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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 8th February - Week 2 Term 1 2018

Important Dates:

13th February **Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm Learning Centre**

20th February – **PTA Meeting 7:00pm Learning Centre**

22nd February – **School Swimming Sports**

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.

Harlem in Ruma Kiwi and Tara in Ruma Kakapo.

LEARNING AT TIRAU

I have been impressed with the focussed and engaged learners I have seen this week as I have visited classes, it is great to see the exciting and stimulating programmes that the teachers are running in the classrooms. Our school-wide inquiry for 2018 is Our Environment and the children have begun the year by looking at relationships and developing positive relationships in their classrooms and across the school. We are focusing on the setting of shared expectations around positive behaviour and all of the classes are developing treaties for how they will work together. Later in the term the children will be looking at a unit around From Paddock to Plate where they will be looking at food production from bread to cheese and meat. We are hoping to visit some local producers as part of this study.

Classes have also been swimming this week and preparations are well underway for our School Swimming Sports on Wednesday 22nd February – look for further information later in the term.

TIRAU PRIMARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our hard working Board of Trustees have the first meeting for the year on Tuesday 13th February at 7:00 pm in the Learning Centre. Our first meeting will be focused on reviewing our school Charter and Strategic Plan for the 2018 year.

TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

The first meeting for our PTA will be held on Tuesday 20th February at 7:00pm to set the fundraising agenda for the year. This group is a hardworking part of our school community and they would really appreciate the support of some new members in 2018. If you are interested in coming along please join us.

UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly named on more than just the tag as there have been a number of children who have misplaced their shirts already this year. We have received new stock of Size 6 & 8 shirts if you are wanting to purchase them.

As Term 1 is a summer term please ensure that your child has an appropriate wide brimmed hat, or a cap with a flap to cover the neck. Black bucket hats can be purchased from the school office for \$5. 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.

COLOURED PENCIL FEES

This year we have included a coloured pencil fee onto stationery lists. This is to cover the costs of coloured pencils that are used in classes across the year and this stationery has already been bought and paid for by the staff. The school reading log that will be being used by every student is also only available from the office at \$4.50. Please ensure that you pay these fees as part of the stationery requirements for the year. Many thanks to those of you who have already paid.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further please do not hesitate to contact me. principal@tirau.school.nz, or through the school office.

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

Siobhan Patterson
Principal

JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING starts again at Tirau Tennis Club (Station Road, Tirau) on Tuesday 20 February.

Classes are of 45 minutes and start at 3.30, 4.30 and 5.30 pm. The 3.30 and 4.30 classes are for primary and intermediate aged children. The 5.30 class is for teenage students and adults who want to learn tennis from scratch or revisit the sport. Students from this class are welcome to stay on for club night to practise their newly-learned skills.

Clem Apted, professional tennis coach, runs the classes which run for six weeks and cost \$40 per child/adult.

Racquets and balls are provided and can also be purchased. For more information please phone Janet Palmer, 8831452 or 027 2729835