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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 22nd March - Week 8 Term 1 2018

Important Dates:

28th March – Book Club orders due.
30th March – Good Friday
2nd April - Easter Monday
3rd April - Easter Tuesday
9th – 13th April – Book Week – information with this newsletter
13th April - End of Term 1
30th April – Term 2 begins

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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

Value for Week 8: Nurture
Class on Assembly: Ruma Tui
Value for Week 9: Excellence
No assembly because of Easter

Welcome to Tirau Primary

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following students and their families to Tirau Primary.
Quinn in Ruma Tui,

EFTPOS is NOW available at the school office – sorry we are unable accept Credit Cards or give cash advances.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Participating in education is fundamental to student achievement. The Education Act 1989 requires that parents enrol their children at school and ensure they attend school whenever it is open for instruction unless there is a good reason for them to be absent. Every day a student is not at school is a day they are not learning. Over time, patterns of non-attendance can place students at risk of poor achievement and early drop-out, thus compromising outcomes in life across a range of social and economic measures.

As a school we are required to monitor attendance and lateness and to put systems in place to ensure that poor attendance is brought to the attention of families and that support is given to ensure attendance improves.

At Tirau Primary School we send out letters if there have been a number of unexplained absences that mean the child has been away from school more than 15% of the time, this equates to 1.5 days a fortnight, 7.5 days term and 30 days over a year. As you can imagine this can have a huge impact on your child's learning.

We are beginning to see some illnesses creeping in and have really appreciated those of you who have used the absences function on our website or who have rung the school office to let us know – this type of absence is justified and these absences are not included in our monitoring system. We do make allowances for other types of absences, such as medical appointments or attending funerals, however if we are not informed then it is recorded as unexplained and unjustified.

If you receive a letter from the school about your child's attendance or lateness it is important that you take some time to discuss this with myself or your child's teacher and if there are any issues we will look for ways that we can help.

Lateness is another area that seems to be becoming more common at Tirau Primary and it is something that we feel needs to be addressed. To set our LEARNerS up for a successful day it is preferable that they arrive at school by 8:50. When children are late they often miss the opportunity to connect with their teacher and peers and miss out on vital information that is shared to start the day. Already this term 17% of our student have been late on at least one occasion.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW RUMA KIWI TEACHER

I would like to announce the appointment of Miss Denise Thompson as the new teacher in Ruma Kiwi from the beginning of Term 2 2018. Whaea Denise comes to us from David Henry School in Tokoroa and we are very excited to have her on board from the start of next term.

A message from Whaea Denise ...

Ko Whaea Denise Toku ingoa

Kiaora

I am proud and pleased to be a part of the Tirau community and Tirau Primary School Whanau. My home is here in the South Waikato I have lived in this community for over 30 years.

I am very fortunate to have this opportunity to teach and learn alongside the Tamariki o Tirau Kura. Look forward to meeting you all in the new term. Naku noa. No reira Tena Koutou Katoa.

Whaea Denise will be visiting Ruma Kiwi before the end of the term and will spend some time getting to know the learners. She will also spend time working with Mrs Cassels and Mrs Signal to ensure a smooth transition into Term 2.

We look forward to welcoming Whaea Denise to Tirau School and having her enhance the fantastic learning opportunities that exist for our learners.

Tirau School Duathlon

Thank you to all of you who came along to support our school duathlon 2 weeks ago. The weather was perfect and the children all competed with determination and a positive attitude.

Congratulations to our Tirau LEARNerS who competed in the Putaruru Community Triathlon last weekend. Jake in Year 4 was the fastest 8 year old over the 100 m swim, 3km bike and 1.5 km run, he was also the 3rd fastest competitor overall. A fantastic effort Jake! Congratulations.

PTA NEWS

It is great to see our PTA flourishing again this year. On behalf of our school community thank you for the work you are undertaking on behalf of our Tirau LEARNers. Our PTA have been organising an Easter Raffle as a fundraiser. Please send your donated items along to the office as soon as possible.

Please return **the whole raffle card and money to school** when sold. Tickets need to be returned **by this - Friday 23rd March**. The raffle will be drawn under supervision **on Wednesday 28th March**.

PARENT INTERVIEWS & CURRICULUM SURVEYS

Many thanks to the 80% of parents who made the time to come in and catch up with their child's teacher(s) to discuss goals for the first half of the year. This is a very important step in setting up learning centred relationships for all our Tirau LEARNers. At the interviews we gave out a survey about the content of our Health Curriculum. Please return your completed surveys as soon as possible. There are copies of the survey available from the office or on the school website if you didn't receive one.

PTA FUNDRAISER - ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The PTA are again selling the entertainment books as a fundraiser – the books are \$65 each and include hundreds of dollars worth of savings at places such as The Loose Goose, Enchanted Café, and Poppys here in Tirau. There are also a large number of places in Matamata, Rotorua, Cambridge and further afield. For every book sold the PTA will make 20%, which can be put towards the worthwhile resources that the PTA provide our school. Orders can be made online <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/915q097> or through the school office and if you would like to review the book there will be a copy available in the school office from the beginning of April. The first 10 orders will also receive bonus vouchers.

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.

PAID UNION MEETINGS for STAFF

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.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 16th March 2018

Ruma Tui	Riley G	For being a focused learner who completes his work to the best of his ability.	Fiona	For being a 'switched on' student in Ruma Tui who is focused and forward thinking.
Ruma Kiwi	Daniel B	For being a kind and caring class member and for showing the value of nurture in everything he does.	James	For putting some effort into his learning and for completing his learning tasks well.
Ruma Kākāpō	Fleur	For role modelling our nurture value every single day. You are a kind, caring and helpful friend to EVERYONE!	Liam M	For taking ownership of his learning by finishing tasks of his own accord.
Ruma Pukeko	Dylan J	For showing a positive attitude towards his learning and trying his best in class!	Kiama- Paige	For always being a respectful, supportive class member who always tries her very best in everything she does!
Ruma Keruru	Meah	For showing nurture towards her classmates by helping and sharing ideas.	Amelia	For working hard on looking after herself and showing pride at school

Ruru Award: Niary – For showing our Tirau LEARNer values when trying new things

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

If your child is interested in playing Netball or Football for Tirau Primary please contact Miss White – kimberley@tirau.school.nz or the office by 3:00pm tomorrow. Basketball information will go out to Year 5 & 6 students next week.