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## School Community Newsletter



TIRAU SCHOOL 69 Main Road, Tirau Phone 883 1653 Fax 883 1269 Email office@tirau.school.nz



# TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura o Tirau

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

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September - Week 8 Term 3 2016

## Important Dates:

22<sup>nd</sup> September – School Olympics Day – New date

23<sup>rd</sup> September – End of Term 3 – Loud Shirt Day

## 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.

Guile U has started as a new entrant in Ruma Tui

## CONFIRMED ERO REPORT

We have received our confirmed ERO report after their visit last term and it is now online for parents to view in its entirety at <http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/tirau-primary-school-10-08-2016/> or visit the link from our school website. It has highlighted many of the positive programmes and systems in place to support the positive learning for all students at Tirau Primary School. Going forward we are continuing to look for ways to support the language, culture and identity of all our learners and in particular our Maori students. We had employed a kapahaka tutor to work cross the school but sadly he has won employment at Putaruru College and hasn't been able to continue to work with us. If there are any members of our school community who feel they would be able to support us in running a kapahaka group in the school and developing our local curriculum to encompass the local history from a Maori perspective please contact the school office.

## STAFFING NEWS

Our roll growth has allowed us to employ an extra teacher to work in the Junior School four mornings a week. Mrs Sarah Brown began working in the Junior School on Monday and is taking groups of students from Ruma Tui, Kiwi and Kakapo to support and extend their learning. Sarah is an experienced teacher who has worked in many schools in the Morrinsville area. She has moved to Tauranga with her husband and it is great to have her on board.

Mrs Denise Mathers – our new deputy principal, also visited for a day last week and she is looking forward to joining us at the start of Term 4.

We have been very lucky to have Mr Rob Haddock as acting Deputy Principal this term and he has been a great person to have on staff. We have really appreciated Rob's quiet and calm presence in the school. We will be formally farewelling him at next Friday's assembly.

## PAID UNION MEETINGS FOR STAFF

Thank you to our wonderful school community for supporting our staff to attend the Paid Union Meeting on Monday. It was a valuable opportunity for teachers and support staff from across the Waikato to join together and discuss the issues facing education. The impact of the Global Funding model proposed by the government will have a significant impact on staffing in schools, especially small schools like ours, which would lead to increased class sizes and reduced numbers of support staff.

## OLYMPICS CELEBRATION – POSTPONED TOMORROW, THERE WILL BE NO ASSEMBLY

We have been preparing for our school Olympics day tomorrow from 11:00 am and sadly we have lost the support of the weather. We have made the decision to postpone the event until next Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September from 11:00 am when we will hopefully have more settled conditions. The programme for the day will be the same.

The PTA will be running a food stall on the day and will be selling the following items:

Sausages \$2	Juice \$2	Water \$1	Juicies \$1
Sushi 3 pieces for \$1	Fruit Kebabs \$1		

## UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

Our hard-working PTA are continuing their fundraising efforts to continue to support the awesome work done in the school by our amazing staff and they have some exciting events coming up in the next few months.

They will be running another quiz night on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October from 6:30 pm at the Okoroire Hotel, the theme is Halloween and there will be prizes for the best dressed. Tickets will be available from the school office and they will \$15 per person and teams can be 4 to 6 people. The last quiz was a really fun night so get your team together and come along and support the work this group does to support our school.

There is a talent quest planned for Term 4 and children will be asked to register for auditions early next term.

## LOUD SHIRT DAY

Next Friday is Loud Shirt Day which is to support people who are deaf or have hearing difficulties. Last year over \$200,000 was raised for deaf and hearing impaired children across New Zealand. This money has gone towards helping deaf kids to listen and speak by providing them with free specialised services. It is a very worthwhile cause and something that we feel passionate about at Tirau Primary School. The children will be allowed to come along to school in mufti wearing a "loud shirt" in the Mexican theme for a gold coin donation which goes to support the excellent work of The Hearing House and the Southern Cochlear Implant Programme.

## NEW AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURES

Thank you for the positive feedback we have received about our new supervision procedures for before and after school, we know it is not always easy to please everyone but we do appreciate it when people understand that it is about the safety of their children who are at the heart of everything that we do here. Under the new Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and the Vulnerable Children's Act 2014 schools have a duty of care for students that extends beyond the bell at the start and end of the school day. As part of our Health and Safety Procedures we ask that children do not arrive at school before 8:30am unless they are transported by bus to school or are enrolled in before school care and they must leave the school grounds by 3:15. If you are taking your child during the school day please sign them out in the office so we can track their whereabouts in the case of fire.

## RURU AWARD – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016 – Apologies this was missed from our last newsletter

**RURU Award: Brooklyn:** For her fantastic helpfulness with the learners in Ruma Tui and their teacher Miss White.

## VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016

Ruma Tui	Leroy	For always using your manners. You have a wonderful attitude towards learning.	Cody	For your hard work to learn how to plan for writing using words. Great job Cody!
Ruma Kiwi	Zephton	For working hard to demonstrate Respect. You have impeccable manners and have been kind and considerate to others.	Siwar	For being a helpful member of class, you are conscientious and always willing to do jobs.
Ruma Kākāpō	Kiama-Paige	For always using her manners and showing respect for others in and out of the classroom	Arna-Maria	For settling quietly to all tasks and working diligently.
Ruma Pukeko	Jasz	For showing Respect to her peers and teachers. You have an infectious smile that brightens the class	Liam F	For doing an amazing job on his artwork. He was concentrating and trying very hard. Ka Pai!
Ruma Keruru	Zara	For showing a high level of Respect and integrity throughout her schooling.	Jack	For his reliability and helpfulness and his readiness for new learning.

**RURU Award: Mila:** For showing our TIRAU LEARNers values in Ruma Tui and being a kind and helpful friend to Tegan.

## VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Ruma Tui	Lejzahn	For being a wonderful friend to everyone in our class. It is great to see your wonderful smile and attitude in class	Arnaka	For your wonderful progress in reading and writing. You are a wonderful Tirau LEARNer!
Ruma Kiwi	Katelyn	For always being a kind and thoughtful member of Ruma Kiwi. Well done!	Olivia	For always taking pride in your work and working really hard in class. You are becoming a wonderful artist.
Ruma Kākāpō	Mariya	For always being a caring, considerate and helpful student in Ruma Kākāpō	Dylan H	For settling to tasks quickly, making good choices and managing his time carefully.
Ruma Pukeko	Holden	For being a kind and caring member of Ruma Pukeko	Ella D	For completing work to a high standard. You take pride in what you do and are a great example for others.
Ruma Keruru	Charlotte	For her positive comments and feedback to others as a judge during the recent class speeches.	Breeahn	For growth and bravery in presenting her speech to the class. Tino pai rawa Breeahn!

**Ruru Award: Kaia** – For being brave and resilient Tirau LEARNer. **Liam M** – For being a brave and resilient Tirau LEARNer.

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

### Tirau Tennis Club is offering coaching for juniors again.

Tuesday afternoons at the Tirau Club with two sessions at 3.30 and 4.30 pm, commencing on 25 October and running for six weeks. Numbers are limited to 10 children per session, and preferably younger children (5-8 year olds) in the earlier session. Racquets and balls are provided or can be purchased at good prices. We would also like to hold coaching for teenagers from 5.30, same prices etc. Any older sisters or brothers keen?

### Matamata Tennis Club

Any Matamata people who are wanting their child/ren to play tennis this year, registration is next Wednesday (21st September) at the tennis/netball pavilion. Tennis is on Friday afternoons starting 14th October for new entrants to Year 8s.

### Touch Draw for Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September

**Good luck to our teams who play at Glenshea park this week.**

**Juniors – Years 1 & 2**

Tirau Turtles vs Pipapaopao – 5:00pm Field 5

**Middles – Years 3 & 4**

Tirau Titans vs PPS Rockets – 4:30pm Field 7

**Seniors – Years 5 & 6**

Tirau Tornadoes vs Tuakana – 4:30pm Field 2

**Our Year 5 & 6 team still desperately need a coach, if you are interested in helping them out please contact the school office.**

Ag Day entries must be into the school office by tomorrow please.

