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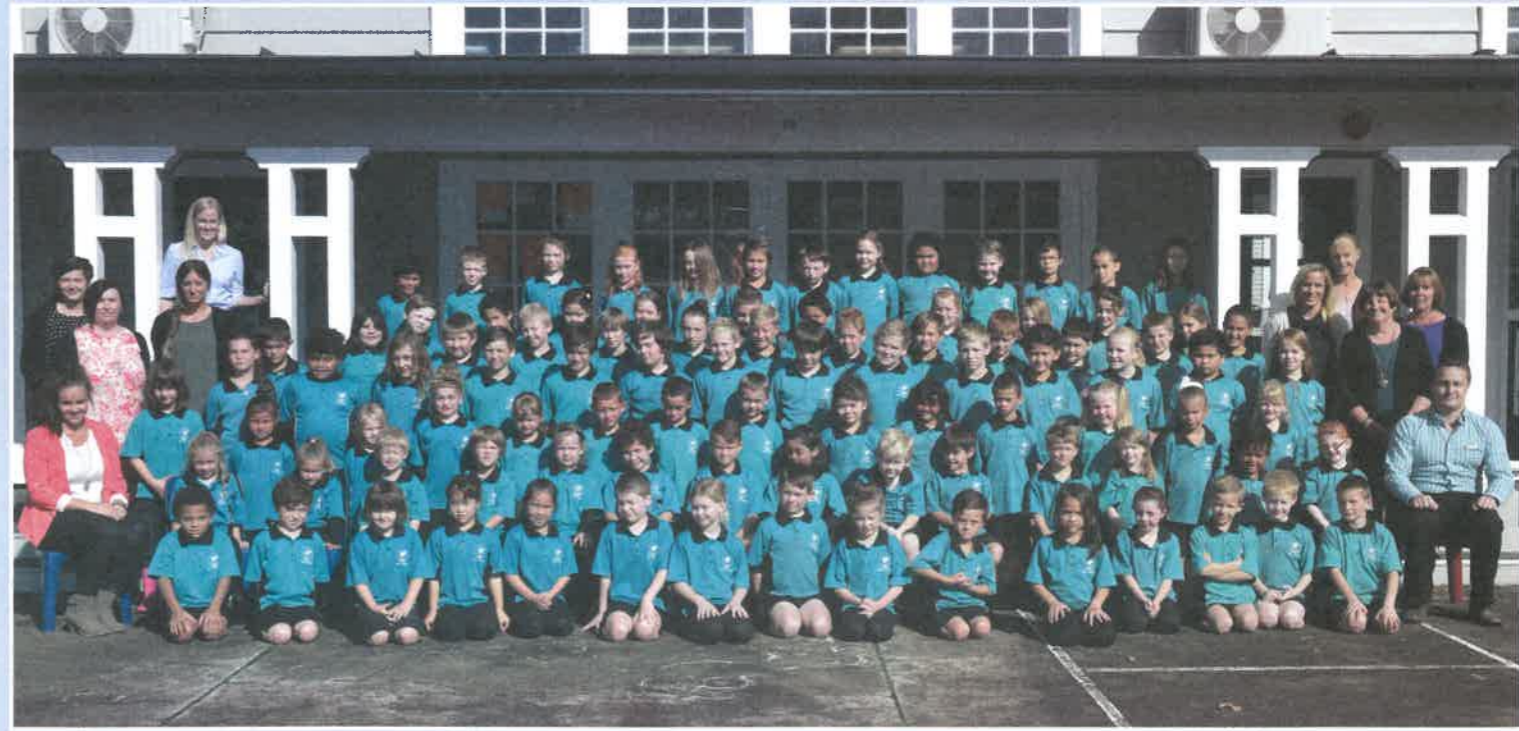
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TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura o Tirau

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

Thursday 20th October - Week 2 Term 4 2016

Important Dates:

20th October – Group Day @ Lichfield School

24th October - Labour Day

25th October – BOT Meeting @ 7:00 pm in the Learning Centre

1st – 3rd November – Year 5 & 6 camp at Lake Taupo

8th November – Running Events - Athletics

9th November – Field Events - Athletics

Welcome to Tirau Primary

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

Tyler C has started in Ruma Kiwi, welcome back to Jerome M in Ruma Pukeko

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau, Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

LEARNING AT TIRAU SCHOOL

We had a great turn out at our annual Ag Day last Tuesday and it was a great success and we were all finished by lunchtime – the judges made comment about the excellent standard of the animals presented and the difficult decisions they had to make in the judging. It was also fantastic to have Cindy and her dogs running our Dog Agility section again this year, many thanks to Megan Brewster for organizing this for us. I would like to acknowledge the work of Freda Leonard for co-ordinating such a successful day; the day was a huge credit to her hard work and organization behind the scenes. We would also like to thank Steve Mathis, Hadleigh Putt, Geoff Crispe and Tanya Putt plus our wonderful staff and the parents and students for their work in providing support on the day. It is with the support of our community that days like this can be run and enrich the learning experiences for all our learners. A number of our students have headed to Group Day at Lichfield School today and we wish them all the best for the competition and look forward to hearing their results.

PTA NEWS

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 28th October from 6:30 pm at the Okoroire Hotel, the theme is Halloween and there will be prizes for the best dressed. Tickets are available from the school office and they are \$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.

The Talent Quest will be happening this term Mrs Edmeades is organising this event. Auditions will be held at lunchtime on the following days:

Year 5 & 6 Monday 14th November

Year 3 & 4 Tuesday 15th November

Years 0 – 2 Wednesday 16th November

This is an opportunity for the children to share their talents be it dance, singing, magic tricks, acting or anything that they feel is a talent. They will be judged on their overall presentation, the preparedness and the entertainment value of their performance.

From each heat the top 3 children will be chosen to take part in the final which will be held on the Friday afternoon at a special venue - we will advertise this closer to the time.

XMAS RAFFLE

As an end of year fundraiser the PTA will be running a Xmas Hamper raffle and are asking for each family to donate items that can be put into one of the following hampers, - pamper pack for women, mens hamper, bbq hamper, entertaining hamper, childrens hamper – one suitable for a boy and one for a girl, grocery hamper. Each family will be given a card of tickets to sell and there will be prizes for the family that sell the most tickets. Please send you donations to the office by Friday 11th November.

ATHLETICS

On Tuesday 8th November we will be holding the sprints. These events will begin at 10:00am and run through to approximately lunch time.

On Wednesday 9th November we will be holding the field events from 10:00 am. We will keep Thursday and Friday as our postponement day.

The children will need to be prepared with school uniform, sunblock, their hats and a good lunch to keep them going on the day.

We will need some parents to help run events and the teachers will approach you as when child comes to compete.

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

You will have noticed a range of improvements made to the school grounds over the holidays. Romey Bardoul (Mrs Bardoul's husband) and Paul Sands erected our boundary fence along the Goodwin St entrance. They used James Bailey's tractor to help and we really appreciate the time and effort put in by these members of our school and wider community to making our school a safer and more attractive place. We have also had the lines on the courts and a number of games outlines painted which has made a big difference to the games the children can play.

STAFFING NEWS

It was great to welcome Mrs Denise Mathers on the first day of term. We had a special powhiri for her and it was lovely to have the Principal, staff and students representatives join us in the celebration. I would also like to acknowledge Mrs Sheree MacDonald who helped us with the karanga and speeches on the day.

We are currently working on the appointment of 2 new permanent staff members for the 2017 year. These positions will replace Mr Gilmour who resigned at the end of Term 2 and Mrs Bardoul who has resigned from her permanent position as of the end of the year. Mrs Kelly Mason and Mrs Tania Edmeades will continue in their job sharing roll with Miss Mason teaching 3 days and Mrs Edmeades 2 days for 2017. Mrs Judith Robinson will return to her roll releasing classroom teachers

PROMOTING HEALTHY EATING

Please ensure that your child is bringing a healthy and nutritious lunch to school and we discourage them from bringing anything other than water to drink. We have had some children bringing fizzy drinks to school.

TOYS AT SCHOOL

We have also noticed that there are lots of toys being brought to school. We do have some of the junior classes bringing them on certain days and these are kept in the classroom. Please check your child's bag and ensure that they are not bringing any extras to school.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK –23rd September 2016

Ruma Tui	Paige	For presenting your news in sign language with confidence. I am so proud of your dedication to your learning.	Ariana	For your growing confidence to share ideas in class. I love your commitment to your learning.
Ruma Kiwi	Lila	For always striving to achieve your personal best. Well done!	Rylan U	For working really hard this term. You are taking pride in your work and showing persistence.
Ruma Kākāpō	Harumi	For attention to detail in all her class work	Keeley	For your super work habits and being a focused, interested learner.
Ruma Pukeko	Corey	For always striving to achieve his personal best!	Brody	For making good choices in the classroom and taking on a leadership role with the devices.
Ruma Keruru	Joshua	For excellence in reliability and responsibility, organising the milk drinks for break time during the term.	Ella S	For showing positive leadership and role modelling

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 14th October 2016

Ruma Tui	Cody H	For your wonderful attitude towards learning and helping your peers when they need it.	Nellie	For your wonderful progress in reading and writing. You are trying so hard!
Ruma Kiwi	Jaydon C	For being a great helper this week and showing respect in class. Well done.	Amber	For consistently being a responsible member in Ruma Kiwi. You are always kind and thoughtful too.
Ruma Kākāpō	Jayden D-M	For using his manners and treating others with respect and kindness.	Natalia	For trying very hard to improve her reading and writing.
Ruma Pukeko	Jerome	For showing his peers and staff respect in and out of the classroom. It is great to have you back at Tirau Primary School	Brody	For having a great first week back. Keep making good choices in and out of the classroom!
Ruma Keruru	Liam H	For showing respect in all areas	Bhavini	For staying focused when others around her were struggling to!

Ruru Award: David W for being a Tirau LEARNer who showed perseverance and a fabulous attitude during Ag Day this week.

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

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 Thursday 20th October

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

Juniors – Years 1 & 2

Tirau Turtles vs TW Stompers – 4:30pm Field 6

Middles – Years 3 & 4

Tirau Titans vs PPS Strikers - 4:30pm Field 5

Seniors – Years 5 & 6

Tirau Tornados vs St Mary's Orca – 4:30pm Field 1