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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 21st March - Week 8 Term 1 2019

Important Dates:

26th March – BOT Meeting – 7:00pm

April 1st – 4th – Book Week

April 2nd - Visiting Author Sharon Holt

April 4th – Grandparents Day

April 5th - Whole school Zoo Trip leaving school at 8:30 am

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau

Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

Weeks 9 & 10 – Lifelong Learning – The focus will be on using our school values and our learning in our everyday lives and in the playground

Week 9 Assembly – Ruma Tui

Welcome to Tirau Primary

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following students and their family to Tirau Primary.

Flynn and Elizabeth H in Ruma Tui

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROCEDURES

In light of the events that happened in Christchurch last Friday we have reviewed our Lockdown procedures. All classes have a lockdown kit and teachers have spoken to them about what to do in the case of a lockdown at school. For the most part we have carried on as normal and don't feel that it is our place to talk about the events with the children unless it is in direct relation to a question, apart from having our flag at half mast as a sign of respect we haven't done anything further to acknowledge the tragedy. We have been invited to take part in a Day of Colour on Friday however feel that this doesn't give us a lot of time to get your feedback about whether this is appropriate, our thoughts are that if a national day of mourning is declared we would acknowledge that with a day of colour and undertake some positive action as a school. This will be done in consultation with our community. If you have any comments or concerns about us acknowledging the tragedy please see me.

We work with Harrison Tew, a company that specialises in the effective management of emergency or threatening situations. Harrison Tew regularly audit the school's procedures, conduct regular drills with us and train leaders, the wider staff and our children about the safest ways to respond in these situations. The school has already trained our staff in our evacuation and a lockdown procedures this year. We had planned to have a lockdown drill this week however in light of the events in Christchurch we have instead discussed it as a school and asked our teachers to practice with their classes what to do if there is a lockdown rather than having a school wide drill.

Should the school ever be placed into lockdown, I know that this will be an incredibly worrying time for families so we will endeavour to communicate with you through Class Dojo and the school website to ensure you are informed about the ongoing situation. We do ask that parents DO NOT come to school in a lockdown situation, as this can place you in danger, and we are unable to let you into any part of the school. Staff and children can only be released from a lockdown situation by myself or Mrs Leonard in person. We communicate directly with staff to keep them apprised of the situation and also liaise directly with Harrison Tew and the Police.

LEARNING AT TIRAU – TRIATHLON / DUATHLON LAST WEDNESDAY

Thank you to all our parents, whānau and supporters who joined us for this very fun and successful event. Our staff have worked very hard to provide our learners with an enjoyable multi sport event and we were all very proud of all the competitors. As with every event there are always some ways we can improve so if you have any feedback please catch up with myself at some stage. We presented certificates in Assembly last Friday.

MĀORI PARENT AND WHĀNAU HUI

Thank you to the whānau of our Māori students who came along last week to share their thoughts and ideas. It was great to have some robust discussions around what we are currently doing and some potential next steps. Look out in Term 2 for our next hui where we will organise our hāngi to coincide with the festival of Matariki on June 10th. We will require community support for this to be a success.

GOAL SETTING MEETINGS

Thank you to all of you who made the effort to meet with your child's teacher during goal setting meetings this week. These are an important opportunity for our whānau and parents to connect with their child's teacher and be part of the goal setting

PTA EASTER RAFFLE –

Our PTA are organising an Easter Raffle as a fundraiser. Please send your donated items along to the office as soon as possible.

Raffle tickets were sent earlier this week with the oldest in each family so please check your child's bag if you haven't received it. Please return **the whole raffle card and money to school** when sold and there will be **additional tickets available for sale**. These can be collected from the school office. Tickets need to be returned **Monday 8th April**. The raffle will be drawn on **Wednesday 10th April 2019**.

ZOO TRIP FRIDAY 5TH APRIL

