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# TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Te Kura o Tirau

“What ever is worth doing, is worth doing well ”

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February - Week 4 Term 1 2019

### Important Dates:

5<sup>th</sup> March – Interschool Swimming Sports – pp 7<sup>th</sup> March

13<sup>th</sup> March – School Triathlon/Duathlon

19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March – Goal Setting Meetings

### Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau

Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

### SWIMMING SPORTS

Thank you to all of you who came along to support our school Swimming Sports yesterday. It was amazing to have so many families competing in the family relay. I was very impressed by the number of children who entered into events that challenged them, that grit and determination are great attitudes to take into life. Also a big thank you to everyone who joined us for our Meet the Teacher Hui's last week. It was great for you to meet our new staff and hear about the expectations in the classrooms and some of our exciting plans for 2019.

**Weeks 3 & 4 – ACTIVELY INVOLVED** – The focus will be on being active in our learning and in the playground, work around how to get involved in an activity and how to include others.

**Week 5 Assembly – Ruma Kiwi**

### Welcome to Tirau Primary

- We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following students and their families to Tirau Primary.
- Bentley in Ruma Tui.

### LEARNING AT TIRAU – TŪRANGAWAEWAE CELEBRATION

On Friday 8th of March we would like to have a cultural celebration to finish off our Tūrangawae unit.

We will be having an opportunity for our children to share their particular cultures with their classes and the school.

On the day we will be sharing some of our learning about their cultures in their classes, and then we would like to have a shared lunch where every family brings a finger food dish to share that represents something important in your family's culture - rice paper rolls if you are from Vietnam, sushi from Japan, Fairy Bread for New Zealand, Scones from England, or a special family dish e.g. Cheese rolls, Fritters, Mousetraps, Pikelets to name a few – anything that you as a family feel represents something important about your culture.

Parents are invited to join us from 12:00 for a sharing time and the shared lunch.

### WHOLE SCHOOL ZOO TRIP

Today you will have received your Permission slip for our whole school Zoo Trip later this term. Each term your consumables goes towards some of these special events, where possible we try to fund all the expenses out of these donations. Because the term 1 consumables are also covering the cost of Marina Jones our swimming instructor we are unable to cover the whole cost of the zoo trip. The cost of the trip for students who have paid or made arrangements to pay their term 1 consumables is \$10. If you haven't paid this, payment can be made at the office as soon as possible, otherwise you will be charged \$20. If you are experiencing any difficulty covering this cost please see myself or your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR AND ASPIRATIONS SURVEY

Accompanying today's newsletter is a 2019 event calendar. We have tried to map out as many events for the year as possible so you can be prepared. However at times we will have to change events and we will communicate these changes through the newsletter.

We are also asking parents and whānau to complete an aspirations survey about each of their children to better inform our teachers. Please fill in one survey for each child and return it to your child's class teacher.

### STAFF HOURS OF CONTACT

Please note that our staff are available in class from 8:30am. Due to privacy this may not be the best time to raise a concern in front of other families (or your child) so it may be appropriate to email them your concern and/or for an appointment to meet at a mutually agreed time. Please note that our staff, due to their teaching load and duties during the day will endeavour to get an email response to you within 24 hours, between the hours of 8:00am and 6:00 pm. Our staff also have professional meetings most Mondays and Wednesdays straight after school, so may not be able to address any concerns on these days as they need to get to our meetings on time at 3:15 pm. Please do not be offended if they ask for you to follow up with them by email if they have to get to a meeting.

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP AT TIRAU PRIMARY

Last Friday, at assembly we presented our Year 6 leaders with their badges for the 2018 year. Below are our Year 6 leaders for 2018. We are looking forward to seeing them grow as leaders this year.

Ambassadors	Sports Leaders	Enviro Leaders	Librarians	Tech Buddies
Cooper C	Logan	Sarah	Sarah	Rome
Mitchell	Aimee	Meah	Meah	Cohen
Aimee	Dylan	Mitchell	Cohen	Ryan
	Rome	Logan	Ryan	Cooper
				Dylan

### GUITAR AND PIANO LESSONS

Sadly due to a lack of demand this year Peter Whelan will not be continuing his guitar lessons. If you would like your child to learn guitar please contact Mrs Patterson, if we get enough interest these will resume in Term 2. Piano lessons are continuing. Information and enrolment forms are available from the office.

### COLOURED PENCIL FEES

The coloured pencil fee is to cover the costs of coloured pencils that are used in classes across the year and this stationery has already been bought and paid for by the staff. The school reading log that will be being used by every student is also only available from the office at \$5.00. Please ensure that you pay these fees as part of the stationery requirements for the year. This year we have introduced a new Maths resource across the school, every student has a special activity book that needs to be purchased from the school office at a discounted price of \$5. Please endeavour to pay for these as soon as possible. Many thanks to those of you who have already paid.

### PTA NEWS

Our fantastic PTA had their first meeting of the year on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February and are organising their first fundraising efforts. On Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Interschool Swimming Sports they are running a sausage sizzle in Putaruru and require some helpers. If you are able to help on the day please see Siobhan. In 2018 the PTA worked extremely hard and raised over \$14000 to support our students. This year they have provided outdoor cushions for the senior classes. We really appreciate the support of the PTA and their contribution really helps us to stretch our resources that little bit further.

The PTA are organising an Easter Raffle. The funds raised will be used to support in different ways across the school. This will be their first fundraiser for the year. It will be drawn on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

All families will be sent home a card of tickets to sell and extras will be available from the office. We would love it if families could donate items suitable for an Easter raffle such as:

Easter eggs	Magazines	Family games
Toiletries	Canned goods	Books

or whatever you think someone would like to win. We will then create different hampers for the prizes. All donations greatly appreciated and can be left in the box in the office. We need your donations to be dropped off by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

### VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018

<b>Ruma Tui</b>	<b>Mila</b>	For showing respect by being an active listener who follows instructions willingly	<b>Clark</b>	For making a super effort in swimming.
<b>Ruma Kiwi</b>	<b>Kingston</b>	For being a great role model for his hoa ma! Kia mau te wehi!	<b>Benjamin</b>	For displaying consistent manaaki to his friends, kaiako –and ako. Kia kaha!
	<b>Neveah</b>	For being a positive learner and making great friendships. Tino pai Neveah!	<b>Evelyn</b>	A wonderful start to her Ako in Ruma Kiwi. Making great choices. Ka Pai Evelyn!
<b>Ruma Kākāpō</b>	<b>Jordan</b>	For working hard on following instruction in writing time.	<b>Koby H</b>	For having an excellent work ethic and completing work on time.
	<b>Mason</b>	For excellent effort in his work at literacy time.	<b>Ashleigh</b>	For using her initiative and working hard on word work.
<b>Ruma Kea</b>	<b>Gabriella</b>	For demonstrating the value of nurture by looking after our new student.	<b>Cody M</b>	For stepping up in class and demonstrating focus and on task learning.
	<b>Jessie-Mae</b>	For demonstrating the value of nurture by looking after our new student.	<b>Cooper B</b>	For his perseverance and persistence during swimming lessons.
<b>Ruma Pukeko</b>	<b>Mya-Leigh</b>	For living and modelling our nurture and respect values around school. Tu meke Mya!	<b>Cleo</b>	For starting to self manage herself in class discussions and sharing her ideas with others
			<b>Ellie</b>	For using active learner skills. She always listens carefully and seeks help when she is unsure.
	<b>Harper B</b>	For settling into class quickly and showing a caring attitude towards others	<b>Fleur</b>	For being persistent with her learning in swimming and making terrific progress.
<b>Ruma Keruru</b>	<b>Cohen</b>	For showing how respect can be used in the classroom by listening and sharing	<b>Eli</b>	For stepping up and being a role model in class to others. Great leadership Eli!
			<b>Logan P</b>	For showing positive Year 6 role modelling early in the year and for being very helpful in class.
	<b>Elisabeth</b>	For showing our nurture value in class by caring for her class mates.	<b>Sarah D</b>	For stepping up and helping others in class to get settled and learn routines

**Ruru Award: Jayden – For being a fantastic Tirau LEARNer role model and leader in the playground, especially taking charge of his sandpit duty.**

**Xi Rui - For being a wonderful Tirau LEARNer who has shown Nurture in the playground this week.**

### SPONSORSHIP FROM ONE ROAD ICE CREAM

We have been very lucky to receive some sponsorship for our Student of the Week and Learners Award draws each week in Assembly from the team at One Road Ice Cream situated just down from the BP station on the Main Road in Tirau for Term 1. We really appreciate their support I know that the children receiving the vouchers will enjoy their single cone treats; the hardest part will be deciding what delicious flavour to have.



If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further please do not hesitate to contact me. [principal@tirau.school.nz](mailto:principal@tirau.school.nz), or through the school office.

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

**Siobhan Patterson**  
Principal

#### Te Reo Māori we are using in classes

<b>Ako</b> – learning	<b>Kaiako</b> – Teacher
<b>Manaaki</b> – Respect	<b>KaPai!</b> – Good work
<b>Kia kaha</b> - stay strong	<b>Tino Pai!</b> – Very good work
<b>Kia mau te wehi</b> - Exceptional work	
<b>Hoa Ma</b> - Friends	