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TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura o Tirau

"What ever is worth doing, is worth doing well."

Thursday 30th August- Week 6 Term 3 2018

Important Dates:

31st August – Daffodil Day

31st August – Naked Lunch

5th September – Clean Up Tirau 11:40 – 1:20 pm

7th September – Book Club orders due in

21st September – PTA Quiz Night – 7pm Tirau Hall

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau

Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

Value for Week 6, Term 3: Actively Involved

Class on Assembly: Ruma Kereru

Value for Week 7, Term 3: Nurture

Class on Assembly: Ruma Tui



GYMSPORTS FESTIVAL SUCCESS

Most days this term Miss White and the students in the Gymsports teams have given up their break and lunch times to practice for the South Waikato Gymsports Festival in Tokoroa on Thursday 23rd August.

Congratulations to Jayden and Logan who placed first and second respectively in the Flyers section. A big thanks you to Miss White who gave up a lot of her time to coach the teams and to all the parents who supported on the day.

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 15% of our students have been late on at least one occasion.

CLEAN UP TIRAU

As part of **Keep New Zealand Clean Week**, running from 10 – 16th September 2018 – proudly sponsored by G.J Gardner, we will complete our very own **Keep Tirau Clean Day on Wednesday 5th September, 11.40 – 1.00 pm**. We want to teach children the importance of having respect for their local community and the importance of not dumping unwanted rubbish.

Where: Meet students outside the Learning Centre at 11:40am

Cancellation: Please check the school Facebook and Class Dojo - a decision on whether we go ahead will be made by 9 am.

Fonterra staff from our local Tirau site will be joining us as we embark on collecting unwanted rubbish around our school and community. Please make sure that students have enclosed footwear.

Thank you to those of you who have offered to support us on the day, there is still time to return your form if you would like to help out. Please join us to help keep our students safe as they help serve our community.

PTA QUIZ NIGHT - FRIDAY 21st 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 are available from the School Office now for \$20 per person.

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 18th September Yrs 0 – 2

Wednesday 19th September Yrs 3 & 4

Thursday 20th September Yrs 5 & 6

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

DAFFODIL DAY - THIS FRIDAY

This **Friday 31st August Tirau School is celebrating Daffodil Day.**

Please dress up in yellow and/or green and bring a gold coin donation to support this day.

Your child will receive a fabric daffodil and a daffodil sticker, which have been gratefully donated by the Waikato Cancer Society. We will also be holding a coin trail to raise money for the Waikato Cancer Society.

Thank you so much for your support.

NAKED LUNCH FRIDAYS

We had a wonderful response to our naked lunch with more children bringing reusable containers, fewer packet foods and plenty of fruit and veges. So this is a win for your children and a win for our environment! The improvement was amazing so thank you parents, for getting behind this initiative with your children. We have decided as the staff to make every Friday a **Naked Lunch Day** for the rest of the year, with special certificates to encourage children and staff, that every little change we make, makes a difference.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 17th August 2018

Ruma Tui	Ellie	For being able to 'soak up' new learning and share it with others.	Benjamin	For becoming more actively involved in all aspects of the classroom learning community. Love your energiser moves Benjamin!
Ruma Kiwi	Leroy	For being very active in his learning kaupapa this week. Showing an amazing attitude toward writing. Tau ke!	Ashleigh	For showing a great attitude toward all her learning and a great 'Tirau LEARNer' attitude. Kia kaha Ashleigh.
Ruma Kākāpō	Gjolek	For your awesome efforts in reading! I love seeing your responsibility for your learning.	Lexi	For showing Ruma Kākāpō the very definition of Actively Involved. You are always looking for ways to show your learning and go the extra mile.
Ruma Pukeko	Thomas	For the drive and enthusiasm he shows towards his learning and being a role model student all the time! Tu meke!	Lyra	For always being actively involved with her learning and thinking about how to engage in problem solving skills that respects all.
Ruma Keruru	Zek	For communicating in a timely manner in class so we can focus on our learning	Aaliyah	For being involved in school activities with energy and enthusiasm, a star at gymnastics, great player in touch rugby and an industrious writer

Ruru Award: Rylan – always being a dedicated Tirau LEARNer who is going the extra mile to be the best for the Gymsport festival

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 24th August 2018

Ruma Tui	Kingston	For being a responsible member of the class. You are keen to give things a go. Well done!	Evelyn	Being a wonderful role model in Ruma Tui. You are always in the right place, doing the right thing. You have a wonderful attitude towards learning.
Ruma Kiwi	Isabelle	For showing 'lifelong learning' in our kaupapa this week. Showing an amazing attitude towards her maahi, Tau ke!	Te Wairua	For showing a great attitude toward all her learning and a great 'Tirau LEARNer' attitude. Kia kaha Te Wairua.
Ruma Kākāpō	Khloè	For sharing your ideas with your reading group to show your understanding.	Kiani Shey	For being focused on his learning in class and at home. You are especially loving reading and Miss White is so impressed!
Ruma Pukeko	Anastasia	For taking responsibility to complete her work to the best of her ability after a break away from school. Tu meke!	Cleo	For having terrific lifelong learning skills – cooperating and getting along with everyone in class!
Ruma Keruru	Logan	For achieving outstandingly well in Gymnastics. Logan is going on to an even higher level of competition.	Alyssa	For being engaged in her learning, regularly sharing her published writing with the teacher, which is of a pleasing standard.

Ruru Award: Miss White –For being a dedicated Tirau LEARNer and teacher who has given 110% for our students preparing for the Gymsport festival.

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

Siobhan Patterson - Principal