logan G	For starting the year with a fantastic attitude and always being so helpful. Welcome to Tirau Primary School.
Ruma Kākāpō	Sarah	For always being kind and caring towards her peers.	Dylan S	For his awesome start to the year in Ruma Kakapo
Ruma Pukeko	Corey	Being a helpful and caring classmate, he consistently displays our value of Nurture	Gypsey	For doing an amazing job with her water confidence and learning to swim
Ruma Keruru	Aisha	Showing being a warm and friendly class member who is always willing to help others	Brooklyn D	For beginning the year with a positive attitude and giving new things a go. Awesome work!

Ruru Award: Zephton– Showing Nurture across the school and being a role model as a Tirau LEARNER.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 19th February 2015

Ruma Tui	Amber	For taking ownership of her learning and consistently giving her best efforts. Awesome Amber!	Gabriella	for being a kind and caring friend to the other members of Ruma Tui.
Ruma Kiwi	Harumi	For consistently showing excellence in the classroom. Well done and keep up the great work.	Jaedyn H	For always being a responsible member of our class and always being so helpful. Thank you!
Ruma Kākāpō	Rome	For showing all of the skills needed to be a Lifelong Learner.	Meah	For being a fantastic role model by demonstrating all of our school values
Ruma Pukeko	Jerome	Being a positive role model and giving 100% all the time	Jasz	For always being a positive role model and fantastic leader in Ruma Pukeko
Ruma Keruru	Bhavini	Consistently demonstrating perseverance and commitment to her learning	Ella	For developing great work habits and being a positive and caring class member

Ruru Award: Aisha – For being an articulate and positive Tirau LEARNER who is an excellent role model

SUBWAY PRICE INCREASE

We have been informed from Subway that as from next Wednesday 2nd March subway lunches will now cost **\$6.00 each**. There is also a change in the ordering of these. Please send your child to school on a Wednesday morning with the correct money in a sealed envelope with their name/class/order written on the outside. These envelopes need to be dropped off at the school office.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further please do not hesitate to contact me. principal@tirau.school.nz, or through the school office.

No reira ma te manaakitanga
Kia tou, ki runga, kia koutou katoa
Siobhan Patterson
Principal

