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TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura o Tirau

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

Thursday 24th May - Week 4 Term 2 2018

Important Dates:

1st June – Interschool Bowls

8th June - School Cross Country

14th June – Nathan Mikare Wallis @ Matamata College Auditorium 6:30 pm

15th June – Teacher Only Day

21st June – Interschool Cross Country @ Te Waotu

Value for Week 4: Respect

Class on Assembly: Mrs P and the Ambassadors

Value for Week 5: Excellence

Class on Assembly: Ruma Kereru

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 family to Tirau Primary.

Cattleya & Ellie M in Ruma Tui

LEARNING AT TIRAU

ART WEEK

This week we are celebrating the Visual Arts. Each class is working to create some amazing works of art and from 12:00 until 1:00 each day the children are working in whanau groups, the children are working with students from across the school and the members of their family to develop a sense of community and relationships with other students they may not normally interact with and this gives them the opportunity to put our school LEARNer values into action. We have seen not just our seniors supporting the junior buddies, but also the juniors helping seniors. In Week 5 the classes will then begin their study around Sustainability – this will be our inquiry focus for the rest of Term 2 and into Term 3. The main areas of focus will be Science and Social Sciences alongside our normal literacy and numeracy programmes.

TEACHER ONLY DAY – FIDAY 15th JUNE AND NATHAN MIKARE WALLIS

This is notification that On Friday June 15th the school will be closed for a teacher only day. The purpose of the day is so that all of our staff can join our colleagues from across the Matamata Community of Learning for an exciting day of learning. This date coincides with “Fieldays Friday” which will give families the opportunity to either enjoy a day at the Fieldays or a long weekend. Our day is to have a keynote from Nathan Mikare Wallis – the renowned New Zealand Neuroscience educator. Remember he is also presenting a free session for parents on Thursday 14th June at 6:30 in the Matamata College Auditorium.

PAID UNION MEETING – 27th JUNE 2018

You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

Children need teachers with enough time to teach so they can give each child the attention they deserve, and children need talented and inspiring people to be attracted to teaching. Children are missing out on some opportunities to learn because teachers are bogged down in administration or are struggling to get enough support for children with additional learning needs.

Teachers at our school are joining an NZEI Te Riu Roa campaign, called Kua Tae Te Wā – It’sTime 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 in June so that we can plan and discuss the campaign.

The meetings are paid union meetings, which means Tirau Primary School will be open for instruction and be running a limited programme with a small number of staff between 12:30 pm and 3:00pm on Wednesday 27th June while staff attend the meeting. The Employment Relations Act requires our school to release teachers to attend this meeting.

It is important for union members in our school to attend these meetings to have a say about how we get a better deal for our staff and our learners. We encourage you to pick your children up from school at 12:30pm. If this is impossible, please contact the school as early as possible so that we can make appropriate arrangements for your child.

PTA AGM

Our wonderful PTA held their AGM on Tuesday evening and we need to take the opportunity to thank some of our outgoing office bearers. Ella Bailey has been the chairperson for the past year and she has worked tirelessly organizing the SMASH catering event, sausage sizzles and the quiz night among other things, we would like to thank her for the positive contribution she has made to the school during her time as chairperson. Congratulations to Linda Tomalin who has stepped into the vacant Chairperson’s role – I know she will continue Ella’s great work. Kayla Miles has held the role of treasurer for the past year and she has been extremely organized and created systems for the way we keep our financial records so that the PTA finances are clear and easy to follow. Thank you Kayla for the amazing work you have done on our PTA, Jessica Wanden has been elected as treasurer. We would also like to acknowledge the contribution of Kylie Ward, who has stepped off the PTA after many years of service both on the committee and as Chairperson.

In 2017 the PTA supported the new playground addition, classroom resources and library books. Already in 2018 The PTA have provided sport uniforms, Big Books for reading across the school, Leadership Badges for the Year 6 students and the new blinds in the learning centre. Many thanks again to the whole team for their wonderful support of our school. Look out for the Oxford Pie Orders, which will be coming home soon.

SCHOOL FUN RUN / CROSS COUNTRY

Preparation for this is well underway with training happening as the weather allows. Miss White is finalising our course for us and further information will come home next week. All the students received the School Fun Run booklets at the beginning of the term as part of our PTA fundraiser linked to the cross country. This is a voluntary fundraiser and all we ask is that families who don’t want to take part in the fundraiser just return their fun run booklet to the school office.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

Kia ora koutou,

This is a new column the Tirau School Board of Trustee’s (BOT) will have in the school newsletter to keep you informed of key focus areas for the board at the moment. We will include this column following BOT meetings.

- Tirau School’s 2018 Annual Plan was submitted to the Ministry of Education in March 2018. This can be found on the school website if anyone wishes to view it.
- The board receive an update from Mrs Patterson on student achievement at every board meeting. At this month’s meeting, we were updated on the Student Achievement Progress report for term 1. The progress being made by students receiving learning support with Judith Robinson was highlighted.
- The board discussed the recruitment of a full-time, fixed term YR5-6 teacher to cover Mrs Mathers study leave in term 3 & 4 this year. Several board members are to be part of the interview panel for this.
- 10 Year Property Plan (10YPP): The BOT will soon be putting together a 10YPP as required by the Ministry of Education. We firstly need a conditions assessment made on the school’s buildings to determine any maintenance or repairs required on the school buildings.
- School pool. We have received one quote for repairs to the school pool, and will be seeking a second quote. The necessary repairs will be very costly, and the board will be carefully considering options at future board meetings.
- Our next meeting is Tuesday 19th June at 7:00 pm in the Learning Centre,

Ngā mihi, - The Tirau School Board of Trustees

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 11th May 2018

Ruma Tui	Kingston	For noticing learning around the classroom and relating it to his personal experiences	Riley H	For working hard on his learning in class and being a focused learner
Ruma Kiwi	Cooper B	For showing positive participation in our classroom Kaupapa	Sean	For completing a sentence in writing all on his own, using our word cards
Ruma Kākāpō	David	For consistently showing your LEARNer values and taking charge of your own learning. I love your motivation	Lilah M	For being actively involved in all areas of learning, especially when helping your learning buddy. You are always showing your understanding.
Ruma Pukeko	Aimee	For growing in confidence to use her initiative with leadership roles in class.	Logan	For having such a positive attitude in class and developing leadership skills by helping others.
Ruma Keruru	Cooper B	For working really hard on his learning this week, especially maths. You have made great progress.	Corey	For using our school values all week. You are a great role model Corey

Ruru Award: Niary – For playing positively in the playground and being a caring friend to others

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 18th May 2018

Ruma Tui	Quinn	For “taking off” – fabulous attitude, work ethic and respect for others. You are a star!	Mya	For transferring her sight word knowledge to her reading.
Ruma Kiwi	Gabriella	For displaying Nurture towards her tiana in the classroom and showing Awhi and Manaakitanga	Ashton W	For showing diligence in all his reading and writing tasks. His enthusiasm helps him to achieve his goals.
Ruma Kākāpō	Willow	For always looking for ways to build new levels of knowledge. You are such a learner.	Elsa	For showing Nurture in everything that you do. I love the way you help the learners in our class and are always looking for ways to learn new things.
Ruma Pukeko	Dylan J	For always having a positive attitude with his learning in class. You are an inspiration!	Cleo	For making huge connections with her knowledge of numbers, way to go Cleo!
Ruma Keruru	Fahmi	For asking amazing questions on our farm trip this week. You were really focused and listened well.	Matty	For using our school value of Nurture this week in class. It was nice to hear you supporting classmates Matty.

Ruru Award: Daniel Br – For being caring and respectful Tirau LEARNer in the classroom and playground

No reira ma te manaakitanga

Kia tou, ki runga, kia koutou katoa

Siobhan Patterson

Principal

Football. Good luck to all who are playing @ Glenshea Park

Saturday 26th May -

LT Hurricanes (Seniors) v PPS Turbos- 10:00 am on Field 3

Tirau Terminators (Middle) v St Mary’s Tigers- 10:00 am on Field 2

ASB First Kicks

Warm up at 9:50 First game at 10:00 am

Pod 2 bibs – Tirau Tigers 1 v Te Waotu Tui – Year 1 & 2

Pod 3 bibs – Tirau Tigers 2 v PPS Grenades – Year 1 & 2

NETBALL @ the Putaruru Netball Courts

Friday 25th May - we wish all of our players the best of luck.

3.30pm START TIME FOR FUTURE FERNS – COURT 1&2 YEARS 3&4 PROGRAMME AND COURT 6 YEAR 1&2 PROGRAMME

■ Tirau Magic (Yr 3 & 4) V Kuranui Ferns – 5:25 on Court 2

■ Tirau Magic (Yr 3 & 4) V Te Waotu Tawa - 5:50 on Court 2

■ Lichfield /Tirau Ferns (Yr 3 & 4) V Koakaoroa Teina – 4:10 on Court 1

■ Lichfield /Tirau Ferns- (Yr 3 & 4) V St Mary’s Pink– 5:25 on Court 1

■ Tirau Diamonds (Yr 5 & 6) V Te Waotu Matai– 4:10 on Court 6

■ Tirau Diamonds (Yr 5 & 6) V St Mary’s Denim– 5:00 on Court 4