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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 3rd November - Week 4 Term 4 2016

Important Dates:

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

8th November – Running Events - Athletics

9th November – Field Events - Athletics

16th November – Interschool Athletics

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau, Tenei he panui kia koutou
Nau Mai, Haere Mai!



LEARNING AT TIRAU SCHOOL

We have had a very busy start to the term with the Junior classes attending the Putaruru Junior Cluster Sports Day at Putaruru Primary last Thursday. This is a very valuable opportunity for the children to develop relationships with their peers from local schools. Many thanks to our fabulous junior teachers – Mrs Edmeades, Miss White, Mrs Robinson and Miss Mason for making the day such a success and the parents who went along to support on the day.

On Tuesday many of our Year 5 & 6 students, Mrs Mathers and Mrs Putt and 10 parents left for their camp near Lake Taupo. They have the opportunity to enjoy a wide range of activities from orienteering to bush craft, swimming and top team, as well as exploring the local area. Here are some photos from their first day. We look forward to hearing about their adventures after their return this afternoon.

STAFFING NEWS

Some of you may be aware that my husband has been unwell this year, he has terminal cancer and sadly he is coming to the end of his journey. To ensure that I am able to be there and support him as we face this next challenge I have taken leave for the next few weeks. Mrs Mathers will be acting Principal in my absence, I am still going to be around at times when able to be at school but as these things can be unpredictable I can not say when I will be returning to school. If you have any issues please contact Freda in the school office in the first instance and she will organise a time for Denise to get in contact. Thank you for your support and understanding at this difficult time.

PTA NEWS

The Talent Quest is only a couple of weeks away, Mrs Edmeades is organising this event and she has been taking the entries and organising the judges for the auditions. 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 – information will come home about this next week.

Special thanks also to Krissy, Ella and the PTA for organising another successful quiz night last week.

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 your donations to the office by Friday 11th November.

ATHLETICS

Next week we will be holding our Athletic Sports for 2016.

On Tuesday 8th November all the running races for all children including the relays will be run and on Wednesday 9th November the field events for children aged 7 yrs up will take place. At the same time appropriate athletic activities for 5 and 6 yr old children will take place.

On both days the events will begin at 9:30. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing sunscreen both days and that they have an appropriate hat – with a full brim to protect ears, and neck as well as their face. They will also need a water bottle and good snacks to keep their energy up for all their activities and warm clothing for after their events. Please make sure they wear black shorts not long pants so that they can take part in all these activities.

Parents and supporters are most welcome to come along and enjoy these days with us.

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.

PUTARURU COLLEGE ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

A reminder to Year 6 students that are planning on attending Putaruru College next year to get your enrolments forms in as soon as possible please.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK –21st October 2016

Ruma Tui	Guile	For showing such a great attitude towards learning. I love how hard you are trying.	Maddisyn	For taking such great care of Gus. He was such a good lamb for you on Ag Day and Group Day. Your hard work has paid off.
Ruma Kiwi	Logan H	For your enthusiasm and dedication towards your learning. You are making great progress. Well done!	Kaia	For being a kind and caring member of Ruma Kiwi who always helps others.
Ruma Kākāpō	Hayley	For a wonderful effort and improvement in reading.	Thomas	For being a kind, considerate and caring friend in Ruma Kakapo.
Ruma Pukeko	Matthew	For being a focused student in Ruma Pukeko this week. You were displaying excellent work habits	Jasz	For being a kind and nurturing member of Ruma Pukeko. You are always looking to help people
Ruma Keruru	Bace	For demonstrating our class 'tool' of responsibility every day this week.	McKenzie	For being able to demonstrate the value of 'nurture' to her peers by caring and listening to others.

Ruru Award: Cooper B for always displaying positive examples of our Tirau LEARNer values in everything he does.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 28th October 2016

Ruma Tui	Koby	For representing Tirau Primary with such a positive attitude at our fun games day. Awesome!	Ariana	For getting involved in the activities at our fun games day. It was great to see you so confident.
Ruma Kiwi	Liam M	For working really hard this week. You are taking pride in your work and showing persistence when you are learning something new	Rylee	For being actively involved in our Junior Fun Games day, You joined in and showed great school spirit
Ruma Kākāpō	Eli	For a positive attitude and approach in all learning areas.	Elijah	For great participation and enthusiasm during the Junior Fun Day in Putaruru
Ruma Pukeko	Jessica	For your effort and attitude towards our work in maths. You can achieve anything with the right attitude.	Gypsey	For being actively involved in our class discussions and offering your thoughts and ideas, keep it up.
Ruma Keruru	Nathan	For showing a positive attitude in class offering to assist others.	Aisha	For being actively involved in all class learning

Ruru Award: Ella S for being a helpful Tirau LEARNer to both students and children this week.

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

One of our school families urgently requires a 2-3 bedroom home to rent in the Tirau area.

Please phone 280-8029 (home) or 022 0259651

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?

For further information please phone Janet Palmer on 8831452 or 027 2729834.

Touch Draw for Friday 4th November

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

Juniors – Years 1 & 2

Tirau Turtles vs PPS Mustangs – 4:30pm Field 6

Middles – Years 3 & 4

Tirau Titans vs Lichfield Torpedoes - 4:30pm Field 8

Seniors – Years 5 & 6

Tirau Tornadoes vs St Mary's Stingray – 4:00pm Field 1



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