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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 27th September - Week 10 Term 3 2018

Important Dates:

28th September – Last Day of Term 3

15th October – First Day of Term 4

22nd October - Labour Day

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau

Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

Value for Week 10, Term 3: Actively Involved

Class on Assembly: NO ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

Value for Week 1, Term 4: Actively Involved

Class on Assembly: Ruma Pukeko

Welcome to the following students and their

families who have started at Tirau School –

Elizabeth S, Peeta B and Niziah – Lee who have all started in Ruma Tui.

PTA QUIZ NIGHT

A huge congratulations to our wonderful PTA, and especially the Quiz Organising Committee for their successful quiz night fundraiser last Friday night. It was great to see so many teams getting into the spirit and dressing up. The rounds and questions organised by quiz master extraordinaire Mrs Donna Signal were challenging but so much fun. The hall was decorated to resemble a venue any Hollywood star would be happy to party in. There was spirited bidding on the amazing cakes and the silent auction items which helped to swell the total raised to over \$5000. On behalf of the students, staff and Board of Trustees we would like to extend our thanks to all of those involved in the organizing and running of this event.

Tirau Primary School PTA would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all the wonderful businesses, families and individuals who supported our Quiz Night last week.

The event was a huge success and all profits will be going towards literacy aids for the children attending Tirau School.

Congratulations to Graeme Brown Men In Black who took out the quiz and to the team from The Baker, taking out Best Dressed Team as The Rocky Horror Picture Show.

CALENDAR ART ORDERS

These are available to order from now until Week 3 of next term. The artwork was displayed during our Market Day and will be available in the office where each class will have a folder of artwork, so you can see the art before purchasing. Your child's art can be made into either calendars, cards, diaries, mouse mats and sketch pads. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas. An order form has gone home this week with all the details. Calendars \$12, mouse mats, pack of cards, sketch pads and diaries all \$15 each. Cash or cheques accepted for payment (cheques payable to Tirau School) or you can pay directly into our school bank account using Calendar Art and your child's name as reference. Our bank account details are 12 3438 0016342 00 – Tirau Primary School Board of Trustees. The last day for these orders will be Wednesday 31st October.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

Kia ora koutou School whanau,

The Tirau School Board of Trustees (BOT) met on the 10th September. The following is a summary of the main points discussed:

- The board has approved the use of a Furniture and Equipment Grant funding to purchase TVs for the classrooms to replace the projectors which are nearing the end of their useful lives, and would start to be expensive to repair. The board felt that flat-screen TV's would be a better option both financially, and for ease of use for teachers.
- Discussion took place on setting the 2019 school year dates. The board decided that Tirau School would start on Thursday 31st January 2019 and finish on Tuesday 17th December 2019 with provision for a teacher-only day on Fieldays Friday (mid -June).
- School pool. As mentioned in previous board updates, the BOT have been carefully considering options with regards to repairs to the school pool. The BOT have now received 3 quotes for the necessary repairs. These range from \$30-47,000. In addition, the South Waikato District Council (SWDC) who have been managing our School pool as well as the Tirau town pool next door, would not be available to do water quality testing for us (as in the past). The board discussed options for doing the testing, but it was felt that meeting the rigorous requirements and cost was prohibitive for the School. Therefore, the board has made the decision not to proceed with the repairs to our school pool for the foreseeable future. We will leave the school pool empty for the season and if circumstances change we can look at our options again. Instead, the staff are going to look at options for swimming in the school programme, and this will include the use of the Tirau town pool. The SWDC are about to begin upgrades to the town pool, so we will look forward to using this facility this summer.
- On a very positive note, Mrs Patterson was happy to report to the BOT that we had received our 2019 Staffing Entitlement Notice. We were to be staffed at 7.60 for the 2019 school year. That would enable us to open a 6th classroom for the whole 2019 school year and enable us to have a lower teacher/pupil ratio in each class. -Fantastic news! Advertising is underway soon for a fixed-term teacher for the 2019 school year.
- As part of our strategic planning the Board are completing a community survey. Three of our board members were approaching family members at our Market Day yesterday. There is an online link to the survey on the welcome page of the school website www.tirau.school.nz if you would like to share your ideas or a paper copy can be collected from the school office.

Ngā mihi,

The Tirau School Board of Trustees

MARKET DAY

It was spectacular to see such a wonderful turn out to our Market Day yesterday. We had a huge number of parents, grandparents and other supporters of our school join us to grab some amazing creations and see our fabulous children performing. The array of products on sale was a credit to the students and our wonderful staff who created the learning opportunities that allowed the children to explore Art and sustainability, in some classes repurposing a range of things that would otherwise have become rubbish. I know that the children had many hours of fun making their products and there are some really creative students and staff across our school.

Miss White has had a very busy term as she has worked with the Gymnastics teams who shared their performances during Market Day on Wednesday. These groups have given up their break times to learn and perfect their routines and it was awesome to get to see these performances here at school.

We really appreciate all the support from our school community because without it our Market Day wouldn't have been the great success it was. As a result of the Market Day we raised almost \$700 to go towards the cost of sports equipment.

TALENT QUEST

Congratulations to all the students who took part in our school Talent Quest this year. The final was held yesterday at the end of Market Day. We really appreciated the input from our judges, Courtney and Tom two senior students from Putaruru College. Many thanks to Mrs Edmeades for all her organization and hard work. The winners were

1st – Meah, Sarah, Corey, Bryah and Tessa - play

2nd Ellie - Gymnastics

3rd Elisabeth, Olivia, Kiama- Paige, Lilah and Ellie - Dance

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 14th September 2018

Ruma Tui	Ellie	For her Te Reo Māori pronunciation and use of the language.	Niziah - Lee	For settling into the learning environment in Ruma Tui quickly and easily.
Ruma Kiwi	Kobe P	For 'Kapai to korero I tenei wiki' super impressed with all the Māori kupu you have spoken this week. Kia kaha to reo Kobe! Tau ke!	Leah	For becoming a valued member and part of the Ruma Kiwi whaanau! Nau mai, haere mai!
Ruma Kākāpō	Jay	For working so hard to manage yourself and take responsibility for your learning. Ka pai to mahi!	Ariana	For the respect that you show to others. Your learning buddy was away all week, so you returned his learning to his tote tray for him. Ka rawe!
Ruma Pukeko	Naylah	For writing a wonderfully descriptive 'Mako Shark' poem and creating a terrific mobile to go with it!	Jayden	For playing hard and fast for the winter sports tournament! Tu-meke Jayden!
Ruma Keruru	Denali	For responding thoughtfully and calmly when discussing key concepts, great respect shown.	Tessa	For using small vertical brush strokes and contrasting colours with acrylic paint wonderfully in her "City Sky at Night" art.

Ruru Award: Harper– always being a wonderful Tirau LEARNer who shows lots of care for her classmates.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 21st September 2018

Ruma Tui	Lilith	For being reliable, responsible and respectful at all times. You are amazing Lilith.	Cattleya	For demonstrating the value of 'Excellence' in all of her work. You put maximum effort into everything you do.
Ruma Kiwi	Aaron	For being an amazing role model in the classroom when he shows tikanga on the mat and great manaakitanga towards his friends. Kia mau te wehi!	Sophie	For showing amazing friendship and nurture towards her friends, kia kaha Sophie!
Ruma Kākāpō	Elsa	For the care that you take in your artwork. You use other artists' inspiration and add you 'Elsa' flair. I love it!	Cody M	For finishing your long 'a' phonics learning. Ka pai to mahi Cody!
Ruma Pukeko	Waimaria	For making terrific progress in her reading and writing this term. You are a focussed learner Wai!	Eli	For always striving to achieve excellence in his work. You are awesome!
Ruma Keruru	Jerome	For showing cooperative skills during games and being a fast and elusive runner in touch rugby.	Nikita	For contrasting colours using small brush strokes and adding detail in building windows in her 'City Sky at Night' art.

Ruru Award: Kobe P – For being a focussed and switched on Tirau LEARNer who is making amazing progress.

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

**Siobhan Patterson –
Principal**

JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING starts again at Tirau Tennis Club (Station Road, Tirau) on Tuesday, 23 October. Classes are of 45 minutes each and start at 3.30, 4.30 and 5.30 pm. The 3.30 and 4.30 classes are for primary and intermediate age children. The 5.30 pm lessons are for high school students and adults wanting to get back into it – or to start from scratch. Students and adults from this class are welcome to stay on for club night to practise their newly learned skills!

Six lessons with professional coach Clem Apted. Racquets and balls are provided and can also be purchased. Numbers are limited. \$40 per child/adult for the six week course. Please phone Janet Palmer 8831452 or 027 2729835 for more information.