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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 17th August - Week 4 Term 3 2017

Important Dates:

23rd August – Putaruru Winter Sports 7 aside tournament for years 4 to 6

25th August – Daffodil Day

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.

Sean in Ruma Tui

LEARNING AT TIRAU SCHOOL

On Thursday 10th August Zara C and Jacqueline C represented Tirau Primary School at the Putaruru Lions Speech finals in the Year 5 & 6 section. They competed against a high calibre of speeches from Year 5 & 6 students across the Putaruru schools. We are very proud to announce that Zara was placed 2nd in the section with her speech about long car trips. Congratulations also to Jacqueline who represented our school with pride as she presented her speech about her mum.

Last week we also had a visit from a group of senior science students and teachers from Putaruru College, who came along and presented some amazing science experiments to the students. This was a very enjoyable and worthwhile start to our science focus for the term and it was fantastic to see our skills and knowledge in science growing. Thank you to Mrs Mathers and Mrs Signal for facilitating this fantastic experience and also to the staff and students from Putaruru College.

SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

All of our school policies and procedures are available for your viewing on our school website and through the School Docs website <http://tirau.schooldocs.co.nz/1893>. The user name is tirau and the password is PRIDE

Each term we review a number of policies and this term we are reviewing our Learning Support and Students with Special Needs policies and procedures. There is an opportunity for you to view and comment on the policy by following the instructions in the box.

On the School Docs site you also have access to our school complaints procedure. It is always good to be aware of what to do if you have a concern about something happening at school – in the first instance we ask that you approach the person concerned about the issue and in most cases it can be dealt with then and there. If for any reason you do not feel satisfied with the outcome of your approach then there is a set procedure to follow from there. There is also a copy of the complaints procedures available in the school office.

If parents/caregivers are involved in this review, send them the following instructions:

1. Visit the website
<http://tirau.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (tirau) and password (PRIDE).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

DAFFODIL DAY – NEXT FRIDAY

Cancer is an illness that has affected many of our school families significantly and the work of the Cancer Society in supporting families dealing with Cancer is invaluable. Every year we hold YELLOW and GREEN mufti day to commemorate Daffodil Day and we ask that the children wear anything yellow and green and bring a gold coin donation for our coin trail. All the money raised will go to the Cancer Society annual appeal.

PTA NEWS

On behalf of the classes and staff we would like to thank our wonderful PTA for the generous donation of classroom games – these have proven to be invaluable, especially with the unpredictable weather we have been having. The PTA are going to be holding a monster quiz on Friday 22nd September at the Tirau Memorial Hall. Please put this date in you diaries and start to get your teams together to support this hard-working group who support our school so fantastically.

Tirau School Talent Quest 2017

We are excited to see the wonderful talent here at Tirau School. Performers come to school with your music and items you need and give it your best!

***Children and spectators will be let in and out of the library to watch ONLY in between acts so as not to disrupt the performances.**

Mon Aug 28th Year 0-2 heats.

1:20 Children who are performing will go to the learning centre with their lunch and get ready. 1:30 Performances and judging will begin.

Tuesday Aug 29th Year 3-4 heats. 1:20 Children who are performing will go to the learning centre with their lunch and get ready. 1:30 Performances and judging will begin.

Wednesday Aug 30th Year 5-6 heats. 1:20 Children who are performing will go to the learning centre with their lunch and get ready. 1:30 Performances and judging will begin.

Friday Sept 1st FINAL 1:45 pm The whole school will walk up to the Memorial Hall at 12:50 and be ready to start by 1:00pm. We will be finished before 3:00. **The whole school will walk back to school and be dismissed from their classrooms. No Exceptions.**

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 – 4th August 2017

Ruma Tui	Daniel	For his "Have a go" attitude and ability to tackle new situations	Niary	For being able to focus on her work and having the drive to do her very best.
Ruma Kiwi	Naylah	For "Having a Go" at gymnastics even though she was hesitant to participate	Jayden DM	For being actively involved in the classroom science experiments, using questioning to understand the science behind it.
Ruma Kākāpō	Koby H	For working hard on your reading. You can read more sight words and have moved up a colour band!	Logan G	For bringing your smile to school everyday! You have been working so hard to learn something new every day.
Ruma Pukeko	Denali	For always being a polite and respectful class member who is working hard to complete work on time.	Sarah D	For always being a great role model in class and stepping up into the leadership role of being a computer monitor. Fantastic Sarah!
Ruma Keruru	Tabitha	For working steadily over the week on her planning for learning, as a member of the extension group.	Hazar	For being a respectful learner who tries hard with all her learning.

Ruru Award: Harumi – For being a thoughtful and caring Tirau LEARNer who is always looking for ways to help others.

Elsa – For being a thoughtful and caring Tirau LEARNer who is always looking for ways to help others.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 11th August 2017

Ruma Tui	Cody	For being majorly involved in all the Science Investigations – a scientist in the making.	James Y	For working hard to know his word cards ad for settling into class really well.
Ruma Kiwi	Cooper B	For settling into Ruma Kiwi so nicely. You are keen to join class discussions and have made some great friends already.	Willow	For always being actively involved in all school activities. You are keen to give things a go and you are learning to persevere when you are learning something new. Well done!
Ruma Kākāpō	Gabriella	For your hard work at school and at home. You are learning new things everyday.	Olivia	For always reflecting on your learning goals and finding ways to achieve them. You are such a motivated learner! I am so proud of you.
Ruma Pukeko	Meah	For being a terrific scientist yesterday, testing materials and looking the part!	Corey	For always being an amazing role model at school and stepping up as a tech buddy in class.
Ruma Keruru	Matty	For taking the time to complete his learning with more detail.	Jack B	For being actively involved in all learning activities this week, especially with the science experiments. You are a focused hard worker Jack.

Ruru Award: Zara C – For being a Tirau LEARNer who who has excelled, placing second in the Putaruru Lions Speech competition.

No reira ma te manaakitanga

Kia tou, ki runga, kia koutou katoa

Siobhan Patterson

Principal

TIRAU SCHOOL AG DAY – 17th October

A reminder to get your entries into the office please.