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TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura o Tirau

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

Thursday 23rd November - Week 6 Term 4 2017

Important Dates:

- 27th – 30th November – Year 4 to 6 camp at Finlay Park
- 5th December – BOT Meeting – 7:00pm in the Learning Centre
- 6th December – NZSL Day School @ Putaruru Primary
- 8th December – Final assembly for 2017
- 12th December – Thank you afternoon tea for parent volunteers and helpers 1:30 pm
- 12th December – 2:00pm Waterfight
- 13th December – Year 6 End of Year trip
- 14th December – Prizegiving at the Tirau Memorial Hall at 6:30 pm
- 15th December – Final Day for 2017 School will finish at 12:30.

Welcome to Tirau Primary

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following students and their families to Tirau Primary.
Jack M and Harriet who have both started as New Entrants in Ruma Tui

Last Subway orders
will be Wednesday
13th December

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau, Tenei he panui kia koutou
Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

LEARNING AT TIRAU SCHOOL

There is a lot of excitement in the senior school this week with intermediate open days and preparations for the Year 4 to 6 Camp at Finlay Park. This is always a fun week and I know Mrs Mathers and Mrs Brown have lots of exciting and challenging experiences for the children. We look forward to sharing their adventures when they return to school. Our year 6 students and their families are getting ready for the next stage of their educational journey as they move onto Year 7. There are very special events ahead to celebrate their contributions to our school before the end of term.

FINAL ASSEMBLY FOR 2017

Final assembly will be held on Friday 8th December at 2:15 pm in the library. This is an opportunity to hand out our last certificates for the year.

STAFFING FOR 2018

We have finalised our staffing for 2018 which is as follows

Ruma Kereru – Year 5 & 6 – Mrs Denise Mathers

Ruma Pukeko – Year 4 & 5 – Mrs Sarah Brown

Ruma Kākāpō – Year 2 & 3 – Miss Kimberley White

Ruma Kiwi – Year 1 & 2 – Mrs Shona Cassels

Ruma Tui – NE & Yr 1 – Mrs Donna Signal

Mrs Judith Robinson will work part-time doing Classroom Release Time and Learning Support

Mrs Tania Edmeades will working in our school in a part-time capacity

Mrs Sharon Davis will be providing release for the Senior Leadership Team and working as a Specialist Teacher

FINAL DAY OF 2017

Our final day for the year is Friday 15th December. We will be finishing at 12:00 pm. We ask that all children are collected from school by 12:30. As the other Putaruru schools are not finishing until the following week the buses will be running as normal at 3:40. If your child will still be catching the bus on that final day can you please let Mrs Leonard in the school office know. We will organize supervision for them here at school if needed. If your child normally goes to After School care you will need to let them know you will be requiring their services that day.

PRIDE CEREMONY

We have been very impressed with the large number of students who have completed their LEARNING with PRIDE work in 2017. We will be presenting our final PRIDE bands in assembly this Friday. And the PRIDE Prizegiving will be held on Tuesday 12th December at 10:00am at the Plaza in Putaruru. Further information will sent home to the children attending after camp week.

CONSUMABLES and OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

As we get closer to the end of the year we would like to have all outstanding accounts settled. We would also ask that people pay their consumables. If you are unsure if you have anything owing please see Mrs Leonard in the office.

PRIZE GIVING

Our annual prize giving will be held in the Tirau Memorial Hall on Thursday 14th December at 6:30 pm. This recognises our Year 6 leavers and we present our school cups, trophies and class certificates. We would like all children NE-Y6 to attend. The children must wear correct school uniform please. Children are required to be at the hall at 6: 15 pm for a 6:30 pm start. The children have been practicing hard on their singing for the past two weeks. I would like to extend a special invitation to all our Year 6 parents and caregivers, to share this special ceremony with us.

SUN HATS

Please ensure that your child has an appropriate wide brimmed hat, or a cap with a flap to cover 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 have ordered a new supply of hats and these are available from the School Office for \$5. 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.

HOME READERS and LIBRARY BOOKS

Please return all home readers and library books by Friday 1st December. We will not be issuing any more library books after next week. There will not be any readers going home from Wednesday 6th December, as we need to start stocktake and shelving. Some teachers may send home poetry to support their reading programme.

WATER FIGHT

As a fun event, we are going to hold a water fight for those who want to be involved after our volunteers and parent helper thank you on Tuesday 12th December at approximately 2:00 pm. This event will be completely dependent on the weather. Students are welcome to bring equipment for the water fight. We also ask that a plastic bag and spare pair of clothing be put in your child's bag, so they can change into dry clothes afterwards. Unfortunately, this year we will not have the Fire Brigade attending. At 1:30pm, prior to the water fight, we will be having a special afternoon tea for any and all parents who have supported the school in anyway this year. If you are a member of our PTA, provided transport and supervision to any school events, coached or managed a sports team, provided in class support please come along and join us. This is our opportunity to thank you for your support in 2017.

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.

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

Ruma Tui	Jack E	For being a terrific taniwha in the school production.	Sean	For actively being involved in our class production item as an amazing eel.
Ruma Kiwi	Eli	For your contributions in class especially during maths time. You are really thinking and trying hard during our class activities	Guile	For always being actively involved in our class discussions and having some great ideas. You have been working hard and making great progress.
Ruma Kākāpō	Maddisyn	For using your blending strategy in your reading. You are sounding out words so carefully.	Jake	For using your activating prior knowledge reading strategy to share about frogs. I love seeing you sink your teeth into learning!
Ruma Pukeko	Sarah	For always being a terrific role model in class and giving everything 100 % effort. You are a superstar!	Cooper C	For always being a caring class member who readily helps and encourages others. Wonderful!
Ruma Keruru	Jack B	For being a very positive person and caring for others	Pipi	For using all her LEARNerS values this past week in class and working hard to complete her work
Ruru Award: Fiona For Showing amazing enthusiasm in the Ruma Tui item at the production on her second day at school.				

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 17th November 2017

Ruma Tui	James	For becoming a 'self-smart' student in Ruma Tui who is growing in independence.	Aeon	For the big improvement he has made in reading through effort, attitude and application.
Ruma Kiwi	Elsa	For your contributions in class, especially during maths time. You are really thinking and trying hard during our class activities.	Ellie	For using all her LEARNerS values all the time in class. You are a role model for others and an absolute pleasure to teach. You show perseverance and have a great attitude towards learning.
Ruma Kākāpō	Kepas	For showing wonderful sportsmanship in athletics by supporting others.	Lila	For working really hard in your maths learning and moving up to being a confident stage 4. I am so proud of your dedication!
Ruma Pukeko	Aimee	For always having a positive 'can-do' attitude with her learning. You are a joy to teach!	Meah	For showing perseverance and determination with her learning this year and making terrific progress.
Ruma Keruru	Ella	For using all her LEARNerS values all the time in class. You are a role model to others Dani.	Dani	For using all her LEARNerS values all the time in class. You are a role model to others Dani.
Ruru Award: Eli For being a switched on Tirau LEARNer who is taking responsibility for his learning and being an excellent role model.				

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MID TERM ELECTIONS

Congratulations to Mrs Gaby Bond and Mr Neville Brewster who were nominated to fill the two vacancies on our Board. Neville will be starting his second term on the Board and this will be Gaby's first time. We look forward to having their valuable contributions on our Board over the next 3 years. They will begin their terms at our next meeting on Tuesday 5th December at 7:00pm in the Learning Centre. This will be the final meeting for the year. On the agenda we will be reviewing our 2017 National Standards data, developing our Analysis of Variance for our 2018 charter, and looking at our 2018 budget. Feel free to come along and join our amazing board if you are interested.

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

Siobhan Patterson
Principal

INFORMATION ABOUT TIRAU COMMUNITY POOL

We were informed earlier this week that the pump at the community pool was broken so the pool will be closed until further notice. This means we will not be able to take classes swimming until it is fixed. Class teachers will communicate if and when their classes will be swimming.

2018 TERM DATES:

TERM 1	Tuesday 30 th January – Friday 13 th April
TERM 2	Monday 30 th April – Friday 6 th May
TERM 3	Monday 23 rd July – Friday 28 th September
TERM 4	Monday 15 th October – Friday 14 th December