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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 1<sup>st</sup> September - Week 6 Term 3 2016**

**Important Dates:**

6<sup>th</sup> September – PTA Meeting 6:30 @ Okorioro Hot Springs Hotel

14<sup>th</sup> September – Lions Speech Finals for Year 5 & 6 at 7:00pm

16<sup>th</sup> September – School Olympics Day starting at 11:00 am

**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.

Maddisyn B and Mila P as new entrants in Ruma Tui

**AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURES FOR RELEASING STUDENTS**

In light of the new Health and Safety legislation that was introduced earlier this year and after some concerns raised we have reviewed our procedures for releasing students at the end of the day.

At 3:00 when the bell rings the children will be released as follows.

Bus Children and Children in After School Care will be collected by one of the After School staff and taken to the learning centre.

Children who walk home or are escorted across the crossing will be released to leave the school grounds in a timely manner.

All other children will remain in their classroom where they will be supervised by their class teacher.

They will then need to be collected by a parent or designated person directly from the classroom.

We ask that no children play in the playground at this time unless actively supervised by a parent or guardian.

**To ensure our records are up to date about the people designated to collect your child and also to confirm how they get home from school each family must fill in the form below and return it to the school office by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.**

This system will begin on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September and it is very important that the school office is notified immediately if there is a change to the arrangements for your child so that staff can be informed. We will not be allowing anyone other than the designated person to collect a child. If a child has not been collected by 3:15 we will contact families and the children will be placed into After School Care at the parent's cost.

Before school children are supervised in classrooms from 8:30 and because there is no teacher roaming on duty at this time as they are connecting with students and parents and getting ready for the day. We will not be allowing children onto the playground before school unless actively supervised by their own parent or caregiver.

At times we do have children who live close to the school grounds returning after they have been home, we ask that they refrain from being back on the school grounds before 3:20 and we encourage parents to be onsite supervising as they are using the school grounds at their own risk, as a school we cannot ensure their safety.

If you are picking your child up early or dropping your child off late at school during school hours please come into the school office and sign the book in the foyer.

**UPCOMING PAID UNION MEETINGS FOR STAFF - 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12:00 pm. If this is impossible, please contact the school as early as possible so that we can make appropriate arrangements for your child.

**VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK –19<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

<b>Ruma Tui</b>	<b>Cody</b>	For your hardwork to learn how to plan for writing sing words. Great job Cody!	<b>Arnaka</b>	For Being a wonderful helper and role model to our new class members. Ruma Tui is lucky to have you.
<b>Ruma Kiwi</b>	<b>Siwar</b>	For being a helpful member of class, you are conscientious and always willing to do jobs.	<b>Rielyn O</b>	For demonstrating perseverance and excellence in your news sharing. You are speaking with such clarity and confidence – it is lovely listening to you.
<b>Ruma Kākāpō</b>	<b>Kepas</b>	For showing an interest in all areas of literacy and working hard to improve his reading.	<b>Meah</b>	For doing her very best in all areas of her learning.
<b>Ruma Pukeko</b>	<b>Jacqueline</b>	For putting 100% effort into all your work, you are a star.	<b>Pipi</b>	For showing excellence in all areas of learning. You are a fantastic Tirau LEARNer.
<b>Ruma Keruru</b>	<b>Bhavini</b>	For working extremely well at her maths learning. Such great improvements Bhavini	<b>McKenzie</b>	For striving for excellence in all areas of her learning. Keep it up McKenzie!
<b>RURU Award: Lilah:</b> For showing our TIRAU LEARNers values in Ruma Tui and being a great role model to all those around her.				

**VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

<b>Ruma Tui</b>	<b>Kobe P</b>	For your wonderful commitment and attitude towards learning. You are such a great learner.	<b>Koby H</b>	For your efforts to become an independent writer. You are starting to write words on your own!
<b>Ruma Kiwi</b>	<b>Fleur</b>	For settling to Ruma Kiwi so nicely. You are a lovely role model and a delight to have in our class	<b>Jaedyn</b>	For your persistence in Reading. We are so proud of you and all the hard work you have been doing in class. Well done!
<b>Ruma Kākāpō</b>	<b>Aimee</b>	For a great attitude and positive approach to all her learning	<b>Mitchell</b>	For your pursuit of knowledge and seeking answers to questions
<b>Ruma Pukeko</b>	<b>Ally</b>	For being brave and giving netball a go when you weren't too sure how to play. It was really nice to see you enjoying yourself.	<b>Te Aorangi</b>	For being a Lifelong Learner and not giving up when trying to understand a maths strategy. You stuck with it and kept trying.
<b>Ruma Keruru</b>	<b>Maiinga</b>	For progressing well with learning her times tables. Keep it up Maiinga	<b>Ashton</b>	For being a lifelong learner by connecting with others and always giving his best in challenging times.

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

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

*A reminder to get your Aq Day entries into the school office by next week please.*

**Child/ren Names:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Please return by to the office by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

How does your child normally get home at the end of the school day?	Please tick one
Catches the School Bus	
Goes to After School Care	
Walks home independently	
Is escorted across the SH1 crossing and walks home independently	
Is collected from school	

**If your child is collected from school who are the designated people who can collect your child?**

I understand that if I am late to pick up my child I will be contacted and my child will be put into the Kids Rock After SchoolCare programme at my cost.

I will contact the school office if the arrangements for my child after school change so that the appropriate staff members can be made aware of the arrangements.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(please print) Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_