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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 17th November - Week 6 Term 4 2016**

### **Important Dates:**

Pride Medal Ceremony - 30 November  
Spud in a bucket reveal - 2 December  
Prize Giving - 8 December  
Last day of term - 15 December

### **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 Jack E who started in Ruma Tui this week.

### **LEARNING AT TIRAU SCHOOL**

This week has seen some very excited and nervous children participating in our school talent quest. It has been lovely to see so many whānau coming along and supporting the children over the week. Tomorrow at 1:45 pm, the finals will be held in the Tirau hall. All the children will be walking up to the hall to watch. Afterwards, teachers will walk the children back to school. Parents and caregivers are asked to collect their children from the classroom as usual. A very big thanks must go to Mrs Edmeades for her organisation of this wonderful event. We must also thank all our judges who have taken time out of their busy schedules to judge.

### **STAFFING NEWS**

It was sad to hear the news of Siobhan's husband passing away last weekend. I would like to say thank you to all the families who kindly brought baking to school for us to pass on to Siobhan. Hadleigh, Freda and I attended Rod's funeral on Wednesday, as representatives of our school. It was a privilege to attend and Siobhan was delighted to see us there. I will continue in the role as Acting Principal until further notice.

Just a reminder we have a condolences book in the office, for parents and caregivers to sign.

### **PTA XMAS RAFFLE**

To date we have received very little for the Xmas hamper. Could you please think of an item you would be happy to donate for the hamper. We have extended the due date to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Please leave your donations at the office.

### **ATHLETICS**

We had two very hot athletic days at school last week. Many thanks to the whānau who came along to cheer and support the children. It was lovely to see many of the children showing fair play and sportsmanship toward their peers. Staff were complementing the senior children from Ruma Kereru for showing great sportsmanship throughout the two day event. I was very pleased to be able to pass this on to the students. Tumeke children. A big thank you must go to Miss White and Freda for their organisation of this event. It wouldn't have been possible without their organisational skills. It was such a shame the children couldn't attend the inter-school's athletic day this week. The rain made it too dangerous under foot.

### **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 Y7 ORIENTATION DAY**

The Year 6 children who will be attending Putaruru College next year, have an orientation day next **Wednesday 23 November**. Children will travel by bus there and back. This bus has been kindly put on for us by the College. The day starts at 10am and finishes at 2:30 pm. A timetable and information slip will be sent home shortly.

## MATAMATA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL Y7 ORIENTATION DAY

The Year 6 children who will be attending Matamata Intermediate school next year, have an orientation day next **Wednesday 23 November**. Parents will need to organise transport for their child. The day starts at 9:30 am and is due to finish at 11:30 am. Most of these children will not come to Tirau school in the morning. Please phone our school office to let us know your intentions. Most children return home with their parents after their morning at the Intermediate. If your child is not intending to return to Tirau School, please also let us know.

## BOOK WEEK

Book week is set for week 8 (28 November – 2 December)

We have a story teller - Margaret Blay, coming on Tuesday morning to share reading and storytelling with the children. On the Friday we have dress-up day. Children will be invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. More detail about Book Week will follow.

## PRIDE

The PRIDE Medal Ceremony will be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 10am. A notice will go home with further detail next week. Just a reminder tomorrow is the last day for children to have their Pride Booklet signed off. Many thanks to Ms Exley for helping me with the signing off of these, as the children bring them to school.

## Spud in a Bucket

This will be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Just a reminder to families to continue to care for their potatoes until this date. More detail will follow, closer to the time.

## VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 4 November 2016

Ruma Tui	Kiani-Shey	Your awesome efforts in reading this week. You did your best, even when it was really hard!	Leijzahn	Your awesome attitude towards learning and being a wonderful helper in class. Great job!
Ruma Kiwi	Elsa	Taking pride in your learning by ensuring you always have high standards of presentation.	Gjolek	Showing excellence in your reading and writing. You are growing in confidence and independence.
Ruma Kākāpō	Harlow	A greater effort to complete tasks and work independently.	Elisabeth	Always being a friendly, polite and helpful class member.
Ruma Pukeko	Ella	Your determination and perseverance with orienteering at camp.	Cooper	Showing excellence in all your work. You consistently give 100% and you are a great role model to other children.
Ruma Keruru	Toby	Giving everything a go at camp and offering to help in the dining room.	LJ	Being polite and helpful in class.

**Ruru Award: Willow Watkins** – Taking care of lost property on your own accord. You are a wonderful Tirau LEARNer.

## VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 11 November 2016

Ruma Tui	Nellie	Being a kind friend in Ruma Tui and always putting things away.	Paige	Your commitment to your learning when you found lots of 'p' words, even after we finished our lesson.
Ruma Kiwi	Codey	Your positive attitude towards school and for showing a willingness to give everything a go.	Acacia	Demonstrating lifelong learning in your reading and writing. All your hard work is paying off.
Ruma Kākāpō	Logan	Working hard to complete written tasks.	MariyaAju	Seeking further information for her work on worms with Mrs Brown.
Ruma Pukeko	Pipi	Showing great sportsmanship during athletics this week. You are a role model for our class.	Hazar	Consistently giving your best in all areas of your learning.
Ruma Keruru	Joshua	Being a willing class member and helping others.	Jason	Showing commitment to learning, even when things get hard.

**Ruru Award: Hayley Clarke** – For being a Tirau LEARNer who has shown a caring attitude toward others in the playground.

No reira ma te manaakitanga

Kia tou, ki runga, kia koutou katoa

**Denise Mathers**

**Acting Principal**

## Touch Draw for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

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

Tirau Tornadoes v St Mary's Sharks, 4:30pm, field 4

Tirau Titans v TW Warriors, 4:30pm, field 5

Tirau Turtles v PPS Corvettes, 5:00pm, field 7

