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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 11th May - Week 2 Term 2 2017

Important Dates:

Week 2 & Week 3 - Matamata Dental Van visiting

16th May – PTA AGM 7:00pm in the Staff room

17th May – Book Club orders due

23rd May – School Firewise Sessions

24th May – NZSL Day School

25th May – PTA Disco

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau

Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

WELCOME TO THE WORLD

We would like to extend our warmest congratulations to Ms Justine Exley and her partner on the much anticipated arrival of their daughter Tia on 6th May 2017.

SUBWAY

Reminder that Subway orders on a Wednesday are \$6. If ordering please ensure that the orders are sent to school in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly labelled.

LEARNING AT TIRAU SCHOOL

At the end of Term 1 we celebrated ANZAC Day with a special commemorative service at school. It is important that we continue to remember the sacrifices made by members of our school community in all of the conflicts that New Zealand has been a part of. On April 25th the school was represented by two of our School Ambassadors at the Tirau Community Memorial Service. Zara and Hazar presented the school wreath and Zara did a reading. It was lovely to see a number of our school families at the service on this special day of remembrance.

All of the classes have hit the ground running at the beginning of the term, settling quickly back into routines and it has been exciting to see the focused learning happening around the school. This term the classes will be learning about the history of the local Tirau area and the classes will also be running sessions looking at Firewise and Keeping Ourselves Safe. More information will be shared about these closer to the time they will be run.

PTA NEWS

At the end of Term 1 we said farewell to the Crawford family and would like to acknowledge the work of Mrs Andrea Crawford on our PTA, we wish them all the best in their new endeavours.

At 7:00pm on Tuesday 16th May the PTA will be holding their Annual General Meeting for 2017. Due to a number of the parents in key roles stepping down this year it is vital that we have a good turnout of parents to ensure that these key offices are filled going forward. They will also be running a disco for the students on May 25th. Many thanks to the group of parents who have been working behind the scenes to organise food for the SMASH fundraiser being held next Tuesday.

ATTENDANCE

Participating in education is essential to student achievement. The Education Act 1989 requires that parents enrol their children at school and ensure they attend school whenever it is open for instruction unless there is a good reason for them to be absent. Every day a student is not at school is a day they are not learning. Over time, patterns of non-attendance can place students at risk of poor achievement and early drop-out, thus compromising outcomes in life across a range of social and economic measures.

As a school we are required to monitor attendance and lateness and to put systems in place to ensure that poor attendance is brought to the attention of families and that support is given to ensure attendance improves.

At Tirau Primary School we send out letters if there have been a number of unexplained absences that mean the child has been away from school more than 15% of the time, this equates to 1.5 days a fortnight, 7.5 days term and 30 days over a year. As you can imagine this can have a huge impact on your child's learning when we are only open for instruction for 200 days of learning per year.

Over the past 3 weeks there have been a large number of students who have been ill and we have really appreciated those of you who have used the absences function on our website or who have rung the school office to let us know – this type of absence is justified and these absences are not included in our monitoring system. We do make allowances for other types of absences, such as medical appointments or attending funerals, however if we are not informed then it is recorded as unexplained and unjustified.

If you receive a letter from the school about your child's attendance or lateness it is important that you take some time to discuss this with myself or your child's teacher and if there are any issues we will look for ways that we can help.

At the beginning of the year the Senior Leadership Team made the decision to acknowledge all of our Tirau LEARNerS who have had 95 % and 100% attendance for Term 1. At Assembly on Friday we handed out 56 certificates. Congratulations to everyone who received a certificate.

SCHOOL SORES

We have had a number of children with school sores over term 1.

What to look out for: Scabby sores on exposed parts of the body

They are very contagious if not treated so if you suspect your child has school sores please get them checked by a doctor or nurse. We recommend you cover them to stop the spread and please do not send your child to school until they have had 24 hours of antibiotics.

Treatment: Antibiotics prescribed by a doctor.

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 – 7th April 2017

Ruma Tui	Lejahn	For her gentle manner and positive approach to learning.	Koby H	For his enthusiasm for learning and always doing his best.
Ruma Kiwi	Gjolek	For your amazing response to our drama activities during book week. You were a fantastic Greedy Cat!	Fleur	For always striving to complete our learning tasks on time and taking pride in everything you do.
Ruma Kākāpō	Arnaka	For being a great role model for our LEARNer values. You are such a wonderful helper and friend	Jake	For working hard to re-read his writing to add detail. It's great to see you taking so much pride in your learning Jake.
Ruma Pukeko	Mitchell	For growing in confidence to share his thinking and ideas in class discussions.	Tia Marie	For always displaying our Tirau school values in all areas of school life. Tumeke Tia-Marie!!
Ruma Keruru	Cooper	For being an active class member and working hard on completing his learning	Tabitha	For always showing excellence in all areas of her learning.

Ruru Award: Liam F – For being a Tirau LEARNer who is taking charge of his learning.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 5th May 2017

Ruma Tui	Charlotte	For displaying the school values every day. You are a caring person who looks out for others.	Te Wairua	For always doing her best work and making sure its perfect.
Ruma Kiwi	Jay	For your fantastic start in Ruma Kiwi. You have fitted in and made great friends already	Kiani- Shey	For working so hard to improve your reading and becoming more confident when using your reading strategies
Ruma Kākāpō	Liam M	For taking ownership of your learning and working on stamina in reading to self and writing	Chloe	For sinking her teeth into all areas of learning. Chloe, you are making some amazing progress.
Ruma Pukeko	Mitchell	For taking greater care in being ready and organised for learning. Tu meke Mitchell!!	Natalia	For remembering to complete her home reading and learning her number facts to 10 instantly
Ruma Keruru	Xhoemi	For being very creative with her Pride learning this week. You are a rising dance star.	Ashton	For showing he can stay on task and work hard when he needs to.

Ruru Award: Holden – For being a fabulous Tirau LEARNer who is switched on in the classroom and an awesome role model in the playground.

No reira ma te manaakitanga

Kia tou, ki runga, kia koutou katoa

Siobhan Patterson

Principal

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Meet Mondays 3:30 – 5:00pm at the Buckland St Guide Hall in Putaruru. For more information phone Jan 883 7229

- **NETBALL** @ the Putaruru Netball Courts
- Friday 12th May - we wish all of our players the best of luck.
- Tirau Magic (Yr 3 & 4) V Kuranui Ferns – 4:10 on Court 2
- Tirau Magic (Yr 3 & 4) V– TW Puse 5:25 on Court 2
- Tirau Diamonds (Yr 5 & 6) V Pukeatua Kiwi – 3:45 on Court 5
- Tirau Diamonds (Yr 5 & 6) V Kuranui Magic – 5:00 on Court 5
- **Football. Good luck to all who are playing** @ Glenshea Park
- Saturday 13th May -
- Tirau Terminators (Middle) V St Mary's Lions – 10:00 am on Field 3
- **ASB First Kicks**
- Warm up at 9:50 First game at 10:00 am
- Pod 4 bibs – Tirau Tigers v Te Waotu Pukeko – Year 1 & 2

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