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TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura o Tirau

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

Welcome to Tirau Primary

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Cooper, Lyndon and Mason who started in Ruma Tui this week.

Thursday 1st December - Week 8 Term 4 2016

Important Dates:

Spud in a bucket reveal – Friday 2 December
Ruben Road Safety Bear – Wednesday 7 December NE-Y3 children
Prize Giving – Thursday 8 December 6:30pm at Tirau Memorial Hall
Final Assembly – Friday 9 December at 1:30 pm in the library
Portfolios Home – Friday 9 December
Water Fight – Friday 9 December after final assembly
Last day of term – **Thursday 15 December at 12:00 noon, buses will run at 12:30 pm**

Reminder...
**Book Character Dress Up
Day Tomorrow
Friday 2nd Dec
Gold Coin Donation**

This is our last school newsletter for the year. Please note that we finish at 12:00 noon on Thursday 15 December.

All children must be collect by 12:30 pm please.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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

Last Subway orders
will be next week
Wednesday 7th Dec

For Sale
Boxes HB pencils \$3
1L5, IWB, 1H5 books
for 50c each

Well the 2016 school year has flown by and the festive season is approaching rapidly. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone Merry Christmas and greetings on behalf of the staff and students from Tirau Primary School. I hope that everyone manages to have a relaxing break and enjoy the chance to recharge the batteries for 2017. I have included next year's term dates for your diary.

2017 TERM DATES:

TERM 1	Wednesday 1 st February – Thursday 13 th April
TERM 2	Monday 1 st May – Friday 7 th May
TERM 3	Monday 24 th July – Friday 29 th September
TERM 4	Monday 16 th October – Friday 15 th December

LEARNING AT TIRAU SCHOOL

This week has been book week. On Tuesday, we had a storyteller Margaret Blay, share some traditional stories with us. Margaret invited selected children from the audience to come up and act out parts of the story. The children were actively listening and participated well. Another activity this week was teachers rotating around classes to read a picture book and share the love of reading with a different class. I am looking forward to seeing all the wonderful book character costumes on Friday. Last week, we listened to Matamata Intermediates band performance. It was fabulous to see so many students playing a wide array of instruments. Our children really enjoyed the drummers. Their timing was amazing – very impressive to watch. It was lovely to see the Intermediate students inspiring our children through music.



PRIDE Ceremony

Ms Exley and Mrs Putt accompanied a group of children to the PRIDE Ceremony yesterday. Congratulations to all the children who received their medal yesterday. You are true LEARNer's of Tirau School.



PTA XMAS RAFFLE

Due to very few items being donated for the raffle, the PTA have decided to cancel it for this year.

Home Readers and Library Books

Please return all home readers and library books this week please. We will not be issuing any more library books now. There will not be any readers going home from next week, as we need to start stocktake and shelving. Some teachers may send home poetry to support their reading programme.

Final Assembly

Final assembly will be held on Friday 9 December at 1:30 pm in the library. This is an opportunity to hand out our last certificates for the year.

Water Fight

As a fun event, we are going to hold a water fight for those who want to be involved after the final assembly at approximately 2:30 pm on Friday 9th December. This event will be completely dependent on the weather. Students are welcome to bring equipment for the water fight. We also ask that a plastic bag and spare pair of clothing be put in your child's bag, so they can change into dry clothes afterwards. Unfortunately, this year we will not have the Fire Brigade attending.

STAFFING NEWS

At the end of this term, we farewell Ms Justine Exley from Ruma Pukeko. Justine and her partner are pleased and excited to announce her pregnancy, with the impending birth in April 2017. I thank Justine for teaching in Ruma Pukeko this year. She has delivered specific learning programmes which have supported her students to grow, progress and reach targets in all curriculum areas. On behalf of the school staff and Board of Trustees, I would like to wish Justine all the best with her pregnancy and hope that she finds time to rest up over the Christmas holidays. We are also excited to announce two new staff members for 2017. Donna Signal will take up the role as Junior Team Leader, and Sarah Brown will be a new classroom teacher. By the end of the term we will announce what classroom teachers will be in. Siobhan and I are working on placements at the moment.

Donna's Introduction:

I am excited to be joining the team at Tirau School. Teaching is a passion of mine and the children in my care are my priority. I live on Horahora Road with my husband and two dogs, so see myself as a 'local'. Having a wealth of experience teaching the Junior School has led me to the role of Junior Team Leader at Tirau. I look forward to meeting you all and nurturing your children during their learning journey.

Donna

Sarah's Introduction:

Kia ora, Hi, my name is Sarah Brown and I'm married to Kim my husband. We live in Tauranga, although I originally grew up in the Waikato and many years ago was born at Putaruru hospital! I have three adult children Katie, Rhys and Ben and four busy grandchildren. At home, we have two wonderful dogs - Millie - a hunterway/lab and Pedro a staffy/blue healer who keeps me fit. I have taught for many years in Tauranga, Wellington, overseas and recently in Te Aroha. I am excited about joining the Tirau school family and teaching next year and can't wait to help children succeed in their learning. I do hope you all have a peaceful and relaxing Christmas. Ka kite one. Sarah

Prize Giving

Our annual prize giving will be held in the Tirau Memorial Hall on Thursday 8th December at 6:30 pm. This recognises our Year 6 leavers and we present our school cups, trophies and class certificates. We would like all children NE-Y6 to attend. The children must wear school uniform please. Children are required to be at the hall at 6:15 pm for a 6:30 pm start. The children have been practicing hard on their singing for the past two weeks. I would like to extend a special invitation to all our Year 6 parents and caregivers, to share this special ceremony with us.

Spud in a Bucket

Judging will begin at 11am. Just a reminder to leave the potatoes in their bucket, and bring the bucket to school. Children have also been asked to bring a named plastic bag to put the potatoes in afterwards. Potato categories are: strangest potato, largest potato, smallest potato and the most potatoes.

Assembly Certificate Subway Vouchers

We have no more subway vouchers left for this year. Congratulations to all the children who have received one over the year.

Lost Property

We have a rather large mountain of lost property. We will have this outside the office tomorrow Friday 2nd December and again next Friday 9th. Please have a good look and take any items that belong to your whanau. All unclaimed items of clothing will be donated to charity at the end of the year.

2017 Classes and Teacher placements

Mrs Patterson and I are currently placing children into classes for next year. A letter will go home later in the term announcing which classroom children and teachers will be in.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 18 November 2016

There was no assembly this week.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 25 November 2016

Ruma Tui	Lexie	Your wonderful attitude towards learning and being a role model to others in our class. Fabulous!	Guile	Giving your best in all areas of learning, particularly reading. Your enthusiasm is infectious!
Ruma Kiwi	Lila	Being a kind and helpful member of class. You always ensure our classroom looks beautiful.	Siwar	Always being willing to help both your peers and the teachers., you always go about jobs with a big smile.
Ruma Kākāpō	Fahmi	A superb effort to improve his maths knowledge and apply new strategies to his learning	Cohen	An awareness of how others are feeling and saying kind and positive things.
Ruma Pukeko	Amelia	Offering to help with jobs in the classroom. You are a star!	Corey	Always been respectful to teachers and students. You are a pleasure to teach Corey!
Ruma Keruru	Zara	Always having a positive attitude and being prepared for all learning activities in class. Tumeke Zara!!	Jason	Enthusiastic and focussed learning with his earthquakes inquiry work. Tumeke Nathan!!
Ruru Award: – For being a Tirau LEARNer - not awarded this week				

No reira ma te manaakitanga Kia tou, ki runga, kia koutou katoa **Denise Mathers Acting Principal**

