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School Community Newsletter



TIRAU SCHOOL 69 Main Road, Tirau Phone 883 1653 Fax 883 1269 Email office@tirau.school.nz



TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura o Tirau

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

Welcome back for 2019

Thursday 31st January - Week 1 Term 1 2019

Important Dates:

Wednesday 6th February – Waitangi Day – School is closed

Wednesday 13th February - Meet the Teacher Night 6:00 pm

Wednesday 20th February – School Swimming Sports

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau

Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

WELCOME BACK

It has been a great start to the year at Tirau School with a number of new enrolments seeing us start with a roll of 104, this means that our classes are lovely and small to start the year. The children have all got into the learning for the year and I know it is going to be a very exciting one. The staff have been working hard over the summer break to be prepared and are excited to get into the year. Firstly we would like to welcome Mrs Megan Smith, Ms Laura Wallace and Ms Margaret Tiddy to their full time rolls in Ruma Tui, Kea and Kākāpō, it is great to have you all joining us.

Our staff for 2019 are:

Mrs Siobhan Patterson

Mrs Denise Mathers

Mrs Megan Smith

Mrs Sarah Brown

Whaea Denise Thompson

Ms Margaret Tiddy

Ms Laura Wallace

Mrs Judith Robinson

Miss Sharon Davis

Mrs Rebekah Bardoul

Ms Jacque Dykstra

Mrs Kelly Fisher

Mrs Freda Leonard

To be appointed

Principal

Deputy Principal and Teacher in Ruma Kereru – Year 5 & 6

Junior Team Leader and Teacher in Ruma Tui – Year New Entrant and Year 1

Teacher in Ruma Pukeko – Year 4 & 5

Teacher in Ruma Kiwi – Year 1 & 2

Teacher in Ruma Kākāpō – Year 2 & 3

Teacher in Ruma Kea – Year 3 & 4

Classroom Release and Learning Support Teacher

Classroom Release and Specialist Teacher

Deputy Principal Release

Teacher Aide

Teacher Aide

Executive Office

Caretaker

Mrs Tanya Putt

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We have welcomed a number of students and their families to Tirau Primary School this week and we would like to extend a warm welcome to the following students and their families. Mikaylah, Olivia and Mila have started in Ruma Tui, Neveah has started in Ruma Kiwi, Lilly-Marie has started in Ruma Kākāpō, Xurui has started in Ruma Kea, Harper has started in Ruma Pukeko, Kaelyb has started in Ruma Kereru.

All the classes will be looking at developing class routines and expectations as part of our Tūrangawaewae unit of learning. Tūrangawaewae means a place where one has the right of residence and belonging through kinship and whakapapa (geneology). This fits perfectly into the important building of relationships that is often the focus of learning programmes at the start of the school year. Relationships between the teacher and students, student to student, family and home relationships are all of the important building blocks that underpin successful learning. As part of this we are going to be exploring the unique cultures that makes every learner in our school special. We are planning to have some special events to celebrate these later in the term.

Swimming will be another important part of our learning programmes in the first part of the term. We are going to be working with Learn to Swim instructor Marina Jones, who will be taking lessons with every class at least once a week from Week 2. These lessons will be supplemented by other lessons overseen by the class teacher. I have been informed by Heather Gaby from the South Waikato District Council that Marina will be offering after school lessons at the Tirau Community Pool each Wednesday starting on 13th February from 3.30pm till 6:00pm. If you are interested in this you will need to register and there will be forms at the pools from today, or you can phone the pools on 8850739.

BLANKET PERMISSION FORM

Please find attached to this newsletter a blanket permission form for the 2019 year. This covers trips around our local area, permission to publish student work and images and after school procedures for all students. Please fill in one form for each student and return it to your child's class teacher by Friday 8th February.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS AND COMMUNITY

We are currently reviewing our communication with parent procedures due to the growing number of inquiries we are receiving at the office regarding information shared through our printed newsletter. We are investigating some options for putting our newsletters online. Our newsletters are all available online through our website and through our Skool Loop App.

ASSEMBLY

Our Friday assemblies will be run every second week on a Friday afternoon from 2:15 pm in the Learning Centre. Each assembly will have a different class responsible for running assembly, the class will have the opportunity to present something about the week's value and share their learning. This gives the opportunity for our students to develop their oral language skills and to take an active roll. Each class will award a student of the week and values certificate and we will continue to have the values draw for positive playground role models. Due to week 1 & 2 being short weeks we won't be starting our assemblies until Week 3 – Friday 14th February

PIANO AND GUITAR LESSONS FOR 2019

If your child was taking part in these lessons in 2018 and you would like them to continue please see the separate letter given to your child. If your child doesn't want to continue please let the teacher know as soon as possible. If you would like to enrol your child for either instrument please collect an enrolment form from the school office.

Values:

We continue to focus on our school motto: "Whatever is worth doing is worth doing well." As part of this classes will be developing their own class treaties and expectations around our **TIRAU LEARNerS values**

L – Life-long Learning

E – Excellence

A – Actively Involved

R – Respect

N - Nurture

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S – Success

Uniform

It was fantastic to see the students in their school uniform this week – they all look very smart.

Just a couple of reminders:

The uniform of School shirt and plain black bottoms is **compulsory** for all students. **This means that it must be worn every day.** 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.** With start of the year sales you are able to pick up black shorts, leggings, skorts and skirts very cheaply at a number of retailers like Kmart or the Warehouse. Children can wear black thermal under their uniform or a plain black cardigan or sweatshirt as the weather gets cooler.

As Term 1 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, especially with the heat wave we are experiencing. 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, especially before swimming. Classes do have a supply of sunscreen for children to use if they have forgotten theirs.

Bus Students

The students who catch the bus to or from school have been spoken to this afternoon about what is expected of them when travelling by bus. They have also been issued a bus vest and given a bus code of conduct, which needs to be read with them and signed then returned to school by next Friday 8th February. This year our bus children will continue to join the before school care programme in the learning centre and they will also supervise the children after school. It is very important that you sign your child off or contact the office if they are not going to be travelling by bus after school so that we are not chasing after children already collected.

Newsletters will come out every second week starting next Thursday. If you have any questions you would like to discuss please do not hesitate to contact me. principal@tirau.school.nz, or through the school office.

No reira ma te manaakitanga

Kia tou, ki runga, kia koutou katoa

Siobhan Patterson
Principal