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## School Community Newsletter



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# TĪRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura o Tīrau

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

Thursday 6th June 2019

## Important Dates:

10<sup>th</sup> June – Matariki Hāngī

14<sup>th</sup> June – Teachers Only Day – Matamata Kaahui Ako

17<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 & 6 Bowls Tournament

## Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau

Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

**Week 5 & 6 – Actively Involved** - The focus has been on being a positive role model and an active participant during Art Week rotations.

**Week 6 Assembly – Ruma Kereru**

**Week 7 & 8 – Respect** We have been talking about how we can show respect towards our schoolmates both in and out of the classroom. One of the strategies we are encouraging the students to use when someone does something they don't like – “Please don't do that I don't like it.”

We have welcomed a number of new students to Tirau Primary School this week and we would like to extend a warm welcome to the following students and their families. Emily, Ava and Corban have started in Ruma Tui, Laura has started in Ruma Kiwi, Charlise has started in Ruma Kea, Scarlett has started in Ruma Pukeko.

## LEARNING AT TĪRAU – ART WEEK and MATARIKI

Last week we had a special visual arts week at school. From 11:40 until 1:20 each day the children were working in whānau (family) groups, the children worked with students from across the school and the members of their family to develop a sense of belonging and to build relationships with other students they may not normally interact with. This also gave them the opportunity to put our school LEARNer values into action. We have seen not just our seniors supporting the junior buddies, but also the juniors helping seniors. In Week 7 the classes will then begin their study around Transportation, Tools and Toys as part of our Exploration theme – this will be our inquiry focus for the rest of Term 2 and into Term 3. The main areas of focus will be in the Technology and the new Digital Technologies areas of the curriculum alongside our normal literacy and numeracy programmes. This week we are learning about the Māori New Year celebration Matariki, which is a time to gather with family and friends to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and plan for the future. We have finalised all the organisation for our hāngī next Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate Matariki. The essence of the hāngī is for our school community to come together and share the experience and a meal to celebrate the end of Matariki.

## HĀNGĪ ORGANISATION

The task of preparing the pit and fire for the hāngī, will happen on, Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. We are also going to do the food preparation at this time. An invitation is extended to any members of our school community who would like to be part of this to join us at the Community Pool on Goodwin St from 4:00pm, bring along your strength, a vegetable peeler or sharp knife and join in the fun. We have had to move the location of the pit and this will now be laid on some private land on Okoroire St.

Thank you to everyone who has generously offered vegetables for the hāngī please send your contributions along to school by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June - tomorrow. We have had a number of meat donations but still require some more. If you have any roast size beef, mutton or chickens that you are willing to contribute these can also be brought to school any time by tomorrow, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and stored in our freezer. If you feel that you are able to contribute in any way this will be gratefully received and appreciated.

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of June the plan is to light the fire at 7:00am, put down the food at 10:00am, which we will be taking the children to watch. The food will be taken out at approximately 12:30 and be served to the children at school at 1:00pm. Some paper plates have been donated but the children can get their food served into their lunch boxes and eat with their fingers.

## PYJAMA DAY FUN RUN

We are in the process of planning our Fun Run this term; this is going to a fun participation event for all our students. This event is planned as our school sport event for Term 2 and is instead of our competitive Cross Country, which is held every second year in line with our Putaruru Sport's cluster. The Sports Cluster event this term is an Orienteering event for Year 5 & 6. To coincide with the PTA Pyjama mufti day we have decided to run the Fun Run on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The fun run will be run on the school grounds and we are looking to borrow hay bales, a large net – possibly fishing net or something similar to create obstacles. If you have anything that you would like to lend us please let your child's teacher know or myself. The children will run in their pyjamas. We will send out further information closer to the event.

## TEACHER ONLY DAY – FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE

This is notification that on Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> 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 Poppy’s 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 provide 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.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Just a reminder that voting in the BOT Election closes at noon Friday 7th June - tomorrow. To ensure your vote is valid please:

\*\*Put your voting papers in the post no later than today – NZ Post has said it will now endeavour to postmark all envelopes.

\*\*You can also hand deliver the voting papers in the correct envelope to the school office before voting closes at noon this Friday.

\*\* If you have not yet received your voting papers please contact me at the school office immediately.

Freda Leonard

Returning Officer

## PTA OXFORD PIE FUNDRAISER

Accompanying our last newsletter was 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 18<sup>th</sup> June.**

**The orders will be available to be collected from the Learning Centre at school on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

## VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Ruma Tui	Rhys	For being a reliable class member who works hard at his learning.	Mila	For writing her ideas independently. Ka pai!
			Lizzie	For making a wonderful effort in reading and writing.
Ruma Kiwi	Neveah	For managing herself in the classroom and beginning to focus on her learning with manaaki! Kia Kaha Neveah!	Ellie	For achieving another level in her reading. Ellie is always exceeding expectations. Pai tera!
	Liam	For his positive towards his friends he always looks at the good side of everyone. What a great attitude and nurture of others.	Kingston	For showing very high manaakitanga and nurturing others at all times
Ruma Kākāpō	Sean	For producing an excellent procedural text on how to make ‘bliss balls’	Harriet	For consistently making an effort to improve her handwriting
	Tegan	For communicating well with her classmates	Jordan	For being a good role model when it is time to listen
Ruma Kea	Xi Rui	For showing the value of excellence in all her work and being able to transfer her knowledge from one subject to another.	Cooper B	For working hard to meet the success criteria in his writing.
	Cody H	For demonstrating the value of lifelong learning by taking all the opportunities he can to practice his reading at home and at school. Tino pai!	David	For being curious and questioning being actively involved in his learning.
Ruma Pukeko	Kristel	For flying along with her reading and working really hard to improve. Tu-meke Kristel!	Ellie	For working hard to identify key information to help her answer research questions.
	Harper B	For being brave and sharing his feelings and discussing new ideas to help himself.	Mya-Leigh	For using her initiative to help others in class and always going the extra mile! You are amazing Mya!
Ruma Keruru	Logan	For showing lifelong learning by redrafting his work and trying to improve his work by adding more detail	Dylan	For making an effort to complete all his learning on time and with enthusiasm
	Thomas	For showing his values in class and working hard to make sure he completes tasks on time	Meah	For working hard on her learning and always asking questions when unsure

**Ruru Award: Kiama - Paige – For being wonderful Tirau LEARNer role model for all the learners in our school.**

Ngā mihi nui

Siobhan Patterson