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TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura o Tirau

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

Thursday 6th April - Week 10 Term 1 2017

Important Dates:

12th April – PTA Mufti Day

13th April – ANZAC Service @ 2:15 pm

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!

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

Last week we celebrated our book week with a number of special events. Each day different members of our staff visited classrooms and read their favourite selections from the book fair, the children got to visit the book fair for themselves, we had 2 visiting performers – a magician on Wednesday and on Thursday afternoon we had Ze Bong a very entertaining storyteller perform for the students.

The culmination of the week was our book character dress up day on Friday and there were some fantastic costumes being worn by children and adults from across our school community. We paraded all our finery up and down the Main Street of Tirau and it was fabulous to have many of the residents and business owners coming out to support us.

We then were all excitedly anticipating the arrival of our grandparents at 11:00 am and it was amazing, we had a phenomenal turnout firstly to share morning tea and then they joined the students in the classrooms and visited the book fair. See the school website for a range of photos from the day.

We were overwhelmed with the support our school community showed towards the book fair. Over the week \$3500 worth of books were sold and the school then receives 30% of that to purchase books and resources for the school from Scholastic. We would like to acknowledge the work of Mrs Donna Signal in organising the festivities for the week, our wonderful staff and PTA parents for supplying the delicious morning tea for the grandparents on Friday and the staff and parents who volunteered to run the book fair across the week.

The following children were presented with the Best Costumes

Ruma Tui Charlotte T - Eeyore

Ruma Kiwi

Fleur – Goldilocks and the 3 Bears

Ruma Kākāpo Mya-Leigh – Princess Poppy

Ruma Pukeko

Denali – Albert Einstein

Ruma Kereru Xhoemi - Grape

Principal’s Pick

Guile U – Rupert the Bear

All of our winners received books donated by Scholastic

PTA NEWS

Thank you to all of you for supporting our PTA who have been organising an Easter Raffle this term, we have had sold tickets and money flooding into the office. Also thank you to the many families who have sent your donated items along to the office. The hampers that will make up the prizes look fantastic.

All raffle card and money should have been returned to the school office yesterday. If you still have tickets and or money at home please send it in tomorrow morning ready for the draw at assembly. A prize is being offered for the family who sells the most tickets. The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Friday 7th April

The PTA will be holding a mufti day next Wednesday 12th April– gold coin donation can be given to class teachers.

SUCCESS AT PUTARURU INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

An apology as this was left out of our previous newsletter.

Our swimmers who represented Tirau Primary School at the Interschool swimming sports on Thursday 9th March have really displayed the qualities that we are looking for in our Tirau LEARNerS values. They were actively involved in a large number of events, displayed excellence in their determination and the great results they achieved, were respectful and nurturing towards everyone and have clearly shown that they are life-long learners. Congratulations to them all and also a huge thank you to all the parents who provided transport and support, the PTA and supporters who worked tirelessly to provide sustenance for all involved, Jacque who had a very busy time as Marshal, and to Miss White who helped to organise the team and was there on the day looking after our swimmers.

Logan P 3rd 8 year old boys 3 length medley

Maiinga P 2nd 10 year old girls 3 length medley

2nd 10 year old girls 1 length Backstroke

1st 10 year old girls 1 length freestyle

HEALTH CURRICULUM SURVEYS

At our Board of Trustees Meeting this week I shared the responses from the Health Curriculum survey that was completed as part of our consultation process for this important area of teaching. We really appreciated the input from our parent community and we will share our reviewed curriculum plan in Term 2. Congratulations to Crystal Dixon-Main who won the \$50 Countdown voucher.

POLICY REVIEW

This term you are invited to take part in the review of the school's policy on "Recognition of Cultural Diversity" Please follow the instructions below, we would love to hear from you.

1. Visit the website <http://tirau.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (tirau) and password (PRIDE)
3. Click on the Policy Review link and then find the relevant policy in the list
4. Read the policy
5. Click the red policy review link in the top right hand corner of the page
6. Select the reviewer type "parent/caregiver"
7. Enter your name (optional)
8. Submit your ratings and comments

If you don't have internet access, Freda in the school office can give you with printed copies of the policy and the review form.

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, the Cabbage Tree, 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 is a copy available in the school office. The first 10 orders will also receive bonus vouchers.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 24th March 2017

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| Ruma Tui | David | For his positive attitude to learning and his ability to show respect at all times. | Ariana | For being a focused learner who gives everything a go and always does her best |
| Ruma Kiwi | Rylee | For your hard work in writing. You are making good progress and showing perseverance. Well done! | Lilly | For always being so helpful. You are a very responsible member of our class. |
| Ruma Kākāpō | Elisabeth | For your efforts in writing to include so many wow words in your cicada description. You are developing your personal voice as an author. | Lila | For being such a kind and caring friend. You are always the first to fill people's buckets. Awesome! |
| Ruma Pukeko | Amelia | For terrific participation in all areas of her learning and making a super effort in the tryathlon | Aimee | For taking pride in her Pukeko research and gaining success with her spelling |
| Ruma Keruru | Zara | For working steadily over the week by extending and challenging herself. | Niki | For showing our value of Nurture to her friends by supporting and helping them |

Ruru Award: Dylan S – For displaying our Tirau LEARNer values by cheering on all the finishers in his race at the Tryathlon

Kaia - For showing determination and grit during the school Tryathlon. You are a Tirau LEARNer star.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 31st March 2017

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| Ruma Tui | Taylor | For all round amazing attitude to learning | Cody M | For a big improvement in the quality of his work – you are trying really hard. |
| Ruma Kiwi | Eli | For your hard work in class this week. You have shown a real keen interest in Book Week and had an amazing costume | Cody H | For always being in the right place and doing the right thing. You are a great friend to others too! |
| Ruma Kākāpō | Lilah | For your willingness to give things a go. You are always trying to learn new things! | Logan G | For seeing the value in helping others. You are always looking out for people to help and new things to learn. |
| Ruma Pukeko | Natalia | For working effectively with a partner in her measurement tasks and making good progress. | Keeley | For always being a positive cheerful role model and friend to others in class. |
| Ruma Keruru | Ella | For showing such great focus and enthusiasm in her art. | Bradley | For working hard in all his learning this week and showing being a lifelong learner. |

Ruru Award: Jayden D – For consistently being a focused Tirau LEARNer who is always looking for ways he can help around the school.

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

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