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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 16<sup>th</sup> August- Week 4 Term 3 2018

### Important Dates:

21<sup>st</sup> August – Year 6 open day at Putaruru College

22<sup>nd</sup> August – Winter Sports Tournament for Yr 4 – 6 students at Glenshea Park

23<sup>rd</sup> August – Gymsport Festival in Tokoroa

**Value for Week 4, Term 3: Actively Involved**

**Class on Assembly: Ruma Kākāpō**

**Value for Week 5, Term 3: Lifelong Learning**

**Class on Assembly: Ruma Pukeko**

### Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau

Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

### IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

31<sup>st</sup> August – Daffodil Day

21<sup>st</sup> September – PTA Quiz Night – 7pm Tirau Hall

### STRIKE ACTION

We would like to acknowledge the support of our school community with the strike action yesterday. Our teaching staff attended a number of rallies across the Waikato and it was amazing to see the support out there.

### LEARNING AT TIRAU – TERM 3 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all of you who attended our parent teacher interviews last week. There was a real air of positivity in the Learning Centre as successes were celebrated and challenges shared. It is important to remember that your child's learning journey is a partnership where everyone contributes to achieve a positive outcome, sometimes the gains may not be large but every step forward should be acknowledged. We also know that every child's learning path is unique to them and there are many factors that can impact on this journey, what is refreshing is that with the elimination of National Standards we are able to focus on the progress each child is making, without being hung up on the destination expectation. Be reassured we still have learning expectations aligned with the achievement levels as outlined in the New Zealand curriculum. As part of our on-going self review we had a survey at parent interviews to gather some feedback about our Reporting to Parents. If you would like a chance to complete the survey there are copies available from the school office or you can download one from the school website or school app. Please return these to the school office by the end of next week.

### NAKED LUNCHES

We had our first “Naked Lunch” last Friday as part of our focus on ‘Sustainability’ over the past term, while we don't have the complete analysis of the data we collected as yet. All classes noted a significant decrease in the amount of single use packaging in lunchboxes. What was very exciting was the large number of families that were using reusable packaging in lunches. There was also an increase in the amount of fruit and vegetables in lunchboxes. We would also like to thank Veronica Maree - who sold beeswax wraps and ended up donating \$100 to the PTA as a result of her sales. We really appreciate your support in this venture, while at the same time supporting our ‘Sustainability’ learning.

### YEAR 4 STUDENTS PRESENTED WITH DICTIONARIES

In Week 2 at assembly all of our Year 4 students were presented with beautiful illustrated dictionaries by Eileen and Heather from the Putaruru Rotary Club. Thank you to Putaruru Rotary for these valuable learning tools.

### STAFFING NEWS

It has been great to welcome Matua Robbie McGougan to Ruma Kereru this week. The learners are buzzing and having a great time with him in the classroom.

### PTA OXFORD PIE FUNDRAISER

The Oxford Pies were delivered on Tuesday afternoon and a big thank you to Mo Bell who worked tirelessly organising the orders on Tuesday. If you weren't able to collect your order we have put them in the freezer. Please see Freda in the office to collect them.

### PUTARURU COLLEGE OPEN DAY FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS

It is the time of year when our Year 6 students and their families make their choices about schooling in Year 7.

All of our Year 6 students have been invited to the Putaruru College Open Day on Tuesday 21st August

**When:** Tuesday 21st August 2018

**Where:** Putaruru College

**Time:** 10am - 2:20pm

**Transport:** The children will be collected by the College van and returned to school by 2:45pm. A College staff member will be the driver. If you would like your child to attend and would like to drop them off and pick them up yourself then just let us know.

There will also be an information evening for students and their parents at 5:30 on Tuesday 21st August in the College Auditorium.

### WHEELS DAY

One of our Year 4 students has requested that we have a wheels day so we have booked it in for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August. Children are allowed to bring along their skateboards, scooters and roller skates – **please no bikes. Please ensure your child has their helmet and any required safety gear. We will be asking students to not share wheels as this can cause fights.** There will be areas set up on the courts at both break times and it will be supervised by our staff. If we have a successful day we will look to make this a regular thing.

## TOUCH TEAM NOTICES

Miss White will be sending out notices to interested players tomorrow – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August. Please contact the office if your child didn't receive one so we can include them in teams. Please return these quickly as it can be difficult to accommodate late entries.

### TALENT QUEST

Mrs Edmeades is helping us out organizing the school Talent Quest again this year.

The heats will be held in the Learning Centre at lunch time:

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September Yrs 0 – 2**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September Yrs 3 & 4**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September Yrs 5 & 6**

**The final will be held at the end of our Market Day on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September from approximately 1:15 pm in the Learning Centre.**

### PTA QUIZ NIGHT \_ FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER at the TIRAU MEMORIAL HALL

The PTA have been working tirelessly to organise another fabulous quiz night later this term, they have already secured some fabulous prizes that will be available on the night. Tickets will be available from the School Office from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August for \$20 per person. See the flyer

### SPORTS UNIFORMS

A reminder to return your sports uniform to the school office please. Your bond money will be returned to you next week.

### VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018

<b>Ruma Tui</b>	<b>Frida</b>	For being able to transfer the wealth of knowledge she has to reading and writing.	<b>Kingston</b>	For taking ownership of his learning and totally focusing on the task he is doing. You are working so hard Kingston.
<b>Ruma Kiwi</b>	<b>Roman</b>	For being a very supportive and caring pupil at all times. Showing a high standard of manaakitanga and respect.	<b>Sean</b>	For being really independent with his reading and writing throughout the day. Ka pai Sean, Kia kaha tō māhi. Keep up the great work.
<b>Ruma Kākāpō</b>	<b>Liam M</b>	For focusing on your learning and the learning of others. You are taking responsibility.	<b>Mya-Leigh</b>	For showing the highest level of respect to others. Ruma Kākāpō feel so comfortable coming to you for help and support. I love it!
<b>Ruma Pukeko</b>	<b>Kiama - Paige</b>	For displaying leadership skills in class by always being a sensible, trustworthy and helpful person.	<b>Olivia E</b>	For showing perseverance and determination with her learning to overcome challenges. What an awesome attitude to have Olivia!
<b>Ruma Keruru</b>	<b>Bryah</b>	For continuing to set high standards for yourself and your positivity in all areas	<b>Corey</b>	For showing respect for his peers and always looking for ways to help.

**Ruru Award: Ashleigh – always being an enthusiastic Tirau LEARNer who has a drive for learning**

### VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018

<b>Ruma Tui</b>	<b>Evelyn</b>	For making a huge effort to learn her sight words and practice her reading.	<b>Tyson</b>	Being motivated to succeed and improve, and for celebrating with everyone when he does.
<b>Ruma Kiwi</b>	<b>Charlotte</b>	For being a very supportive and nurturing pupil at all times. A high standard of aroha and empathy of others. Tau ke!	<b>Sophie</b>	Show big improvement in her āhua (behaviour) towards her friends in the classroom.
<b>Ruma Kākāpō</b>	<b>David</b>	For the drive you show towards your learning everyday. Your motivation is infectious.	<b>Ellie</b>	Working so hard to be the best version of herself that she possibly can. You show excellence in everything you do.
<b>Ruma Pukeko</b>	<b>Lila C</b>	For the drive and determination you show towards your learning is impressive Ka pai Lila!	<b>Chloe</b>	Showing excellence in her learning this week, especially for mathematics
<b>Ruma Keruru</b>	<b>Ally</b>	For always having a can do attitude to her work and taking on new challenges. Tino pai!	<b>Matty</b>	Showing excellence and focus in his learning this week

**Ruru Award: Frida –For her infectious love of learning and for being a genuine Tirau LEARNer who always shows her love of learning.**

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

**Siobhan Patterson**  
Principal

### Pig and Chicken Food Scraps

As a school, we all know how many lunchbox sandwiches and food gets thrown away weekly at school. We are looking for someone who would like to collect our food scraps weekly to feed a pig or chickens instead of throwing them away. If you know of anyone then please let the office know or Sarah Brown.

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# A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

## Our Annual Quiz Night

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Time: 7pm  
Where: Tirau War Memorial Hall

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