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TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura o Tirau

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

Thursday 8th March - Week 6 Term 1 2018

Important Dates:

9th March – School Duathlon

13th & 14th March – Goal Setting Meetings

20th March – BOT Meeting – 7:00pm

9th – 13th April – Book Week- we will be running the book fair again during this week. Further information will be sent home closer to the time

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau

Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

Value for Week 6: Respect
No assembly because of Duathlon
Value for Week 7 : Nurture
Class on Assembly: Ruma Kiwi

- **Welcome to Tirau Primary**
- We would like to take this opportunity to
- welcome the following students and their
- families to Tirau Primary.
- Dominic W in Ruma Tui.

LEARNING AT TIRAU – DUATHLON THIS FRIDAY

It is that time of year again – time to start thinking about taking part in the Inaugural Tirau School Duathlon! In the past we have run this as a tryathlon with a swim, bike and then a run leg. This event has been huge success in the past and we look forward to seeing all the keen participants entering in the first running of this event.

The Duathlon will be held on **Friday the 9th of March** at school. We will start racing at 11.00 am with the junior race and proceed through the levels from there. The course will consist of a run, swim, and run

The approximate programme for the day is

11:10 am Year 1 boys followed by Year 1 girls

11:20 am Year 2 boys followed by Year 2 girls

11:30 am Year 3 boys followed by Year 3 girls

11:40 am Year 4 boys followed by Year 4 girls

11:50 am Year 5 boys followed by Year 5 girls

12:00 am Year 6 boys followed by Year 6 girls

The Duathlon is a fun day for everyone and we look forward to seeing all the school community there.

Due to the Duathlon there will be no Assembly on Friday – 9th March.

The PTA will be running a sausage sizzle during the event.

The prices are as follows: (they have increased their prizes due to increasing costs)

Sausages and Onions \$3 for one or 2 for \$5

Juice Boxes \$ 3

Water \$2

Juicies \$2

We are asking that the students don't buy until the end of the events, and that they stay in the supervised area on the deck while the events are being run as it is hard to keep a track of students and make sure they all make it to their events.

PTA EASTER RAFFLE

Our PTA are organising an Easter Raffle as a fundraiser. Please send your donated items along to the office as soon as possible.

Raffle tickets were sent home last week with the oldest in each family so please check your child's bag if you haven't received it. Please return **the whole raffle card and money to school** when sold and there will be **additional tickets available for sale.**

Tickets need to be returned **Friday 23rd March**. The raffle will be drawn at assembly **on Wednesday 28th March**.

EASTER HOLIDAY

This year Easter is arriving very early. Usually it's during the school holidays... but this year it's during our school term in Week 9 to Week 10. That's Friday 30th March to Tuesday 3rd April.

Yes, Schools have a holiday called Easter Tuesday. It's not a public holiday but a school holiday. It is a legal requirement under the Education Act 1989, Section 65C.

65CHolidays

(1) Subject to subsection (2), every board must ensure that every school it administers is closed on—

(a) **Saturdays, Sundays, New Year's Day, 2 January, Waitangi Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Easter Tuesday, Anzac Day, the Sovereign's birthday, Labour Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day; and**

(b) **the day observed as anniversary day in the locality in which the school is situated; and**

(c) **if 1 January falls on a Friday, the following Monday; and**

(d) **if 1 January falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, the following Monday and Tuesday; and**

(e) **if Waitangi Day or Anzac Day falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, the following Monday.**

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.

PAID UNION MEETINGS for STAFF

You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers. Teachers at our school are joining an NZEI Te Riu Roa campaign, called *Kua Tae Te Wā – It's Time* to address these issues.

Our goal is to free teachers to teach, and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. And we'll attract more people to teaching by respecting and paying them as the professionals they are.

NZEI Te Riu Roa members at our school have been invited to paid union meetings on Wednesday 28th March so that we can plan and discuss the campaign and their upcoming collective agreement negotiations. Teaching programmes will run as normal with relieving staff releasing teachers either in the morning or afternoon to allow our valuable teachers to attend these important meetings.

The meeting schedule has been planned so that teachers and principals across the country can work out the best meetings for them to attend, including the option of groups of teachers attending meetings at different times. This is to help reduce disruption to teaching programmes, children and parents. Our children deserve the best education in the world, and New Zealand can afford to provide it. It's just a matter of priorities. Thanks for your understanding with this important matter.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 23rd February 2018

Ruma Tui	Liam C	For having the best attitude to learning – he gives everything a go.	Ashleigh	For making an excellent start to learning in Ruma Tui. You are a focused learner
Ruma Kiwi	Sean	For getting on with school life with a positive attitude and a smile on his face.	Khloe	For showing the value of excellence when completing all classroom tasks.
Ruma Kākāpō	Rylee vW	For stepping up to be a class leader and showing perseverance in your learning.	Lexi	For showing perseverance in your swimming to put your head under and giving freestyle a go. I am so proud of you!
Ruma Pukeko	Rylan	For making a terrific start to the year, using great Tirau LEARNer values and being focused all the time.	Lila C	For displaying excellence by overcoming her nerves at swimming sports and trying her best all day! Way to go!
Ruma Keruru	Olivia	For showing amazing sportmanship at our school swimming sports this week.	Alyssa	For showing the excellence value in all her learning this week. You are a star.

Ruru Award: Jake B – For showing all our Tirau LEARNer values as a kind and selfless member of Ruma Pukeko. He puts the needs of others before himself.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 2nd March 2018

Ruma Tui	Harriet	For being a great role model in Ruma Tui. You are amazing!	Isy	For learning her sight words at home – you are learning them! Keep it up!
Ruma Kiwi	Ashton	For giving everything a go with growing confidence and a big smile.	Niary	For being actively involved in the Life Education truck while learning about being healthy.
Ruma Kākāpō	Willow	For being a helpful and encouraging learning buddy by helping them with next learning steps	Cody M	For being actively involved in your learning by finishing your writing. Awesome!
Ruma Pukeko	Chloe	For always actively listening in class and making terrific progress with her statistics learning. Way to go Chloe!	Aliza	For displaying excellence by improving her book presentation skills and completing her work on time. I'm so proud of you!
Ruma Keruru	Cohen	For showing a caring attitude to his peers and taking on his class role as a positive police officer in a friendly way.	Adrian	For being actively involved in all classroom learning and leading by example.

Ruru Award: Tara – bfor being a determined Tirau LEARNer who takes on challenges with a positive attitude.

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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.

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Siobhan Patterson
Principal

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