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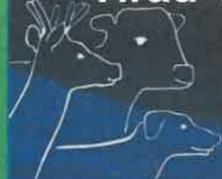
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TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura o Tirau

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

Thursday 9th February - Week 2 Term 1 2017

Important Dates:

- 10th February – Beach Education for years 2 – 6 at Omanu Beach
- 20th February – PTA Meeting 7:00pm Staffroom
- 21st February – Parent Learning Hui - Literacy
- 22nd February – NZSL Day School
- 1st March – School Swimming Sports – postponement 2nd

Welcome to Tirau Primary

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following students and their families to Tirau Primary.
Charlotte and Taylor in Ruma Tui, Lilly in Ruma Kiwi and Boston in Ruma Keruru.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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

LEARNING AT TIRAU

I have been impressed with the focussed and engaged learners I have seen this week as I have visited classes, it is great to see the exciting and stimulating programmes that the teachers are running in the classrooms. Our school-wide inquiry for 2017 is Belonging and the children have begun the year by looking at relationships and developing positive relationships in their classrooms and across the school. We are focusing on the setting of shared expectations around positive behaviour and all of the classes are developing treaties for how they will work together. Later in the term the children will be looking at the story of our ANZAC's and how they responded in times of challenge and we will be holding a special school ANZAC ceremony before the school holidays.

Classes have also been swimming this week and preparations are well underway for our School Swimming Sports on Wednesday 1st March – look for further information later in the term.

UPDATE DETAILS

If the after school arrangements for your child after has changed please contact the office as soon as possible so we can update our records.

BEACH EDUCATION – FRIDAY 10th FEBRUARY – tomorrow.

We are all looking forward to heading to Omanu Beach for our Beach Education experience tomorrow. Many thanks to the parents who are coming along on the day to make it a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone. Just a couple of reminders about the day.

8.15am – Day Briefing/Roll (Outside Room 1)

8.30am – Buses and Cars depart for Omanu – **Please be on time as we have a full time at Omanu Beach**

9.20am – Arrive at Omanu

9.30am – Programme Starts (Surf Life Saving to Run the Day)

2.30pm – Pack Up for return to School

2.45pm – Buses and Cars to leave Omanu (At the latest)

3.45pm – 4.00pm Bus returns at school (Parents to collect children) – **Please make sure you have made arrangements to collect your children.**

Things required for the day:

- Both children and parents will require a packed lunch, morning tea and water bottle
- Togs/towel (wet suit if you have one, especially parents as in the afternoon you will be in the water for sometime)
- Clothes suitable for at the beach (children will be required to travel in school uniform)
- Something warm to wear afterwards (in case it's cold – no postponement date, it will go ahead rain, hail or shine)
- Hat and Sun Screen for your child (please apply in the morning before your child leaves home)
- School Bag and a Plastic bag for wet clothes
- **To collect your child(ren) from school between 3.45 – 4.00pm**

Many thanks to those of you who have paid or made arrangements to pay for the bus and your consumables – we endeavour to offer these exciting learning experiences for our students but have to pass some costs onto our families or we are not able to make these trips happen. **if you are still to pay or are having trouble to cover the cost of this trip – please see Siobhan to discuss.**

OUR FIRST LEARNING HUI – Tuesday 21st February

This year we are going to continue to hold our learning hui's where we will share a range of information about learning and our expectations in the core areas of the curriculum.

We will be running our first session on **Tuesday 21st February**. You are all invited to join us at 6:30pm we will begin the learning hui in the Learning Centre. The focus of our first Learning Hui is on the area of Literacy, we will be sharing a typical class reading session and then sharing ways that parents can encourage and support reading and writing in the home. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kids Rock Out of School Programme has a change of guard.

I have decided to join my husband for his last posting with the NZ Defence Force in Wellington, as he keeps reminding me he has been unaccompanied and working away from home since 2010. As we are unsure how long we intend to be away at this stage I have decided to enrol at Victoria University immersing myself in Te Reo Maori for a year. We have slowly integrated Te Reo Maori at the Childcare Centre and we wish to keep the kaupapa going by bringing it into the Out of School Programmes so a change of guard has taken place at Kids Rock Saints Peter Catholic School. I will always be available on mobile or via my email outofschool@kidsrock.net.nz

Margaret Chapman will be taking over the running of the BSC, ASC & Holiday Programme at Tirau Primary School. Margaret has a wealth of experience that she brings to her role as Programme Manager, prior to joining us at Kids Rock Margaret spent 4 years working for Special Education Services.

Contact details for Margaret are: e: mchapman@kidsrock.net.nz m: 02108362799

Thank you everyone for supporting the programme and hope you continue to support Margaret and her team.

TIRAU PRIMARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our hard working Board of Trustees have the first meeting for the year on Tuesday 28th February at 7:00 pm in the Learning Centre. Our first meeting will be focused on reviewing our school Charter and Strategic Plan for the 2017 year.

TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

The first meeting for our PTA will be held on Monday 20th February at 7:00pm to set the fundraising agenda for the year. This group is a hardworking part of our school community and they would really appreciate the support of some new members in 2017. If you are interested in coming along and helping us to finalise the plans for our upgrade to the playground that the PTA were fundraising for in 2016 and getting involved in their events for 2017 please join us.

UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly named on more than just the tag as there have been a number of children who have misplaced their shirts already this year.

As Term 1 is a summer term please ensure that your child has an appropriate wide brimmed hat, or a cap with a flap to cover the neck. Black bucket hats can be purchased from the school office for \$8 We also recommend that you apply sunscreen to your children before they get to school and that they have sunscreen to apply at school, especially before swimming. Classes do have a supply of sunscreen for children to use if they have forgotten theirs.

PENCIL AND COLOURED PENCIL FEES

This year we have included a pencil and or a coloured pencil fee onto stationery lists. This is to cover the costs of pencils and coloured pencils that are used in classes across the year and this stationery has already been bought and paid for by the staff. The school reading log that will be being used by every student is also only available from the office at \$4.50. Please ensure that you pay these fees as part of the stationery requirements for the year. Many thanks to those of you who have already paid.

CALENDAR

To keep our school community up to date about what is happening we have created an events calendar for the year. All of the dates on the calendar are on the Events Calendar in our School App and we will also upload the calendar of events to the website as a pdf as we won't be using the event calendar on the website. We have tried to put in as many dates as we could but there will be new items added as and when they came up and we will send the calendar out at the beginning of each term. We will also continue to advise of up-coming events at the beginning of the school newsletter.

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

JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING starts again at Tirau Tennis Club (Station Road, Tirau) on Tuesday, 14 February.

Classes are of 45 minutes each and start at 3.30 and 4.30pm – these classes are for primary and intermediate age children.

Six lessons with professional coach Clem Apted; an oldie, but a goodie. Racquets and balls are provided and can also be purchased. Numbers are limited. \$40 per child for the six week course. Tennis coaching for high school students and adults (good for those keen on a tennis comeback after watching the Aussie Open) is at 5.30, also starting on 14 February. Same cost, venue etc. Please ring Janet Palmer 8831452 or 027 2729834 for more information.

Cricket Taster for Year 4-8

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Date: Tuesday 14th February 2017 – turn up on the night

Venue: Glenshea Park Putaruru

Time: 4.00pm – 5.00pm

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Monday 13th February - Monday 20 March

2016. Year 1-4 students, charge of \$20 for the 6 weeks can be paid on the night. This runs from 4-5pm at Glenshea Park, Putaruru, or contact Sharon Livingstone 027 504 9887