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School Community Newsletter



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TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura o Tirau

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

Thursday 19th May - Week 3 Term 2 2016

Important Dates:

6th June – Queen’s Birthday

9th June – Year 5 & 6 Ripa Rugby Tournament

10th June – School Cross Country

Welcome to Tirau Primary

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following students and their families to Tirau Primary. Grayson in Ruma Keruru

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau, Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

LEARNING AT TIRAU SCHOOL - EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE VISIT

It has been great having Paora Stucki and Lyn Jones from the Education Review Office visiting Tirau Primary School this week. They have spent time working with the students, staff, Senior Leadership team, the Board of Trustees, and parents to find out the story of our school and it was a very rich journey for all of us. They have identified a large number of positive things to celebrate about our school, from learners who could talk about where they are with their learning and where they need to go next, to the fantastic, capable and collaborative staff who have a sound knowledge and understanding of not only the children they work directly with directly but also about learners across the whole school. They also recognised the work and commitment from our parent trustees who govern our school and in particular the leadership provided by Hadleigh Putt as chairperson.. We look forward to receiving the draft report in approximately 4 weeks, after that the Board of Trustees have 2 weeks to request any changes to the draft from the findings that were shared yesterday and then a confirmed report will be released and we will share it with the school community. Many thanks to those of you who took the time to share your thoughts with the ERO team, this valuable input was much appreciated by all of us.

PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Many of you may be aware that my husband has been ill in recent months, sadly he has terminal cancer and his condition is deteriorating. I endeavour to be at school and available as much as possible, however at times I need to put his care first and so will be working at home some days. I will still be available by email and the supportive team around me will always be available to support you and our LEARNerS. I really appreciate the support and understanding that I have already received at this uncertain time and it is my aim to minimise the disruption to the school as much as possible. Many thanks.

PTA FUNDRAISER - ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Thank you to all of you who have supported our school and the PTA by purchasing these. We only have 2 left in the school office so if you are interested in receiving one please come in and see me. They are \$60 each and include hundreds of dollars worth of savings at places such as The Loose Goose, Enchanted Café, and Poppys here in Tirau. There are also a large number of places in Matamata, Rotorua, Cambridge and further afield. For every book sold the PTA will make \$12, which can be put towards the worthwhile resources that the PTA provide our school. Orders can be made online or through the school office and if you would like to review the book there will is a copy available in the school office. The first 10 orders will also receive bonus vouchers. If you have already ordered a book please come in and pick these up.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE PARENT ELECTION 2016

It has been very exciting to have received 5 nominations for the parent trustee election at the time of writing this newsletter, to have such an interested and dedicated group of parents willing to take on this governance roll shows us all the heart of the Tirau School Community. If you are still interested in putting forward your nomination these need to be received by 12:00 noon tomorrow.

SCHOOL SORES

We have had a number of children with school sores over term 1.

What to look out for: Scabby sores on exposed parts of the body

Treatment: Antibiotics prescribed by a doctor.

They are very contagious if not treated so if you suspect your child has school sores please get them checked by a doctor or nurse. We recommend you cover them to stop the spread and please do not send your child to school until they have had 24 hours of antibiotics.

MEASLES OUTBREAK IN THE WAIKATO

There has been a lot of publicity about the Measles outbreak in the Waikato over recent weeks. It is important that you are aware of the procedures that will be put in place **if one of our students contracts a case of measles**. All staff and students who have been immunised against measles or were born before 1969 will not be affected in any way as they are already immune. It is any staff or students who are not immunised who will need to kept home in isolation for 2 weeks to prevent the spread of this highly contagious illness. We have records of all the children who have and haven’t been immunised but there are some gaps so you may receive a letter in the next few days asking to confirm your child’s immunisation status in case an outbreak occurs.

There is information on our school website and the school app about Measles and what to look for and if you are concerned about your child then you can call your GP or Healthline (0800 611116) for advice. There is also information online – www.waikatodhb.health.nz/measles/

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 6th May 2016

Ruma Tui	Cody H	Your wonderful attitude towards learning in the classroom. Great job Cody!	Liam M	for sharing your ANZAC knowledge with Ruma Tui and displaying such a high level of respect to the soldiers who fell. Awesome Liam
Ruma Kiwi	Acacia	For working very hard and making lovely progress with your reading and writing.	Arna Maria	For showing RESPECT in the classroom. You treat others kindly and are respectful towards the teacher. Well done!
Ruma Kākāpō	Madi Kate	For your positive start in Ruma Kākāpō. You are showing a lot of confidence	Dylan H	For being a kind and respectful class member. He always has a smile and is always ready to help
Ruma Pukeko	Jacqueline	For making such a positive start to Tirau Primary School. It is great to see your growing confidence	Amelia	For consistently showing respect in and out of the classroom. You are a fantastic role model for Tirau Primary school
Ruma Keruru	Lucas M	His warm and friendly attitude towards his teachers and peers	Emma G	For showing our school value of RESPECT in her interactions with her peers.
Ruru Award: Zara C for being and actively involved Tirau LEARNER who is challenging herself in all areas of her learning				

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 13th May 2016

Ruma Tui	Lexi	Your wonderful efforts in reading, being organised for learning and your courage to present assembly.	Elsa	for showing excellence in all areas of learning, and being a positive role model to other class members.
Ruma Kiwi	Kaia	For demonstrating excellent self management skills in all aspects of your learning	Jake	For showing EXCELLENCE in all aspects of your written language. Keep up the fantastic work.
Ruma Kākāpō	Eli	For your perseverance and effort in maths. Keep it up, you are making great improvements	Cohen	For showing Excellence in his writing. You have made some big improvements.
Ruma Pukeko	Gypsey	For being a good sport and celebrating others achievement	Niki B	For completing work to a high standard consistently. Well done.
Ruma Keruru	Grayson	For settling well into Tirau Primary School and having a warm and friendly attitude	Charlotte	For showing Excellence in her written language by using effective language features.
RURU Award: Cohen G, Sarah D, Mitchell B, Keeley S, Meah N & Fahmi Y				
For showing excellence in your learning and being fantastic Tirau LEARNer role models.				

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

Nominations for Parent Trustees received as of 19th May 2016

Gabby Bond
Andrea Crawford
Hadleigh Putt
Kirisitina Tupou
Allan Watkins.

Nominations close at 12:00 noon tomorrow - Friday 20th May. Voting papers will be sent out by the middle of next week. Because this is a postal vote your votes need to be received by noon Friday 3rd June. Votes will be counted on Thursday 9th of June and the first meeting for the new Board of Trustees will be Wednesday 22nd June.

Freda Leonard
Returning Officer

- **NETBALL** @ the Putaruru Netball Courts
- Friday 20th May - we wish all of our players the best of luck.
- Tirau Magic (Yr 5 & 6) V Te Waotu Mystics– 3:45 on Court 5
- Tirau Magic (Yr 5 & 6) V– Lichfield Shooters 4:35 on Court 6
- Tirau Diamonds (Yr 3 & 4) V Lichfield Flames – 5:00 on Court 2
- Tirau Diamonds (Yr 3 & 4) V Kuranui Ferns – 5:50 on Court 1

- **Football. Good luck to all who are playing @ Glenshea Park**
- Saturday 21st May -
- Tirau Tigers (Middle) V Te Waotu Tuis – 10:30 am on Field 4
- Tirau Strikers (Seniors) V Te Waotu Kereru – 10:00 am on Field 4
- **ASB First Kicks**
- Warm up at 9:50 First game at 10:00 am
- Pod 3 bibs – Tirau Ranglers v St Mary’s Adventure Time – Year 1 & 2
- Pod 4 bibs – Tirau Terminators v Lichfield Bumble Bees 2 – Year 1 & 2