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TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura o Tirau

"What ever is worth doing, is worth doing well."

Thursday 18th August - Week 4 Term 3 2016

Important Dates:

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

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

5th September – **PTA Meeting 6:30 @ Okorioro Hot Springs Hotel**

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.

Kayden M as a new entrant in Ruma Tui

STAFFING NEWS

It is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of Mrs Denise Mathers as our Deputy Principal from the beginning of Term 4. Denise comes to us from Bankswood School in Hamilton and she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our school. Below is a note from Denise.

Kia Ora whānau of Tirau School. I am delighted to have been appointed the position of Deputy Principal. I have taught in a variety of schools mainly in the Waikato/Piako regions. I have taught at all levels, from New Entrants right through to Year 10 students. Most of my teaching service has been in Year 5/6. I have a passion for restorative practices as a way of building relationships with the children, staff and parents of our school community. In the classroom I love literacy, numeracy and PE and the use of technology to support learning. I enjoy all sport - particularly from the couch! My husband and I have been married for 26 years and have a lovely 16 year old daughter. My family love travelling, camping, music and theatre. We have been camping with friends for the past 13 years at our favourite spot in Papamoa. If I won lotto, I wouldn't tell my husband - or he'll spend it all on a huge truck and trailer 'thingy' and my daughter would blow it all on music and the latest devices. As for me... well, I'd travel the world.

UPCOMING PAID UNION MEETINGS FOR STAFF - 12th September 2016

The Government has announced a proposal to dramatically change the way schools are funded. Principals and Boards of Trustees would have to make trade-offs between teaching staff and other costs schools face.

As teaching Professionals we are very worried that the global budget would lead to:

- fewer teachers and larger class sizes
- less job security for teachers
- lower quality teaching
- fewer hours for teacher aides and support staff
- more complex financial work for Boards of Trustees

The Government's current funding review is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to better fund education. NZEI Te Riu Roa and PPTA are the unions that represent more than 60,000 teachers and support staff from birth to year 13. They have asked all members at our school to attend meetings in September to hear more about the proposal and help determine the education sector's response.

The meetings are paid union meetings, which means Tirau Primary School will be open for instruction and be running a limited programme with a small number of staff between **9:00 am and 12:00 pm on Monday 12th September** while staff attend the meeting.

It is important for union members in our school to attend these meetings to have a say about how we get better funding, not bulk funding. We encourage you to keep your children home until 12:00pm. If this is impossible, please contact the school as early as possible so that we can make appropriate arrangements for your child.

ILL STUDENTS

We have noticed that an increasing number of students have been ill this term, it appears to be a bug that is hanging around. We would appreciate it if your child has been ill please keep them at home until they are well for the well being of your child and others at school. If they have a stomach bug please keep them home for 24 hours after the last episode. We have procedures in place for the children to wash their hands and use hand sanitizer to keep the spread of germs down however it can be difficult at this time off year. We appreciate your support with this issue.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 5th August 2016

Ruma Tui	Lexi	For learning how to use words in planning for writing. You are such a great writer.	Arnaka	For Being a wonderful helper and role model to our new class members. Ruma Tui is lucky to have you.
Ruma Kiwi	Willow	For always showing great pride in her work. You take your time and always do your best. You are a hard worker. Well done!	Jaedyn H	For always being a kind and helpful member of Ruma Kiwi. You show Nurture in the way you look after others when they need a friend
Ruma Kākāpō	Madi-Kate	For striving for excellence in all areas of learning and a great attitude.	Chloe	For being a helpful and caring friend in Ruma Kākāpō
Ruma Pukeko	Amelia	For doing a great job of looking after our class. You always clean up and offer to help.	Zek	For being a nurturing class member of Ruma Pukeko and always looking out for others.
Ruma Keruru	Nathan	For settling to tasks readily and actively achieving well on the Maths website SumDog. Well done!	McKenzie	For showing nurture to others through her bucket filling ways. Fantastic attitude McKenzie!

RURU Award: Liam H: For showing our TIRAU LEARNERS value of Nurture by helping his peers and visitors to our school.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 12th August 2016

Ruma Tui	Lilah	For your wonderful efforts to become an independent writer. Awesome Lilah!	Mya-Leigh	For getting involved in all areas of your learning, especially our Kia Kaha and Olympic discussions
Ruma Kiwi	Ellie	For Being a fair and confident leader during our “working cooperatively” activity. You were very helpful to the members in your group.	Liam	For always being actively involved in all areas of school. You always try your best. Well done!
Ruma Kākāpō	Kade	For a huge improvement in Literacy areas, especially reading.	Rome	For your willingness to take an active part in all learning activities
Ruma Pukeko	Matthew	For making improvements in class and showing kindness and manners to staff members.	Jessica	For taking part in Jump Jam – continue to push yourself Jessica!
Ruma Keruru	Dallas	For settling better to tasks and contributing thoughtful ideas to class discussions. Nice one Dallas!	Ella	For becoming actively involved in our school environment by volunteering to tidy up an area.

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.

TIRAU SCHOOL AG DAY

Please return to office asap but no later than Friday 9th September 2016

We have decided to hold our **Ag Day on Tuesday 11th October 2016.**

In order to plan for this day we do need to know our numbers earlier than usual so we can appoint the judges. Please fill in the entry form and return to the office asap. We will be taking entries for a while and do understand you may not have your animal yet but please let me know if you are planning on having an entry on the day. Booklets are available from the school office on rearing a calf/lamb/kid. LIC also have a website www.calfclub.co.nz that provides a simple guide on how to select, train and rear a calf for Ag Day.

Any queries please see me in the office. Freda Leonard

AGRICULTURE CLUB 2016 ENTRY FORM

Child's Name _____

Child's Date of Birth _____ Yr _____

I wish to enter my calf/ lamb/ kid/ other _____ (Please circle)

Calf Dairy Breed _____ Heifer/Bull (Please circle)

Animal's Name: _____

Animal's Date of Birth _____

If entering a calf please indicate if this is your first entry with a calf YES/NO

No reira ma te manaakitanga

Kia tou, ki runga, kia koutou katoa

Siobhan Patterson

Principal