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School Community Newsletter



TIRAU SCHOOL 69 Main Road, Tirau Phone 883 1653 Fax 883 1269 Email office@tirau.school.nz



TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura o Tirau

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

Thursday 22nd February - Week 4 Term 1 2018

Important Dates:

1st March – Interschool Swimming Sports – pp 8th March

9th March – School Tryathlon

13th & 14th March – Goal Setting Meetings

Value for Week 5: Actively Involved

Class on Assembly: Ruma Kākāpō

Value for Week 6: Respect

Class on Assembly: Ruma Kiwi

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.
- Riley H in Ruma Tui.

LEARNING AT TIRAU

With the change of government at the end of 2017, there have come a number of changes in education. One of the most significant changes was the removal of National Standards and the requirement to report National standards data to the Ministry of Education. This has changed the way we select our achievement targets for the year from being solely around reading, writing and mathematics. The staff and board have made the decision to focus on the whole child when setting targets this year. We still have an academic target with a focus on improving levels of achievement in the core areas of the curriculum. Our second target is around developing Tirau LEARNerS and a school community who can articulate and are living our school values and our third target is around developing opportunities for our Tirau LEARNerS to become confident in their identity, language and culture as citizens of Aotearoa New Zealand. To support our goals the staff have developed and implemented some new initiatives. On a Friday from 12:50 we are having whole school whanau time and developing our knowledge of a range of te reo (language) through waiata and sharing tikanga. We have developed a plan for the year around the classroom teaching of te reo and are looking for opportunities to add a cultural dimension to our inquiry topics. With our LEARNerS Values, we are having a school assembly on a Monday morning to discuss the weeks value and support the children’s shared understanding of what they mean. The class who is leading assembly will also share some of their learning around the week’s value during our Friday Assembly. Once our charter has been submitted to the Ministry of Education on March 1st a copy will be on our website and in the office for you all to view.

This also has had an impact on our reporting cycle. In 2018 we have made the decision to go back to reporting at the end of Term 2 and 4 alongside our goal setting meetings in Term 1 & 3. It is also important to remember if you want to discuss your child’s learning you are able to make an appointment with your child’s teacher at any time during the year. We will still be using our portfolios until we review our reporting processes later in the year.

GOAL SETTING MEETINGS – Tuesday 13th March from 3:30 – 6:00 pm and Wednesday 14th March from 3:30 – 8:00 pm

These are an important opportunity for you to meet with your child’s teacher and to discuss the goals and areas of focus for the year. During this time it is also an opportunity to connect with myself and we often have a survey for our parents to complete at these meetings. At our term 1 meetings we will be gathering some information around developing our local curriculum please look out for me in the Learning Centre each night so you get to have your say. The bookings are now open at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and the Event code is g8nj5. If you have any questions about these or would like to have the office make your booking please ring either Freda or myself on 883 1653. You can also email us – office@tirau.school.nz or principal@tirau.school.nz.

LEADERSHIP AT TIRAU PRIMARY

Last Friday, at assembly we presented our Year 6 leaders with their badges for the 2018 year. Below are our Year 6 leaders for 2018. We are looking forward to seeing them grow as leaders this year.

Ambassadors	Sports Leaders	Enviro Leaders	Peer Mediators	Librarians	Tech Buddies
Corey	Zek	Teyana	Ally H	Jasz	Amelia
Cooper B	Jerome	Lashantay	Ambassadors	Olivia B	Adrian
Denali	Jed	Matty		Aaliyah	
Pipi	Joshua	Tessa		Alyssa	
Bryah					
Niki					

