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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 23rd February - Week 4 Term 1 2017

Important Dates:

28th February - BOT Meeting 7:00pm in the Learning Centre

1st March – School Swimming Sports

2nd March – NZSL Kit Day @ Tirau School

9th March – Interschool Swimming Sports

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau

Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

PTA NEWS

Our fantastic PTA had their first meeting of the year on Monday evening and are organising their first fundraising efforts of the year. Next week they are running the sausage sizzle at our school swimming sports and on Thursday March 9th at the Interschool Swimming Sports in Putaruru and require some helpers. If you are able to help on the day please see Siobhan. There is also a flyer in this newsletter about the Easter Raffle they running later in the term.

LEARNING AT TIRAU - OUR FIRST LEARNING HUI – Tuesday 21st February

It was great to have a small number of you turn up for our first Learning Hui on Tuesday evening, we spoke about the literacy programme across the school and discussed what reading and writing looks like at the different levels across the school. We shared how parents can support at home, if you missed this opportunity and would like the information shared it will be available on our school website in the near future.

OUR TIRAU BEHAVIOUR GUIDELINES

Over the past 3 weeks our learners have been working with their teachers to develop their Class Treaties – developing their classroom expectations for behaviour and learning and reinforcing our school behaviour expectations. These are displayed around the school and used to support our learners to be the best that they can be in the playground.

L

*Having learning conversations
Keep trying, even when things are hard
Sharing the things we know
Being focused on our learning*

E

*Being responsible for our own learning
Giving our best at all times
Be proud of our learning*

A

*Including people – in games, groups and during class activities
Get involved – try new things
Play fairly and by the rules
Look after our own belongings – hats, shoes, clothing, rubbish*

R

*Speak nicely to each other – Use manners and positive language
Keep your hands and feet to yourselves
Listen to others
Use "W.I.T.H.S." when you have a problem*

N

*Help people
Our school, playground and equipment is for everyone to enjoy – Share it
Look after our Tirau LEARNerS and our school property
Support people with their learning*

BEACH EDUCATION

A big thank you to all our wonderful staff and parents who made our trip to Omanu Beach for Beach Education on Friday 10th February such a fantastic success. It was a fabulous day where the weather played its part and the children all had the opportunity to learn about being safe at the beach. The children learnt from trained lifeguards with a wealth of experience and they also got to have lots of fun. The highlight of the day was seeing the children in the water with huge grins on their faces, even when it was out of their comfort zones. Ella Bailey, one of our talented parents, took some amazing photos of the day and these are available for viewing on our school website.

SWIMMING SPORTS

We will be holding our annual School Swimming Sports on Wednesday 1st March at the Tirau Community Pool. The senior swimming (Children 7 years and above) will begin at 9:30 am with the Open Events (2 lengths of the pool) followed by the 1 length events. The junior swimming display will take place at the end of the length races at approximately 10:30 am. Along with the main swimming events we will also have non-competitive events such as relays along with the family relay and Pyjama Race. Parents we invite you to bring along your togs and towel and get involved. Ages for the swimming sports are determined by the date of the Interschool Swimming Sports, which is Thursday 9th March, this may mean that children may be swimming in older age groups.

GOAL SETTING MEETINGS – Wednesday 15th March from 3:30 – 6:00 pm and Thursday 16th March from 3:30 – 8:00 pm

These are an important opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher and to discuss the goals and areas of focus for the year. The bookings are now open at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and the Event code is **w2rkj**. If you have any questions about these or would like to have the office make your booking please ring either Freda or myself on 883 1653. You can also email us – office@tirau.school.nz or principal@tirau.school.nz.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

Our school has been working with an independent company, Harrison Tew[®], who specialise in Emergency Management Plans for schools. The procedures implemented allow us to respond safely and quickly to a range of circumstances.

Our entire school, including our students have all participated in training sessions and the response and interaction was very positive.

On Wednesday, we conducted a school-wide lockdown exercise under the guidance of Harrison Tew[®]. We are pleased to inform you that our students responded safely, maturely and with a nature of controlled urgency.

The lockdown is now a part of our emergency procedures. We will be implementing emergency protocol exercises each term to ensure all staff and students remain familiar with our processes.

Should you hear of a lock down or evacuation at the school, can I please ask that you do not attend the school or phone, as we will not be in a position to respond. Your presence or contact may make it more difficult for us or the emergency services to manage a situation.

Any information pertaining to an emergency occurring at the school will be updated on our website page as regularly as possible.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 17th February 2017

Ruma Tui	Mila	For showing caring and concern for other students in the class.	Cooper	For sharing his learning and working hard to do his best.
Ruma Kiwi	Lexi	For being a good listener and a wonderful role model in our class. A wonderful start to the year.	Jayden D	For being actively involved during Beach Education and working hard in class. A great start to the year.
Ruma Kākāpō	Tyler	Your contributions to Ruma Kākāpō and your attitude towards learning.	Kiama-Paige	For your commitment to being a role model and helper in Ruma Kākāpō. Keep it up.
Ruma Pukeko	Dylan S	For trying really hard to follow instructions and stay focused in class. Tu meke Dylan	Mariya	For using terrific listening skills and helping others in class with their learning. Terrific Mariya.
Ruma Keruru	Jack B	Showing a caring and focused attitude in class.	Gypsey	Being actively involved in class learning this week
Ruru Award: Bryah M – Being a fantastic Tirau LEARNer in all areas and sharing her leadership skills across the school.				

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.