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TĪRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura o Tīrau

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

Thursday 23rd May 2019

Important Dates:

28th May – Whānau Hui – Hāngī Organisation

29th May – School closed due to Teachers Strike

4th June – Queen’s Birthday

14th June – Teachers Only Day

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau

Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

LEARNING AT TĪRAU – PR1ME MATHS

On Monday 20th May Sandie Haddock, the Scholastic Territory Manager for the Waikato, visited to run some information sessions for parents about the PR1ME Maths resource we have introduced in 2019. Sadly we only had a small number of you able to attend but we hope it was an informative session. Sandie spoke about the origins of PR1ME Maths and the alignment with the New Zealand Curriculum. The programme involves children following a facilitated learning model through small group teaching workshops with a teacher where they first learn in a hands on way with concrete materials such as counters, then moving to a pictorial model where the concepts are modelled by pictures and then when learners are confident they move on to the abstract level using numbers, mathematical symbols and mental strategies to complete problems. When confident the students will move onto independent tasks. As part of the programme all students complete activities in the Practice Books that have been purchased as part of school stationery. These books have been subsidised through the funds raised through our Book Club orders and annual Book Fair.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Have you thought about becoming a member of our Board of Trustees. Elections for the vacancies we have on the Board will be taking place this term. If you are thinking about becoming a Board member there is information available from the school office. Nomination forms need to be received by 12:00 pm noon on Friday 24th May (tomorrow).

Voting papers will be sent by 29th May. Election Day is 7th June 2019 - voting closes at noon.

Votes will be counted on 13th June and the new BOT will take office on 14th June.

WHĀNAU HUI - HĀNGĪ ORGANISATION

We need to hold a further whānau hui to organise some of the finer details for our hāngī. This will be held in the Learning Centre on Tuesday 28th May at 7:00pm in the Learning Centre. We need a good turnout at this meeting to ensure that a successful hāngī can go ahead.

STRIKE DAY – NEXT WEDNESDAY 29th MAY

The planned strike for both primary and secondary teachers across New Zealand will take place Next Wednesday.

Consequently school will be CLOSED on Wednesday May 29th.

We fully appreciate that this will be an inconvenience to our families, but also feel strongly that change and action is urgently needed in order to support our learners and our teachers.

TEACHER ONLY DAY – FRIDAY 14th JUNE

This is notification that On Friday June 14th the school will be closed for a teacher only day. The purpose of the day is so that all of our staff can join our colleagues from across the Matamata Community of Learning for an exciting day of learning. This date coincides with “Fieldays Friday” which will give families the opportunity to either enjoy a day at the Fieldays or a long weekend.

PTA FUNDRAISER - ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The PTA are again selling the entertainment books as a fundraiser – the books are \$65 each and include hundreds of dollars worth of savings at places such as Enchanted Café, and Poppys here in Tirau. There are also a large number of places in Matamata, Rotorua, Cambridge and further afield. For every book sold the PTA will make 20%, which can be put towards the worthwhile resources that the PTA provides our school. Orders can be made online <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/915q097> or through the school office and if you would like to review the book there is a copy available in the school office.

Week 3 & 4 – Nurture - The focus will be on showing respect in the playground by using our manners, taking turns, including others and sharing equipment.

Week 4 Assembly – Ruma Kea

PTA AGM

The PTA held their AGM on Tuesday 21st May. The following officers were elected, Linda Tomalin is continuing as Chairperson, Tania Edmeades is continuing as Secretary and Jessica Wanden is continuing as Treasurer. As a school we really appreciate the work that this dedicated group do to support all the Learners at our school.

PTA OXFORD PIE FUNDRAISER

Accompanying this newsletter is order forms for Oxford Pies that the PTA are doing as their next fundraiser.

These pies are delicious and are fantastic to have in your freezers for those cold winter lunches. Orders and money need to be returned to school by **Tuesday 18th June.**

The orders will be available to be collected from the Learning Centre at school on Thursday 27th June

WINTER SPORTS INFORMATION

After careful consideration we have now decided not to send home paper sports draws.

All draws will be shared on Class Dojo, on our school Facebook page and on the school website. They are also displayed on the notice board beside the main office door. If you would still like to receive a paper draw please see Freda in the office.

TIRAU SCHOOL AG DAY

At our last BOT meeting it was decided that this year we will be holding our annual Ag Day but only for lambs/kids. No calves will be permitted due to ongoing concerns over the Mycoplasma Bovis outbreak. We will inform you of the date when it has been set.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 10th May 2019

Ruma Tui	Olivia H	For having a positive attitude to all her learning.	Tyson H	For having a positive attitude to learning and for great thinking in maths.
			Niziah-Lee	For accurate counting and clear drawing to show her thinking in maths.
Ruma Kiwi	Leah	For managing herself in the classroom and beginning to focus on her learning with manaaki! Kia Kaha Leah!	Quinn	For Displaying consistent Manaaki-respect to her friends, Kaiako and her Ako-learning. Kia Kaha!
	Lilith	For being a positive learner and showing real progress in her reading strategies. Pai too maahi Lilith!	Riley H	For a wonderful start to his learning – Ako in Ruma Kiwi this term. Making great choices in his learning.
Ruma Kākāpō	Koby H	For consistently producing a high level of work	Tegan	For enjoying our hip-hop item “Stop, Drop and Roll”
	Leroy	For sharing his amazing general knowledge	James	For making an effort to produce more work that is of a better quality.
Ruma Kea	Kiani-Shey	For demonstrating the value of nurture by being a friendly, helpful and positive class member.	Charlotte	For persisting with her holiday writing and completing a detailed story.
	Maddisyn	For demonstrating the value of actively involved by always helping keep the classroom organised!	Jack E	For working hard to achieve his goal of self management in class.
Ruma Pukeko	Willow	For living our school value of success by working really hard to re-craft and improve her description about chimpanzees. Tu-meke Willow!	Evelyn	For knowing how to be a good friend and supporting others in class by being kind. You are amazing!
	Amber	For displaying success in her reading research on Pukekos and writing detailed answers to her questions.	Cooper E	For settling so quickly into class and being such a bright, bubbly person who gets on with everyone!
Ruma Keruru	Aimee	For showing success in learning over time and working hard to maintain a high standard	Kaelyb	For being a positive role model and giving everything a go!
	Sarah	For showing success in learning and always working on presentation in her books.	Jayden	For having a great smile every day and helping others when they need it.
Ruru Award: Mya – Leigh – For being a kind and caring Tirau LEARNer who always shows respect and nurture in everything she does.				

Ngā mihi nui

Siobhan Patterson