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TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura o Tirau

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

Thursday 23rd March - Week 8 Term 1 2017

Important Dates:

27th – 31st March - Book Week

29th March – School of Zen – Year 5 & 6

31st March – Grandparents Day and Book Character Dress Up Day

13th April - End of Term 1

1st May – Term 2 begins

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 the following students and their families to Tirau Primary.

Aeon and Te Wairua in Ruma Tui,

LEARNING AT TIRAU SCHOOL – BOOK WEEK - 27th – 31st MARCH

We are all looking forward to celebrating Book week with you all next week, culminating in our Grandparents Day on Friday. The children will also be able to dress up as their favourite book characters – look out for the theme our staff are coming as and see if you can guess what our inspiration is.

Mrs Signal sent home a special notice last week with all the details but here are some of the important highlights.

Grandparents Day:

Grandparents and Friends of the School are invited to visit the classrooms and Book Fair on Friday 31st March from 11:00am to 1pm. Morning tea will be from 11:00am to 11:30am for visitors in the Learning Centre. Keep an eye out for an invitation from classes.

Book Character Dress Up:

Friday the 31st is dress up day! Children come dressed as one of their favourite book characters.

Let your imagination run wild and be creative! Prizes for the ‘Best Costume’ in each class. Join us for a parade through town at 9:30am.

Book Fair:

The Book Fair will be set up in Room 3 for the week. There will be a wide range of books for sale to cater for all age groups and interests. Opening times are daily from 8:30am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 3:30pm.

The school receives a percentage of sales in the form of books for the library. It is a great way of getting new books for the school in a pleasurable and easy way. You are welcome to donate a book to the School Library from the Book Fair. Make sure you come along and have a look. Children can only visit the Book Fair accompanied by an adult.

Parent Help:

Helpers are required to ‘man’ the Book Fair.

If you can help on any of the days for any of the sessions please come and see Donna Signal or Freda (at the office) and they will slot you in. donna@tirau.school.nz

PTA NEWS

It is great to see our PTA flourishing this year with a large number of new members. On behalf of our school community thank you for the work you are undertaking on behalf of our Tirau LEARNers. Our PTA are organising an Easter Raffle as a fundraiser. Please send your donated items along to the office as soon as possible.

Raffle tickets were sent home yesterday with the oldest in each family so please check your child’s bag if you haven’t received it.

Please return **the whole raffle card and money to school** when sold and there will be **additional tickets available for sale. A prize is being offered for the family who sells the most tickets.** Tickets need to be returned **by Wednesday 5th April.** The raffle will be drawn at assembly **on Friday 7th April**

Tirau School Tryathlon

Thank you to all of you who came along on Friday to support our school triathlon. The weather was perfect and the children all competed with determination and a positive attitude. Every year with the Tryathlon we run into situations where children may accidentally complete too many laps or not enough laps, it can be very difficult to keep track, especially when 2 races may collide as was the case on Friday (completely the fault of the starter). As a result we have reviewed this as a staff and to make it fair for everyone we have made the decision to not announce winners for the races but to award all the competitors participation certificates. We have reviewed the procedures for running the event next year and to simplify the organisation we will create different length tracks for the age groups to eliminate the need for laps. Many thanks for your understanding about this – we don’t intend for there to be confusion however sometimes the best laid plans can go awry. If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me.

PARENT INTERVIEWS & HEALTH CURRICULUM SURVEYS

Many thanks to the 80% of parents who made the time to come in and catch up with their child's teacher(s) to discuss goals for the first half of the year. This is a very important step in setting up learning centred relationships for all our Tirau LEARNers. At the interviews we gave out a survey about the content of our Health Curriculum. All completed survey's returned by Friday morning will go into the draw for a \$50 Countdown voucher. There are copies of the survey available from the office if you didn't receive one.

PTA FUNDRAISER - ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

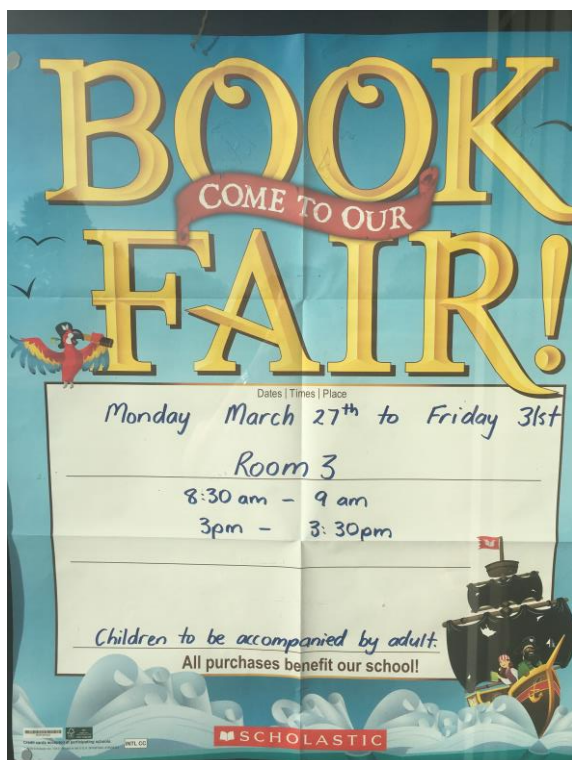
The PTA are again selling the entertainment books as a fundraiser – the books are \$65 each and include hundreds of dollars worth of savings at places such as The Loose Goose, Enchanted Café, and Poppys here in Tirau. There are also a large number of places in Matamata, Rotorua, Cambridge and further afield. For every book sold the PTA will make 20%, which can be put towards the worthwhile resources that the PTA provide our school. Orders can be made online <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/915q097> or through the school office and if you would like to review the book there will be a copy available in the school office from the beginning of April. The first 10 orders will also receive bonus vouchers.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 10th March 2017

Ruma Tui	Paige	For her support to others and positive attitude in all situations. Paige is very observant.	James	For the effort he is putting into all of his learning. The progress is noticed.
Ruma Kiwi	Willow	For your descriptive language in writing and always taking pride in your work. Well done!	Siwar	For always seeing the best in everyone. You are a very respectful member of our class.
Ruma Kākāpō	Katelyn	For getting involved in all aspects of school life and giving it 100%. Im so proud of your courage Katelyn!	Chloe	For showing the highest level of Respect towards everyone and everything. Awesome Chloe!
Ruma Pukeko	Sarah	For having an awesome attitude towards all areas of her learning. Fantastic Sarah!	Denali	For being an enthusiastic reader and writer in class. Tumeke Denali!
Ruma Keruru	LJ	For staying active in class and asking for help when it's needed.	Pipi	For showing our value of Respect in everything she does

Ruru Award: Logan – For displaying our Tirau LEARNer during our Interschool swimming.

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



Hinuera Junior Rugby Registration

All registrations are now to be done online – you should have already received an email with a unique link for your child to enable you to re-register. If you haven't or can't find it, let me know and I can send another one. If you're new to the area...new registrations can be found at www.sporty.co.nz/hinuerarsc Come and enjoy a community supported and family orientated club! Complimentary shirt and no joining fee for all junior players.

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