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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 9th November - Week 4 Term 4 2017

Important Dates:

14th & 15th November School athletics days

14th November Camp Parent Information evening 6:00pm

22nd November NZSL Day School

22nd November Matamata Intermediate and Putaruru College Yr 6 Orientation 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.

Fiona, Dominic, Riley and Juliette who have all started as New Entrants in Ruma Tui, Oshen (Ruma Kākāpō) and Zek (Ruma Pukeko)

LEARNING AT TIRAU SCHOOL

What fantastically talented students and staff we have at Tirau Primary, it was great to see them on display at The Plaza in Putaruru last Thursday. Many thanks to our hardworking and dedicated staff for the preparation of our performers and the performance. Congratulations to our Tirau LEARNers who entertained the crowds with their acting, singing and dancing talents. We would also like to thank our school community for coming out on Thursday evening to support the school, we have had many positive comments from you all and look forward to staging another extravaganza in the future.

ATHLETICS

On Tuesday 14th November from 9:30 am the field events for children aged 7 yrs up will take place and on Wednesday 15th November beginning a 9:30 am all the running races for all children including the relays will be run. On Tuesday 14th November the athletics activities for the 5 and 6 yr old children will begin from 10:30 am.

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing sunscreen both days and that they have an appropriate hat – with a full brim to protect ears, and neck as well as their face. They will also need a water bottle and good snacks to keep their energy up for all their activities and warm clothing for after their events. Please make sure they wear black shorts not long pants so that they can take part in all these activities. Parents and supporters are most welcome to come along and enjoy these days with us.

SUN HATS

Please ensure that your child has an appropriate wide brimmed hat, or a cap with a flap to covert the neck. We also recommend that you apply sunscreen to your children before they get to school and that they have sunscreen to apply at school, especially before swimming. Classes do have a supply of sunscreen for children to use if they have forgotten theirs. We NO LONGER sell hats from the office. Please ensure your child's name is clearly marked on their hat. Children without hats are asked to play under a tree until they get one.

SKIRT HANGERS

Our literacy big books are being rehoused and we require these hangers to hang the books on. If you have any spare, please drop them off to your child's teacher. This would be gratefully appreciated.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Hi everyone,

It's my pleasure to inform you that our Principal, Mrs Patterson has made a good recovery from the stroke she suffered in late August, and is now ready to return to work full-time as of next week. Many of you may have seen Mrs Patterson in and around the school in the past few weeks as she has worked 3-4 days as part of her return to work programme.

Myself and the school board of trustee's would like to acknowledge the superb job Mrs Mathers has done in taking the reins of the school during the past few months in stepping up as our acting Principal, with the support of Mrs Leonard and our wonderful teaching staff.

It is due to the strong leadership team and school procedures that Mrs Patterson has built that has meant Mrs Mathers was able to step in and do this. The board are exceptionally proud of the way all staff members have stepped up.

Mrs Patterson will be working alongside Mrs Mathers and Mrs Leonard to transition back into her roles and responsibilities as Principal. The board warmly welcomes Mrs Patterson back into her role, and we wish her the best of health going forward.

Regards,

Hadleigh Putt -Board Chairperson

RESENE MURAL MASTERPIECES COMPETITION

Over the past few weeks and months, Mrs Edmeades alongside Mrs Helen Putt and Mrs Glenda Ryan have been working with our students to complete a mural in our playground for entry in the Resene Mural Masterpieces competition. The mural incorporates our wonderful native environment and has each of our classroom birds as well, classes have worked on the painting of these. It looks amazing and really brightens up that area of our playground.

PTA Christmas Baskets

This will be the last PTA fundraiser for the year. The PTA would like to ask parents for donations for our Christmas Baskets. Chocolates, vouchers, toys, beauty products, etc... **PLEASE GET THESE INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** We will be drawing out the winners of the Christmas Baskets on Friday December 8th. Children should have brought home raffle books on Tuesday and tickets and money need to be returned to the office by Tuesday 5th December.



NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

It is so exciting to see the installation of our new playground equipment and the children excitedly utilizing it during break times. We would like to acknowledge the support of our wonderful PTA who fundraised to provide this much needed addition to our playground. We also received a grant from First Sovereign Trust for \$10,422 to support this initiative.



VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 27th October 2017

Ruma Tui	Sophie	For her drive to learn and gain new knowledge. You are becoming a 'self smart' Learner.	Cody M	For blitzing your high frequency word test.
Ruma Kiwi	Khloé	For settling well into Ruma Kiwi and making good friendships in the classroom.	Willow	For using expression when saying her lines and knowing them off by heart for our production piece.
Ruma Kākāpō	Cleo	For working quietly, confidently and independently on all class tasks.	Arnaka	For always being a wonderful role model demonstrating our school values consistently
Ruma Pukeko	Denali	For improving with his time management and presentation skills. Keep it up!	Ally	For learning to persist with new learning and believing she can achieve!
Ruma Keruru	Ashton	For completing his work to a very high standard. Amazing focus!	Jessica	For persevering with her mathematics when learning a new strategy
Ruru Award: Ruma Kakapo For being fantastic learners for Mrs Robinson during the last two weeks. You are AMAZING!				

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MID TERM ELECTIONS

The BOT mid term elections are coming up. We have two vacancies to be filled. Please consider standing as the role of trustees is a significant one with responsibility for setting the strategic direction of the school, monitoring progress and reporting on the performance of the school to the parent community. Please see any BOT member if you want to discuss any aspect of being on the Board. Our current BOT is: Hadleigh Putt, Geoff Crispe, Alan Watkins, Sean Crocker, Nev Brewster, Vicki-Ann Rangitaawa, Siobhan Patterson and Freda Leonard .

Tirau Primary School

Board of Trustees Mid Term Election

Nominations are invited for the election of **two** parent representatives to the Board of Trustees. A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters by Friday 3rd November. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office. Nominations close at noon on **Friday 17th November** and may be accompanied by a signed candidate's statement. The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school. Voting closes at noon on **Friday 1st December 2017**
Signed Freda Leonard
Returning Officer

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

INFORMATION ABOUT TIRAU COMMUNITY POOL

The seasonal pools will be opening on Saturday 18 November and with Mr. T hanging up his pool supervisor's hat this year, SWDC is looking for locals to man the pools. Pools will close next year on Saturday 17 March so if you're a student at home for the summer then this casual position may be just the right fit for you. If you're over 17 years, are responsible, a swimmer, reliable and well-presented then give Heather from SWDC a call on 0275203354



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