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TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura o Tirau

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

Thursday 16th June - Week 7 Term 2 2016

Important Dates:

16th June – Interschool Cross Country @ Te Waotu

16th June – Term 2 Learning Hui – Maths Focus – 6:00pm

22nd June – Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm in the Learning Centre

28th & 29th June 3:30 – 6:15 – Ruma Kakapo and Kereru Parent Interviews

29th June – PTA Disco – 6:00pm – 8:00 pm at the Tirau Memorial Hall

8th July – Mid Year Reports and Portfolios home Year 4 to 6 and for children having had anniversaries this term

8th July – Farewell for Mrs Watkins and Mr Gilmour 1:30pm in the Learning Centre

8th July – End of Term 2

Welcome to Tirau Primary

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

David W as a new entrant in Ruma Tui

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau, Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

LEARNING AT TIRAU SCHOOL – CROSS COUNTRY

It was wonderful to hear all the successful reports from the running of School Cross Country on Friday. The weather wasn't necessarily at its best but it was great to hear that the children competed with determination and achieved some excellent results. As a school community we would like to express our sincere gratitude to Ella and James Bailey for allowing us access to what can only be described as a perfect venue for competitors and spectators alike. I would also like to acknowledge the work of Miss Kimberley White who took on the role of organising this event and its success is a real credit to her. We must also acknowledge the work and support of our dedicated Tirau Primary staff who set up the course and ensured that the event ran smoothly. Also thanks to Hadleigh Putt who supplied the balance tent for our students and organised the delivery of the porta loo. We will hold our prizegiving for the place getters at next weeks Friday assembly. A team of 27 runners will have represented our school at the Interschool Cross Country at Te Waotu today.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE PARENT ELECTION 2016

Congratulations to our 3 newly elected (or re-elected) parent trustees – Mr Hadleigh Putt, Mr Allan Watkins and Mr Sean Crocker. Welcome to what I know will be an enjoyable association with Tirau Primary and the Board of Trustees. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Kiritina Tupou, Gabby Bond, Andrea Crawford and Grant Dickinson for putting their names forward for our Board Elections. It is so pleasing to have such a large number of parents who want to be part of the Governance of our wonderful school.

LEARNING HUI FOR TERM 2

We will be holding our Term 2 Learning Hui tonight Thursday 16th June from 6:00pm in the Learning Centre. This term the focus will be on Maths. We will begin with a presentation about the way we teach the numeracy part of our maths programme. The class teachers will then share some maths activities that you can take home and have to reinforce some of the Maths concepts with your children. There will also be a Health Curriculum Survey for parents to complete. We look forward to seeing you all there as we continue to work together to support our Tirau LEARNerS.

LETTER FROM ZURI

We were all very excited yesterday to receive a box from the Auckland Zoo which contained a Zuri stuffed giraffe in her crate, a lovely letter and an adoption certificate for a giraffe at the zoo that they have adopted in our honour because they were sad that we had all been out to see her as she travelled past and we had missed her. There is also a video on the Auckland Zoo youtube channel – Giraffe on the move that features our children as they passed the school. I have put the video on the school website and it has also been shared on the school facebook page. Come into the office to meet Zuri and read the lovely letter we received.

PTA FUNDRAISER – DISASTER PLASTERS

You will have received your box of Disaster Plasters for the fundraiser that the PTA are running for two weeks from the June 7th. All the funds raised will be going towards our upgrade of our playground. These plasters are very good quality and there are great prizes for the children and class that sell the most. If you would like further information please contact Kylie Ward - afash@xtra.co.nz. Please return any money to the school office by Tuesday 21st June 2016.

SCHOOL SORES

We continue to have a number of children with school sores. These are highly contagious and need to be covered and treated as soon as possible.

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.

FAREWELL FOR MRS WATKINS AND MR GILMOUR

As we announced in our special newsletter last week Mrs Watkins and Mr Gilmour will be sadly leaving our school at the end of the term. Plans are currently underway for a community farewell for them on the last day of the term. We will be having a special assembly at 1:30pm that day and extend an invitation to any members of our school community who would like to attend this farewell. It will be followed by a sport afternoon for the students while everyone has the opportunity to share an afternoon tea with Mrs Watkins and Mr Gilmour before a final treat for the children to end the term.

STAFFING CHANGES IN TERM 3

With Mr Gilmour and Mrs Watkins leaving we have been working to fill their positions. We are very lucky to have Mrs Judith Robinson who will be taking over in Ruma Kākāpō from Mr Gilmour. Mrs Robinson knows our students well and has an excellent knowledge of how our school runs, this will ensure that the children in Ruma Kākāpō have a cohesive transition. Unfortunately it hasn't been as easy to find a replacement for Mrs Watkins's position and we are in the process of advertising her position. As soon as an appointment has been made we will inform the school community.

PTA DISCO – 29th JUNE at Tirau Memorial Hall

Our fabulous PTA have organised another awesome disco for Wednesday June 29th at the Tirau Memorial Hall from 6:00 pm until 8:00pm. The theme is flouro – so come along dressed in your brightest flouro colours.

The PTA will have snack packs for sale at \$5, 4 glowsticks for \$1 and juicies for \$1. The entry fee is a gold coin donation. Children will need to be signed in and out of the disco and parents need to leave a contact number with the parents organising the event. Please support our awesome PTA in their fundraising efforts.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 3rd June 2016

Ruma Tui	Rylee	Your efforts to become an independent learner. You are completing learning in a timeframe.	Lexi	For your commitment to learning, especially in reading. You are racing ahead.
Ruma Kiwi	Dylan J	For being a fantastic role model and taking pride in your learning	Willow	For showing a love for writing and using your creative imagination to add interest in your writing
Ruma Kākāpō	Rome	For his great progress in reading and his effort in all curriculum areas	Aimee	For your progress in reading. You are doing so well.
Ruma Pukeko	Brody	For drafting and publishing a great narrative story	Ally	For making a positive start to Tirau Primary School. You are fitting into Ruma Pukeko nicely.
Ruma Keruru	Joshua	For knowing to ask for help and sharing your learning with others	Bhavini	For always being ready for the school day and helping others when in need

RURU Award: Jacqueline For showing Excellence in your LEARNING with Pride work and being an excellent Tirau LEARNER role model.

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

PUMPKINS FOR SALE - \$3 for ENVIRO

- Our Enviro group have pumpkins for sale \$3 please see Mrs Watkins for these tasty addition to your winter menu. All proceeds will go to ENVIRO

Football. Good luck to all who are playing @ Glenshea Park

Saturday 18th June -

Tirau Tigers (Middle) V St Mary's Lions – 10:30 am on Field 1

Tirau Strikers (Seniors) V Te Waotu Kereru – 10:30 am on Field 2

ASB First Kicks

Warm up at 9:50 First game at 10:00 am

Pod 2 bibs – Tirau Ranglers v Kuranui Dragons 2 – Year 1 & 2

Pod 1 bibs – Tirau Terminators v St Mary's Happy Feet – Year 1 & 2

NETBALL @ the Putaruru Netball Courts

Friday 17th June - we wish all of our players the best of luck.

Tirau Magic (Yr 5 & 6) V PPS Blue – 3:45 on Court 3

Tirau Magic (Yr 5 & 6) V– Kuranui Magic 4:10 on Court 3

Tirau Diamonds (Yr 3 & 4) V Kuranui Ferns– 4:35 on Court 1

Tirau Diamonds (Yr 3 & 4) V Lichfield Flames – 5:25 on Court 2