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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 26th July - Week 1 Term 3 2018

Important Dates:

8th August – Matamata Intermediate Open Day

8th August 3:30pm – 6:00 pm Parent Interviews in the Learning Centre

9th August 3:30pm - 7:45 pm Parent Interviews in the Learning Centre

10th August – Naked Lunch

Value for Week 1, Term 3: Excellence

Class on Assembly: Ruma Kereru

Value for Week 2, Term 3: Respect

Class on Assembly: Ruma Tui

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau

Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

LEARNING AT TIRAU – Term 3 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

You should have received your child's portfolio for the first half of the year at the end of last term. 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 8th from 3:30 until 6:00pm and Thursday 9th August. From 3:30 – 7:45 pm The bookings are now open at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and the Event code is gn4rb. 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. If these times do not suit please speak to your child's teacher directly to arrange another time.

Due to a clash of commitments at University Mrs Mathers is only available on Wednesday the 8th from 2:00pm until 6:00pm. If this day doesn't suit parents they are welcome to organize a time to meet with Mrs Patterson.

NAKED LUNCHES

As part of our focus on 'Sustainability' all the classes completed a lunch box audit last term, 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 10th August. Some ideas to reduce waste are – buy in bulk, use the compartments in lunch boxes and use bees wax wraps and containers. Included with the newsletter is a flyer about an opportunity for parents to purchase Beeswax wraps as part of a fundraiser for the school. These are made by one of our parents – Veronica Maree and are great to use as a reusable lunch box item.

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

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.

PTA OXFORD PIE FUNDRAISER

Accompanying the last newsletter was order forms for Oxford Pies that the PTA are doing as their next fundraiser. If you missed the forms there are spares available in the office.

These pies are delicious and are fantastic to have in your freezers for those cold winter lunches. Orders and money need to be returned to school by **Monday 6th August.**

The orders will be available to be collected from Room 3 at school on Wednesday 15th of August

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We have received some new supplies of our school polo shirts in sizes 4,8,10,12,14 and 16. Please purchase these from the office if required.

We also have a full range of our school polarfleeces available.

No reira ma te manaakitanga

Kia tou, ki runga, kia koutou katoa

Siobhan Patterson

Principal