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Te Kura o Tirau

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

Thursday 30th August- Week 6 Term 3 2018

Important Dates:

18th – 20th September - Talent Quest auditions at lunch time

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

26th September 11:00 – 1:00 Market Day - **THERE WILL BE NO SUBWAY ORDERS ON MARKET DAY**

1:15pm Talent Quest Final

Value for Week 8, Term 3: Respect
Class on Assembly: Ruma Kiwi
Value for Week 9, Term 3: Excellence
Class on Assembly: Ruma Kākāpō

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau

Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

LEARNING AT TIRAU

TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI

This week is Māori language week and the classes have been involved in a variety of activities to celebrate this important aspect of our New Zealand culture and heritage. Whaea Denise has also worked to get our school kapahaka group up and running and she has a keen group of students to start this off. They will be sharing some of their learning before the end of the year. A free mobile app that uses photo recognition to identify items in te reo has just been released, in conjunction with Māori Language Week. Called Kupu (translation: "word"), it is available at the iOS App Store and via the Google Play Store.

"There are some amazing resources for learning Te Reo Māori, including books, websites and apps," said Auckland University of Technology Māori language expert Dean Mahuta, who served as an advisor on the project. "However, this is the first learning tool to translate pictures in real-time. It's an evolution of the resources that are out there."

The project was funded by Spark, pairing Google's artificial intelligence technology with the Te Aka Māori Dictionary, an online resource that has more than 300,000 visitors per month. "It would be amazing if, as a nation, we could learn together through an immersive interactive experience - one picture and translation at a time," Google's creative director, Tara McKenty, said in a statement announcing the app. "Just learning a single word each day can collectively have a huge and lasting impact on our collective knowledge of Te Reo Māori." Google's artificial intelligence platform is expected to continue to learn, improving te reo translations on Kupu as it receives more feedback.

2019 TERM DATES and INFORMATION

We have recently received our staffing allocation for the 2019 school year from the Ministry of Education and we are going to be able to run 6 classes next year. We will make decisions about what the class organisation will be before the end of the school year but it is exciting that we will be able to offer smaller classes. If you know of anyone planning to enrol 5 year olds with us next year (or any other potential enrollments) please get in touch with the school office as the more information we have at the planning stages can help us eliminate changes and or having to reshuffle students during the year. The Board of Trustees have also set the term dates for the 2019 year and they are as follows:

Term 1 - Thursday 31st January – Friday 12th April – 11 weeks

Term 2 – Monday 29th April – Friday 5th July – 10 weeks

Term 3 – Monday 22nd July – Friday 27th September – 10 weeks

Term 4 Monday 14th October - Tuesday 17th December – 10 weeks

MARKET DAY

All of our classes have been eagerly working to create upcycled products for you as part of our focus on Sustainability and we are looking forward to sharing our creations with you on the Market Day on Wednesday 26th September from 11:00 am until 1:00pm. Our wonderful PTA will be selling sausages and running a cake stall. They are asking for donations of home made cakes, if you are happy to donate one please bring it in on the morning of the Market Day and leave at the office. Please see the flyer included with this newsletter.

TALENT QUEST

We are looking forward to seeing the wide range of talents on offer at Tirau Primary during our Talent Quest auditions next week. Many thanks to Mrs Edmeades who has helped 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.

CLEAN UP TIRAU

As part of **Keep New Zealand Clean Week**, we completed our very own **Keep Tirau Clean Day** on **Wednesday 5th September**, It gave our learners a realistic view of what happens when people carelessly throw away rubbish. The children now have an authentic experience that highlights the importance of having respect for their local community and the importance of not dumping unwanted rubbish. Thank you to those of you who supported us on the day; we were also joined by 5 members of the team from the Tirau Fonterra site, who helped us on our mission. A big thank you to Mrs Sarah Brown for all her organisation for the event. It was great to see our students living our school values.

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. There is a list of all the silent auction prizes included with today's newsletter, if you are unable to attend the quiz night and would like to bid on any of the items then please see Freda in the office. There is also a display of some of the items in the School Office. Tickets are still available from the School Office for \$20 per person, they will be on sale until Wednesday 19th September. If you have reserved tickets they must be paid for and picked up before the end of the Wednesday. THERE WILL BE NO DOOR SALES.

DAFFODIL DAY -

Thank you so much for your support with our daffodil day celebration. We raised \$245 for the cancer society, thanks to your generous donations.

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 – 31st August 2018

Rūma Tui	Harper	For being an active member of Rūma Tui who has an amazing number knowledge.	Quinn	For always going the extra mile to put maximum effort into her learning – no matter what she is working on.
Rūma Kiwi	Harriet	For having an amazing attitude to all her learning this week, keeping with our values and displaying 'active learning' in all her maahi!	Ashton	For going forward in 'leaps and bounds' with his reading and writing, Kapai Ashton. What amazing learning you are showing! Tau ke!
Rūma Kākāpō	Lilah	For showing courage and confidence in the way you have involved yourself in class activities.	Cooper B	For being actively involved in our reading discussions. I love the way you are showing your understanding by sharing ideas.
Rūma Pukeko	Tia Marie	For always being like a ray of light with her positive attitude and gorgeous smile in class. Tu meke!	Dylan	For using terrific word attack skills in his reading this week and being adventurous with his choice of words in writing. Tu meke Dylan!
Rūma Keruru	Meah	For writing in detail a description about the way to reduce plastic pollution in our world	Cohen	For contributing well during learning discussions with thoughtful and creative ideas.

Ruru Award: Lila C – always being a resilient Tirau LEARNer who always has a positive attitude to her learning.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 7th September 2018

Rūma Tui	Dominic W	For trying hard to be a good friend and to share the classroom resources	Djinn	For learning his sight words and getting them right! Keep up the awesome learning Djinn!
Rūma Kiwi	Gabriella	For showing Nurture and awhinitia naturally and selflessly. A real gem to have in the class. Her friends in Rūma Kiwi are lucky to have such an ataahua kootira. Your awhi is amazing. Ka Aroha!	Daniel B	For amazing reading and writing this term. Daniel is showing self motivation to learn across all areas of the classroom kaupapa. Tino Rawe!
Rūma Kākāpō	Cody	For always being on task and giving his best. He is a great friend	Willow	For being a responsible learner. She is a great role model and a very hard worker who always gives 100% in class.
Rūma Pukeko	Rhyot	For working really hard on his 'Mako Shark' poem and creating a terrific mobile to go with it.	Aimee	For using terrific problem solving skills in mathematics and being speedy in her recall of basic facts. Tu meke Aimee!
Rūma Keruru	Lashantay	For concentrating and working well in reading activities with Mrs M.	Cooper B	For listening and showing respect when people are sharing ideas in learning discussions

Ruru Award: Thomas – For being a fantastic Tirau LEARNer and teacher who has a range of knowledge which he shares with confidence.

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

Siobhan Patterson - Principal