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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 7th December - Week 8 Term 4 2017

Important Dates:

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 12:00.

Welcome to Tirau Primary

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following students and their families to Tirau Primary.

Kingston who has started as a New Entrant in Ruma Tui

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau, Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

No Subway orders
next week

Well the 2017 school year has flown by and the festive season is approaching rapidly. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone Merry Christmas and greetings on behalf of the staff and students from Tirau Primary School. I hope that everyone manages to have a relaxing break and enjoy the chance to recharge the batteries for 2018.

We officially finish the year at 12:00 pm next Friday and the first day for Term 1 2018 will be Tuesday 30th January.

If you know of any parents intending to send their new entrants to Tirau Primary or in fact of any other new enrolments for the 2018 year can you please ask them to contact us – **07 8831653** or principal@tirau.school.nz.

LEARNING AT TIRAU SCHOOL – Reporting to Parents

Over the past weeks our fantastic teachers have been working with your learners to determine their current achievements with a view to making overall teacher judgements and writing reports. This information is very valuable for all of us.

For you as parents it helps you to see where your child is at and learn what progress they have made in their learning. For the staff at Tirau School we use this valuable information to help us plan strategic interventions to support the specific learning needs of the learners and help to accelerate their progress. I will be sharing the overview of information identified in the data in future newsletters and how this has been used to set achievement targets as part of our 2018 Charter. The teachers have collated portfolios of learning for the students and these show the progress that you children have made over the course of the 2017 school year. Reports and Portfolios will be sent home on Thursday 14th December and I encourage you to discuss any questions or concerns with your child's teacher.

FINAL ASSEMBLY FOR 2017

Final assembly will be held on Friday 8th December (tomorrow) at 2:15 pm in the library. This is an opportunity to hand out our last certificates for the year and there will be some special presentations.

2017 SCHOOL 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.

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.

YEAR 4 TO 6 CAMP AT FINLAY PARK

It was great to see Mrs Mathers, Mrs Brown and the children and parents of Ruma Pukeko and Kereru having so much fun on camp last week at Finlay Park. They had the opportunity to do some exciting and challenging activities such as rock climbing, rafting, kayaking, adventure trail among others. They were extremely lucky with the weather and the amazing parents who went along to support. The children were buzzing on their return and we look forward to returning to Finlay Park for future camps.

THANK YOU AFTERNOON TEA FOR PARENTS

At 1:30pm, on Tuesday 12th December, 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.

STAFF CHANGES

Sadly Mrs Edmeades has resigned from her part time position at Tirau Primary School. She has been an asset to our school and I know the children have benefitted from her teaching and skills in The Arts. We are lucky to have the legacy of the mural that she worked on with the students and Mrs Helen Putt to create. We will miss her enthusiasm and wish her all the best for the future.

PTA CHRISTMAS BASKET RAFFLE

Many thanks to all of our families who have supported our PTA with their Xmas raffle, we have raised over \$1200 to support the school. The tickets and money should have been returned to the school office. The draw will take place during tomorrow afternoon's assembly.

RESENE MURAL MASTERPIECES COMPETITION

Earlier in the term we shared how Mrs Edmeades had entered our mural in our playground in the Resene Mural Masterpieces competition. Sadly we have found out that our beautiful mural did not place, however we all win as we have this beautiful masterpiece brightening up our playground.

PRIDE CEREMONY

We have been very impressed with the large number of students who have completed their LEARNING with PRIDE work in 2017. The PRIDE Prizegiving will be held on Tuesday 12th December at 10:00am at the Plaza in Putaruru. Further information has been sent home this 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.

HOME READERS and LIBRARY BOOKS

These should have already been returned to school, if you still have any of these at home please return them to school as soon as possible so they can be counted as part of our stocktake. We will not be issuing any more library books or home readers after. 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 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.

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

Ruma Tui	Ariana	For using her initiative and being a confident and conscientious learner	Kobe P	For making good choices in the playground and for constantly being an independent learner
Ruma Kiwi	Jayden	For your contributions in class especially during maths time. You are a real Maths whizz! Well done!	Cody H	For working hard all week. You show perseverance and you have a great attitude towards learning.
Ruma Kākāpō	Lilah M	For your hard work to understand how to use number lines to solve maths problems.	Elisabeth	For understanding how others are feeling and helping them achieve their goals. You show respect to all others in Ruma Kākāpō and do your best to help them.
Ruma Pukeko	Amelia	For displaying our school values by caring for others and including them in games.	Corey	For showing perseverance and determination with his learning and making great progress in mathematics this year.
Ruma Keruru	Bryah	For being an enthusiastic learner willing to give things a go.	Bradley	For working hard with the camp activities by being actively involved.

Ruru Award: Ashton For always using our Tirau LEARNer values and being an excellent role model.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 1st December 2017

Ruma Tui	Jack M	For being an energetic and keen learner in Ruma Tui even though you are just new.	Harriet	For settling into Ruma Tui and working at your table like you have been here all year.
Ruma Kiwi	Harumi	For consistently working hard in class. You are a responsible member of Ruma Kiwi and are a lovely role model for others.	Guile	For working hard all week. You show perseverance and you have a great attitude towards learning.
Ruma Kākāpō	Kiama-Paige	For the small things you do to be a responsible and thoughtful helper. You never have to be asked to help out.	Aliza	For being the first to resolve problems with everyone's best interests at heart. You display such empathy towards all others. That is a special quality!

There were no awards for Ruma Pukeko and Keruru due to camp.

Ruru Award: Alyssa For being an awesome Tirau LEARNer role model in the junior school this week.

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

Siobhan Patterson
Principal

Any bus or walking vests need to be returned to the school office on Friday morning, or on the last day of attendance.

2018 TERM DATES:

TERM 1	Tuesday 30th 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



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