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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 5th July - Week 10 Term 2 2018

**Important Dates:**

6<sup>th</sup> July – End of Term 2

23<sup>rd</sup> July – Term 3 begins

**Dear Parents and Caregivers,**

Tena koutou i te whanau

Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

**Value for Week 10: Nurture**

**Class on Assembly: Ruma Tui**

**Value for Week 1, Term 3: Excellence**

**Class on Assembly: Ruma Kereru**

## LEARNING AT TIRAU - PORTFOLIOS AND REPORTS

You should have received your child's portfolio for the first half of the year yesterday. We hope that you have enjoyed seeing the progress your child has made so far this year. You will have the opportunity to discuss these with your child's teacher at parent teacher interviews on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August. Booking details will be sent home at the beginning of next term.

### 'Naked Lunches'

As part of our focus on 'Sustainability' all the classes completed a lunch box audit last week, looking at what packaging was present in lunch boxes. The survey discovered that 61% of children's food was commercially wrapped, 23% was fruit and veg and 16% was packaged in reusable bags or containers. As a result of the audit each class has set some goals for reducing the amount of single use packaging or throw away packaging in lunch boxes. We are going to run a 'naked lunch' campaign – where by children bring their lunch to school with no wrappers. Our first 'naked lunch' is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August. Some ideas to reduce waste are – buy in bulk, use the compartments in lunch boxes and use bees wax wraps and containers.

We really appreciate your support in this venture, while at the same time supporting our 'Sustainability' learning

## BOT UPDATE

Kia ora koutou,

The Tirau School Board of Trustee's (BOT) met on the 19<sup>th</sup> June. The following is a summary of the main points discussed:

- Tirau School has a financial audit every year. The audit report has been received and it was a good, thorough report.
- Staffing: No replacement teacher had been found to teach in Ruma Kereru at this stage following advertising the role and several interviews. There is a significant shortage of teachers currently. If no suitable teacher has been found before the start of next term, Judith Robinson and Mrs Patterson would team teach until a suitable teacher is found. The position is still being advertised.
- Mrs Bobbie Basalaj was recently appointed to a fixed term Teacher Aide position working with our Special Needs student.
- Mrs Patterson has been working through staff appraisals, and reported it was pleasing to see the amazing learning happening in all classrooms.
- 10 Year Property Plan (10YPP): The conditions assessment of our school's buildings has now been conducted by Gisler Architects. Once the report has been received, the BOT will discuss this at the next meeting.
- School pool. The BOT are still seeking further quotes for repairs to the school pool. The necessary repairs will be very costly, and the board will be carefully considering options at future board meetings.
- School Ag day: After much discussion, the BOT decided that they would not hold an Ag Day this year due to the risks associated with the Mycoplasma Bovis outbreak. This would be reassessed on a yearly basis. The local Group Day Committee have also voted to not have a group day this year.

Ngā mihi,

The Tirau School Board of Trustees

## MUSIC LESSONS

Thank you to those who have indicated you would like your child to learn piano here at school. We have had eleven students who will be learning piano and the classes are now full. A separate letter has been sent home with your child with the details on for your lessons. Please see Freda in the office if you did not receive your letter. The lessons will begin in Week 1 of Term 3. Lessons will be held on either a Wednesday or Thursday morning. We are working with the New Zealand Modern School of Music to find a tutor for guitar and ukulele and we will send home information about this once we have more details.

## INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

It was a wonderful day at Te Waotu School on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June for the bi-annual running of the Interschool Cross Country. Tirau Primary School was well represented in each age group by a willing group of runners who gave it their all. Many excellent results were achieved. See them below. The certificates will be presented at Friday's assembly if they have arrived.

The results for our Tirau competitors were:

5 yr old girls	1 <sup>st</sup> Ashleigh W 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quinn W 4 <sup>th</sup> Isy B	5 yr old boys	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jack M 4 <sup>th</sup> Dominic B
6 yr old girls	4 <sup>th</sup> Charlotte T 5 <sup>th</sup> Khloé M 9 <sup>th</sup> Taylor T	6 yr old boys	4 <sup>th</sup> Roman W 5 <sup>th</sup> Jordan S 10 <sup>th</sup> Jack E 12 <sup>th</sup> Daniel B
7 yr old girls	1 <sup>st</sup> Willow W 6 <sup>th</sup> Ellie G 19 <sup>th</sup> Elsa N	7 yr old boys	9 <sup>th</sup> David W 16 <sup>th</sup> Liam M 20 <sup>th</sup> Gjolek H
8 yr old girls	7 <sup>th</sup> Elisabeth W 10 <sup>th</sup> Lila C	8 yr old boys	1 <sup>st</sup> Jake B 18 <sup>th</sup> Jay M
9 yr old girls	1 <sup>st</sup> Lyra D 17 <sup>th</sup> Chloe B 19 <sup>th</sup> Natalia H	9 yr old boys	3 <sup>rd</sup> Logan P 6 <sup>th</sup> Dylan S
10+ yr old girls	3 <sup>rd</sup> Niki Baker 11 <sup>th</sup> Pipi C 13 <sup>th</sup> Tessa M	10+ yr old boys	7 <sup>th</sup> Jerome M 14 <sup>th</sup> Cooper B 20 <sup>th</sup> Adrian B

## VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018

Ruma Tui	Harriet	For keeping the 'letter of the week' alive in Ruma Tui throughout the day by noticing.	Riley G	For making a huge effort to display the values of nurture and excellence.
Ruma Kiwi	James	For excellence in his language words and sounds. Kia kaha!	Taylor	For showing excellence in her writing. Paianan to tuhituhi
Ruma Kākāpō	Jay	For showing patience and perseverance in your weave art. Your rain had to think carefully about the pattern of weaving.	Kiani-Shey	For using your 'stop and think' tool to make the right choices for learning.
Ruma Pukeko	Siwar	For showing excellence with focused listening skills and independent work habits.	Elisabeth	For working hard to achieve excellence with her mihimihi art this week.
Ruma Keruru	Mitchell	For effort, application and great focus with all learning tasks this week.	Rome	For working hard to produce quality work in all learning areas.
<b>Ruru Award: Lexi - For being a motivated Tirau LEARNer role model who is focused on doing her best at all times. She is also supportive of others.</b>				

## VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Ruma Tui	Quinn	Always presenting her work to a very high standard by taking immense pride in anything she does.	Isy	Her enthusiasm and drive to write her stories independently. Fabulous work Isy!
Ruma Kiwi	Te Wairua	Excellence in her reading and achieving a higher level. Kia mau te wehi!	Charlotte	Showing 'nurture' at all times toward the tamariki in her class. Aataahua!
Ruma Kākāpō	Fleur	Showing the highest level of respect to your peers. You are so responsible and I am always catching you doing the right thing.	Maddisyn	Working hard to manage your time during reading. You are so confident.
Ruma Pukeko	Kepas	Taking responsibility so he is prepared and ready for learning and making great progress because of this.	Waimaria	Making great leaps in the understanding of her number knowledge. Tu – meke Wai!
Ruma Keruru	Adrian	Your positive interaction with your peers and your kindness towards your Ruma Tui buddy.	Lashantay	Making a huge effort to manage your time and complete some topic activities.
<b>Ruru Award: Koby Hendrick – Being a motivated Tirau LEARNer who is always trying his best. He tries his best to learn something new every day.</b>				

