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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 22<sup>nd</sup> November - Week 6 Term 4 2018

## Important Dates:

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November** – School trip to Te Waihou walkway

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November** – Interschool Athletics at Glenshea Park

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November** – All library books to be returned

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – PRIDE Ceremony at the Plaza Putaruru

**Value for Week 6 Term 4: Excellence**

**Class on Assembly: No Assembly**

**Value for Week 7, Term 4: Actively Involved**

**Class on Assembly: Mrs Patterson to lead**

## Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau

Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

## LEARNING AT TIRAU SCHOOL

There is a lot of excitement in the senior school this week with the Matamata Intermediate open day, our year 6 students and their families are getting ready for the next stage of their educational journey as they move onto Year 7. There are very special events ahead to celebrate their contributions to our school before the end of term. We have also had a successful running of our school Athletics Sports. It was great to see the weather playing its part and allowing us to get through the programme. We need to extend a huge thank you to Miss White, Mrs Leonard and all of our staff for making this event such a huge success. Miss White and Mrs Leonard have been working on selecting the team for the interschool athletics next week. A separate notice will go home to all the students selected to compete.

## STAFFING AT TIRAU PRIMARY FOR 2019

You are all now aware that Miss White and Mrs Signal are leaving us at the end of the school year, we will miss all their amazing contributions to our school and look forward to celebrating their time with us at our final assembly on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30 pm – there is further information later in the newsletter.

Over the past few weeks the Board of Trustees have been working to appoint new staff for our permanent and fixed term positions for the 2019 year and we are excited to announce the following appointments.

Megan Smith is our new Junior Team Leader and she will be teaching in our new entrant classroom.

Margaret Tiddy will be teaching in our Year 2 & 3 class.

Laura Wallace will be teaching in our Year 3 & 4 class.

We have finalised our staffing for 2018 which is as follows

**Ruma Kereru – Year 5 & 6** – Denise Mathers

**Room 3 – Year 3 & 4** – Laura Wallace

**Ruma Kiwi – Year 1 & 2** – Denise Thompson

Mrs Judith Robinson will work part-time doing Classroom Release Time and Learning Support

Mrs Sharon Davis will be providing release for the Senior Leadership Team and working as a Specialist Teacher

A message from Megan Smith

After teaching at Goodwood school for three years and spending 2018 at University I am looking forward to being the Junior team leader and working with our new entrant learners. I am passionate about young children's learning and their transition to school life.

My husband Peter and I live in Te Awamutu and have two young adult children.

I am grateful for the opportunity to join the staff at Tirau school and look forward to meeting and being part of this community.

A message from Laura Wallace

Hi, my name is Laura Wallace and I'm very excited to be joining the Tirau Primary teaching team in 2019!

I am a teacher with over 5 years experience teaching preschool age children. I have recently completed my Graduate Diploma in Primary Teaching and I'm really looking forward to working with you and your tamariki to create a positive learning partnership.

My education interests are centred around developing a growth mindset, teaching resilience, promoting confidence and using mindfulness to grow tamariki into confident and resilient members of society who are empowered to make a difference.

I live in Cambridge with my 2 children - Jack and Olivia, my dog Bella and cat Mr Cuddles. Outside of school I enjoy time at the beach, walking, yoga, pilates, reading, gardening and coffee!

A message from Margret Tiddy

I am coming from Ngahinapouri Primary where I have been teaching for the last 24 years. I grew up in Hinuera so I am already connected with the area.

My mother, Yvonne Tiddy, and neice, Rebekah Bardoul have both taught at Tirau Primary and I am very much looking forward to becoming part of the School Whanau.

I studied at the University of Waikato and enjoy helping children develop their talents. I am a mother of four and a grandmother of six wonderful children.

I am a country girl at heart and my biggest passion is the Arts.

## FINAL ASSEMBLY FOR 2018

Final assembly will be held on Friday 7th December at 1:30 pm in the Learning Centre. This is an opportunity to farewell Miss White and Mrs Signal and hand out our last certificates for the year.

## FINAL DAY OF 2018

Our final day for the year is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. We will be finishing at 12:00 pm. We ask that all children are collected from school by 12:30. We are just finalizing the arrangements for the bus on the last day and will let families who use the bus know once this has been finalized. If your child normally goes to After School care you will need to let them know you will be requiring their services that day.

## REPORTING TO PARENTS

Over the past weeks our fantastic teachers have been working with your learners to determine their current achievements with a view to making overall teacher judgements and writing reports. This information is very valuable for all of us.

For you as parents it helps you to see where your child is at and learn what progress they have made in their learning. For the staff at Tirau School we use this valuable information to help us plan strategic interventions to support the specific learning needs of the learners and help to accelerate their progress. I will be sharing the overview of information identified in the data in future newsletters and how this has been used to set achievement targets as part of our 2019 Charter. The teachers have collated portfolios of learning for the students and these show the progress that your children have made over the course of the 2018 school year. Reports and Portfolios will be sent home on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December and I encourage you to discuss any questions or concerns with your child's teacher. Also accompanying the portfolio will be a letter informing you of your child's class for 2019.

## PRIDE CEREMONY

We have been very impressed with the large number of students who have completed their LEARNING with PRIDE work in 2018. The PRIDE Prizegiving will be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 10:00am at the Plaza in Putaruru. Further information will sent home to the children attending next week.

## CONSUMABLES and OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

As we get closer to the end of the year we would like to have all outstanding accounts settled. We would also ask that people pay their consumables. If you are unsure if you have anything owing please see Mrs Leonard in the office.

## PRIZE GIVING

Our annual prize giving will be held in the Tirau Memorial Hall on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30 pm. This recognises our Year 6 leavers and we present our school cups, trophies and class certificates. We would like all children NE-Y6 to attend. The children must wear correct school uniform please. Children are required to be at the hall at 6:15 pm for a 6:30 pm start. The children have been practicing hard on their singing for the past two weeks. I would like to extend a special invitation to all our Year 6 parents and caregivers, to share this special ceremony with us.

## HOME READERS and LIBRARY BOOKS

Please return all home readers and library books by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. We will not be issuing any more library books after next week. There will not be any readers going home from Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November, as we need to start stocktake and shelving. Some teachers may send home poetry to support their reading programme.

## WATER FIGHT AND HELPERS THANK YOU

As a fun event, we are going to hold a water fight for those who want to be involved after our volunteers and parent helper thank you and final Assembly on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at approximately 2:15 pm. This event will be completely dependent on the weather. Students are welcome to bring equipment for the water fight. We also ask that a plastic bag and spare pair of clothing be put in your child's bag, so they can change into dry clothes afterwards. At 12:30pm, prior to the water fight and final assembly, we will be having a special afternoon finger lunch for any and all parents who have supported the school in anyway this year. If you are a member of our PTA, provided transport and supervision to any school events, coached or managed a sports team, provided in class support please come along and join us. This is our opportunity to thank you for your support in 2018.

## PTA XMAS BASKET RAFFLE

Yesterday you will have received a notice about the PTA Xmas basket raffle, please bring your donations into the office. All families will be issued with tickets next week. These will need to be sold and the tickets and money returned to school by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November. The raffle will be drawn at our prizegiving on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

## VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Ruma Tui	Elizabeth	For being a fabulous Tirau LEARNer – all the best for your time up north.	Clark	For having the utmost respect for everybody and everything. You are amazing Clark.
Ruma Kiwi	Sean W	For being a real tau ke Ruma Kiwi pupil. Always on task, a high standard of maahi and a really engaged attitude towards his learning Pai Tena!	James Y	For an amazing attitude toward all his learning. He shows manaakitanga and a high standard of maahi. Tino Rawe!
Ruma Kākāpō	Tara	For working so hard to manage yourself. You focus so carefully on your learning! I love it.	Koby H	For your wonderful manners, careful listening and positive attitude towards others. You show respect in so many ways.
Ruma Pukeko	Rhyot	For being a self motivated learner and making huge improvements with his basic facts knowledge in class. Tu meke Rhyot!	Cooper	For being a bright star in class who always supports and respects others in class.
Ruma Keruru	Pipi	For demonstrating great creativity and concentrating for extended periods of time using a 'maker' kit	Aaliyah	For regularly having the most answers correct on a weekly basis in Prodigy Games maths
<b>Ruru Award Leah – For making excellent progress in her literacy. You are a Tirau LEARNer who is really switched on to learning.</b>				

### VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Ruma Tui	Djinn	For being focused on your learning and always putting maximum effort into your work.	Liam C	For making great progress in your learning and being willing to share your thoughts and ideas on a daily basis.
Ruma Kiwi	Sean B	For being a real tau ke Ruma Kiwi pupil. Sean is powering through his words and making great improvements in his reading. Awesome Sean!	Te Wairua	For an amazing attitude towards all her learning. She shows manaakitanga and a high standard of maahi. Tino rawe!
Ruma Kākāpō	Logan	For the careful concentration that you are putting into your reading. You are such a reader.	Willow	For demonstrating lifelong learning – learning where ever you go by building on your water cycle knowledge at home. I love it!
Ruma Pukeko	Evelyn	For using sophisticated language in her toad life cycle report and going the extra mile with her learning.	Lyra	For using lifelong learning in athletics be persevering and trying your hardest.
Ruma Keruru	Adrian	For consistently completing school work in a timely fashion and showing accurate lines of symmetry in geometry	Olivia	For the great organization and readability of your end of year speech
<b>Ruru Award: Guile – For epitomizing the meaning of being a Lifelong Learner. You take your leaning brain everywhere you go to build new knowledge.</b>				

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

**Siobhan Patterson**  
Principal

#### MESSAGE FROM THE RSA

Hello, residents of the Tirau District

I have the crosses I put out over the past four years to remember the men that left the district during World War 1 and did not come home.

If you are a family member and would like to have your descendant's cross, please contact me.

Here are the names:

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#### SCHOOL APP – CHANGE

Due to a new provider becoming available we have changed our school App. Our old app will only be updated until the end of November. Please see the information below about the new Skool Loop app we will be using.



**JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING** has started again at Tirau Tennis Club (Station Road, Tirau). 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.