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TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura o Tirau

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

Thursday 4th August - Week 2 Term 3 2016

Important Dates:

17th August – **BOT Meeting Learning Centre at 7:00 pm**

25th August – **Winter Sports 7 aside tournament for Yr 4 to 6**

31st August – **NZSL Day School @ Tirau Primary**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau, Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

Welcome to Tirau Primary

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

Kobe P, Koby F, Ariana N-T, Tegan J. Lejzahn K and Paige H as new entrants in Ruma Tui and Mariya A in Ruma Kākāpō.

LEARNING AT TIRAU SCHOOL – KIA KAHA PROGRAMME

All of the classes are working through a unit called Kia Kaha this term, which translates to Be Strong. This is a Police Education initiative designed to support children to recognise and deal with behaviour that may be seen as bullying. For us at Tirau Primary we are aiming to develop students who are resilient and possess the skills to deal with any situations they may find themselves in quickly and respectfully and if things become more targeted and on-going to let a trusted adult know what is happening so that it can be dealt with.

The Kia Kaha programme defines bullying as:

Bullying

The identifying features of bullying.

- It is deliberate, hurtful behaviour.
- It is often repeated over a period of time.
- It is often difficult for those being bullied to defend themselves.
- It is difficult for those who bully to learn new social behaviours.
- The bully has, and exercises, power over the victim.
- Cyberbullying can be disseminated very quickly to a wider audience.

Bullying can take a number of forms:

- Physical violence, for example hitting and kicking.
- Bullying of students with special needs, racist or homophobic bullying.
- Emotional and/or verbal, for example name calling, exclusion, threatening and coercion.
- Damage to property, for example taking lunches or destroying school books.
- Cyberbullying, for example by mobile phone and the internet.
- Harassment, for example making a person fear for their own or their family's safety.

All forms can be damaging to the development of both the person being bullied and the person doing the bullying. Please take some time to discuss the learning activities your child is taking part in as part of this valuable learning programme to support their understanding. If you have any further questions please see your child's class teacher.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Participating in education is fundamental to student achievement. The Education Act 1989 requires that parents enrol their children at school and ensure they attend school whenever it is open for instruction unless there is a good reason for them to be absent. Every day a student is not at school is a day they are not learning. As a school we are required to monitor attendance and lateness and to put systems in place to ensure that poor attendance is brought to the attention of families and that support is given to ensure attendance improves.

At Tirau Primary School we send out letters if there have been a number of unexplained absences that mean the child has been away from school more than 15% of the time, this equates to 1.5 days a fortnight, 7.5 days term and 30 days over a year. As you can imagine this can have a huge impact on your child's learning.

We have really appreciated those of you who have used the absences function on our website or who have rung the school office to let us know when your child is going to be absent for medical reasons – this type of absence is justified and these absences are not included in our monitoring system. We do make allowances for other types of absences, such as medical appointments or attending funerals, however if we are not informed then it is recorded as unexplained and unjustified.

If you receive a letter from the school about your child's attendance or lateness it is important that you take some time to discuss this with myself or your child's teacher and if there are any issues we will look for ways that we can help.

Lateness is another area that seems to be becoming more common at Tirau Primary and it is something that we feel needs to be addressed. To set our LEARNerS up for a successful day it is preferable that they arrive at school by 8:50 and in many cases even earlier than this. When children are late they often miss the opportunity to connect with their teacher and peers and miss out on vital information that is shared to start the day. Already this term 12% of our students have been late on at least one occasion.

TIRAU STRIKERS VICTORY

At the end of last term our Year 5 & 6 football team the Tirau Stikers played in the final of the Putaruru Football competition against St Mary's. At the end of the thrilling game this fantastic team came out 3 – 1 winners. They have worked tirelessly all season and this excellent result was much deserved. A huge thank you needs to go to Mrs Tanya Putt who coached the team and to the wonderful group of parents and supporters who were there to support the team.

Below are some photos from the prizegiving in assembly on Friday.



VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 1st July 2016

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| Ruma Tui | Nellie | For trying so hard to learn her alphabet. You are now reading at Red level! Well done. | Jaydon C | For working so hard for the past few weeks to use full stops in your writing. Awesome! |
| Ruma Kiwi | Kaia | For consistently demonstrating respect for others and our school. | Logan H | For settling into Ruma Kiwi so well and making progress in reading and writing. |
| Ruma Kākāpō | Elisabeth | For always being respectful towards adults, teachers and her classmates | Keeley | For always working hard and being a kind and respectful class member |
| Ruma Pukeko | Bryah | For always being respectful to her peers and teachers. You are a fantastic role model | Bradley | For a great presentation on Red Foxes, you worked independently and got the job done. |
| Ruma Keruru | Toby | For showing respect in the classroom by helping others and making sure his work is completed to a high standard | Tabitha | For showing resilience and perseverance in her learning |

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 29th July 2016

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| Ruma Tui | Gabriella | For being a kind and caring friend to our new class members AND remembering full stops. | Nellie | For your efforts in reading. You know what a question mark means. |
| Ruma Kiwi | Rielyn O | For always showing respect in the classroom and in the playground. You are a kind member of Ruma Kiwi. Well done! | Jake | For always being an enthusiastic learner in our class. It is great to see how self motivated you are to learn new things. |
| Ruma Kākāpō | Sarah | For working cooperatively and happily with others. Well done! | Logan P | For making a huge effort in all learning areas and extending his learning beyond the classroom. |
| Ruma Pukeko | Olivia B | For continuously being respectful to everyone in Ruma Pukeko and our school. | Brody | For making a fantastic start to Term 3. Keep making those good choices. |
| Ruma Keruru | Dani | For showing respect to others at all times by being courteous and well mannered. | Toby | For improvement in staying on task and working well in a group setting |

RURU Award: Te Aorangi For showing our TIRAU LEARNers value of Respect as he interacts with his classmates and around the school.

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