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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 25th October - Week 2 Term 4 2018

Important Dates:

30th October - BOT Meeting 7:00pm Learning Centre

1st November – PTA Halloween Disco at Tirau Memorial Hall 6-8 pm

19th November – Athletics – Sprint Events

20th November - Athletics – Field Events

21st November – Matamata Intermediate Orientation Day for Year 6

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau

Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

LEARNING AT TIRAU PRIMARY

This term our inquiry focus is around Water for Life and the classes will be investigating this from a science perspective looking at concepts like the water cycle and how water is important to sustaining life. Classes are also training for our athletic sports on Monday 19th – Sprints and Tuesday 20th – Field Events. Further information will come home about this event closer to the date.

BEING SUNSMART

As Term 4 is a summer term please ensure that your child has an appropriate wide brimmed hat, or a cap with a flap to cover the neck. We will not be allowing children to play in the playground if they do not have an appropriate hat. Black bucket hats can be purchased from the school office for \$5. We also recommend that you apply sunscreen to your children before they get to school and that they have sunscreen to apply at school. Classes do have a supply of sunscreen for children to use if they have forgotten theirs. We also expect the children to wear our uniform of School shirt and **plain black** bottoms. It is important that any other items worn are **plain black – we do not want to see colourful rugby or league shorts, track pants or tops with colourful words or logos.**

COMMUNITY SURVEY

As part of our strategic planning the Board are completing a community survey. 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. You can also access it through the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VST8HGX>

BEACH EDUCATION

At the end of 2018 we made the decision to run senior camps every second year due to rising costs and the struggle we had to get parent helpers, to fill this gap and to offer opportunities to all of our learners we have decided to run an EOTC week for the whole school in Week 7 - 26th – 30th November. We have a number of events planned for the week. Friday, 30th November, we will take part in Beach Education Day to be held at Omanu Beach in Mount Maunganui. This is a unique programme for our school to be part of due to the fact that all children will have the opportunity to take part in the programme. We see it as a once in every two year opportunity. Because of the nature of the programme and due to our numbers the children in Ruma Tui will be doing a modified programme at Omanu Beach.

To make the trip a success we need to take at least 16 parents, some of whom will be willing to go into the water in the afternoon. Full training is given to all the parents on the day and the trip will only be able to go ahead with this support. If you are interested fill in the section below and return it to the school office by Wednesday 31st October.

The school via the school consumables will cover the cost of the beach education portion and we are asking for \$15 per student to be paid towards the cost of the buses. A huge thank you in advance to all the parents helping with transport and supervision, without your help this trip would not be possible, especially as we need to ensure we have one adult for every 5 students.

PTA DISCO

Next Thursday – 1st November the PTA are holding a Halloween themed disco at the Tirau Memorial Hall from 6:00pm until 8:00pm. They will be selling pizza, drinks, lollies and glowsticks. \$2 entry fee. Please make sure that your child is signed in and out so we have an accurate record of who is attending – this is for health and safety reasons. Pre school siblings are welcome but no older siblings please.

GUITAR LESSONS

These began today for the enrolled students, if you are interested in this for your child, enrolment forms are available from the office. Lessons must be paid for in advance.

Value for Week 2, Term 4: Excellence

Class on Assembly: Ruma Kereru

Value for Week 3, Term 4: Nurture

Class on Assembly: Ruma Tui

Welcome to the following students and their families who have started at Tirau School – Clark G who has started in Ruma Tui Jessie Mae, James B, and Sean Ruma Kiwi, Evelyn Ruma Pukeko and Ryan in Ruma Kereru.

CALENDAR ART ORDERS

These are available to order from now until Week 3. 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 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**.

ICAS SUCCESS

Every year we offer the opportunity for our senior pupils to take part in the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) exams in subjects such as Science, Mathematics, Writing and Spelling. These are organized by the University of New South Wales and sat in schools across New Zealand, Australia and Asia. We have had groups complete a number of these in 2018 and at last Friday's assembly we presented the certificates for those children who sat the English exams.

The results were as follows:

SCIENCE:

Fahmi Y and Tessa M were awarded participation certificates

Mitchell B was awarded a Credit – He scored in the top 16 percent of all participants in Year 5

Thomas S was awarded a Distinction – He scored in the top 8 percent of all participants in Year 4

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 19th October 2018

Ruma Tui	Dominic B	For being at Tirau LEARNer through and through. You own your learning to the max.	Frida	For actively showing that you can write stories independently – plus they make sense, have correct punctuation and are interesting.
Ruma Kiwi	Jack	For sharing amazing stories in Ruma Kiwi about his family and holiday experiences. Using a lot of 'wow' words in his korero. Kapai koe! Amazing story telling.	Leah	For showing a great attitude toward her learning and persevering to overcome challenges. Kia kah too maahi Leah!
Ruma Kākāpō	Ariana	For taking charge and focusing on your animal fact file learning, even when you were away 2 days.	Jordan	For being actively involved in your reading learning. You are gaining more and more confidence by reading so much.
Ruma Pukeko	Rylan	For always being a responsible member of our class. You are a great listener and excellent role model.	Lyra Jane	For your enthusiasm during reading. You have wonderful ideas and focus.
Ruma Keruru	Joshua	For communicating well about the way people are treating each other in games.	Fahmi	For leading his learning in numeracy by being actively involved in getting some mathematics work to do.
Ruru Award: Sean B – For being a caring Tirau LEARNer who is always looking out for his classmates and helping out around the school.				

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.

BABYSITTER NEEDED FOR WEEKEND WORK

If interested please contact Rebekah Hendrick on 027 840 4556

2019 Beach Education

Full name of parent/caregiver: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

I am able to help supervise and accompany the school for this day YES / NO

I am happy to be in the water for the water activities part of the day. YES/NO

I am happy to take my own vehicle YES / NO