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TĪRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura o Tirau

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

Thursday 24th October 2019

Important Dates:

24th October – Group day @ Lichfield School

28th October – Labour Day holiday

29th October – Year 4 to 6 Camp Meeting in the Learning Centre 5:30pm

29th October – Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00pm in the Learning Centre

31st October – PTA Halloween Disco at the Tirau Memorial Hall – 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau

Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

LEARNING AT TIRAU

At our last Board of Trustees Meeting in Term 3 the Tirau Primary School Board decided to **opt in to the Ministry of Education Donations scheme for 2020** – this will mean that the school will receive additional funding in lieu of us requesting donations from our school families

Week 1 & 2 Term 4 – Excellence

We are focusing on using our school values and our learning in the playground and showing this at home.

Week 2 Assembly – Pukeko

Week 3 & 4 - Nurture We are focusing Being caring towards others, looking after people when they are hurt and including others in our games.

Week 4 Assembly - Tui

STAFFING NEWS

We are excited to announce the following staff appointments for 2020. Ms Laura Wallace has been appointed to the vacant permanent position and Miss Georgia Robertson has been appointed as a fixed term teacher for the 2020 year. We are excited to have both these wonderful ladies making up our teaching team and we look forward to meeting and getting to know Georgia this term. Below is a brief introduction from her.

Kia Ora koutou,

My name is Georgia Robertson and I am thrilled to be joining the Tirau Primary School staff and community for 2020. I am a recently qualified teacher, and this will be my first position. I was born and raised in Tauranga; having grown up on kiwifruit and avocado orchards. My interests include the outdoors - especially outings on our family boat, dancing, singing and listening to music, and have a passion for writing. I love integrating digital technology into learning and utilising the tools around us to make learning engaging and fun. I can't wait to meet and connect with the staff, students and families of Tirau Primary School.

Ngā mihi,

Georgia

CALENDAR ART ORDERS

These are available to order from now until Wednesday 13th November. The order forms accompany this newsletter. The artwork will be available in the office where each class will have a folder of artwork, so you can see the art before purchasing. Your child's art can be made into either calendars, cards, diaries, mouse mats and sketch pads. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas. Calendars are \$12, mouse mats, pack of cards, sketch pads and diaries are all \$15 each. Cash or cheques accepted for payment (cheques payable to Tirau School) or you can pay directly into our school bank account using Calendar Art and your child's name as reference. Our bank account details are 12 3438 0016342 00 – Tirau Primary School Board of Trustees. The last day for these orders will be Wednesday 13th November..

WHĀNAU TE REO MĀORI CLASSES

On a Monday evening from 5:00 to 6:00pm Te Reo Māori classes are being offered in the Learning Centre for any interested whanau or community members. If you would like to increase your knowledge of Te Reo or just be part of the group just bring yourself along and join us.

PTA HALLOWEEN DISCO

Next Thursday – 31st October the PTA are holding a Halloween themed disco at the Tirau Memorial Hall from 6:00pm until 8:00pm. They will be selling pizza, drinks, lollies and glowsticks. \$2 entry fee. Please make sure that your child is signed in and out so we have an accurate record of who is attending – this is for health and safety reasons. Pre school siblings are welcome but no older siblings please.

AG DAY

We had a great turn out at our annual Ag Day last Tuesday and it was a great success and we were all finished by lunchtime mostly complete before the weather let us down – the judges made comment about the excellent standard of the animals presented and the difficult decisions they had to make in the judging. . It was also great to have our first sand saucer/vege creature competition which was run in classes. The certificates for this were presented on the day. The children who presented lambs and kids at Ag Day will be presented with their certificates at this Friday's assembly. It was also fantastic to have Cindy and her dogs running our Dog Agility section again this year, many thanks to Megan Brewster for organizing this for us. I would like to acknowledge the work of Freda Leonard for co-ordinating such a successful day, the day was a huge credit to her hard work and organization behind the scenes. We would also like to thank Hadleigh, Josh & Logan Putt, David King and our wonderful staff and the parents and students for their work in providing support on the day. It is with the support of our community that days like this can be run and enrich the learning experiences for all our learners. A number of our students have headed to Group Day at Lichfield School today and we wish them all the best for the competition and look forward to hearing their results

UPCOMING BUILDING WORK

In 2018 the Board of Trustees worked with our Architects to develop our building priorities for the next ten years. We are currently awaiting tenders being allocated for some work to happen to upgrade lighting across the school and refurbish the classes in our senior school. We are hoping the majority of this work will happen over the summer break but are currently awaiting a timeline. Once this has been finalised we will share the full plans with the school community. If you have any questions please come and ask.

BEING SUNSMART

Thank you to everyone who has made sure that their child has a hat this term, even though we have been dealing with some very changeable weather when the sun is out it is definitely powerful

PTA DONATION

Our wonderful PTA have pledged \$15000 of their hard earned funds to go towards the resurfacing of the court and concrete area in front of the senior school with turf. Over the holidays I was notified that we had also successfully received a grant from the Lion Foundation to cover the extra \$21000 for this project to go ahead. We are excited to get this installed in the next few months. Once I have had confirmation of the installation dates I will let everyone know.

ATHLETICS

On Monday 11th November we will be holding the sprints. These events will begin at 10:00am and run through to approximately lunch time. On Tuesday 12th November we will be holding the field events from 10:00 am. We will keep Thursday and Friday as our postponement day. The children will need to be prepared with school uniform, sunblock, their hats and a good lunch to keep them going on the day. We will need some parents to help run events and the teachers will approach you as when your child comes to compete. The children compete in years and the cut off date is November 22nd (this is the date for Interschool Athletics) If you have any questions please see your child's teacher. Our younger students will be taking part in a modified

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 27th September 2019

Ruma Tui	Mikaylah Rose	For being a clear communicator of her maths strategies	Niziah Lee	For helping Ruma Tui keep in time to music
	Ivy	For being a super learner who perseveres in all activities.		
Ruma Kiwi	Kingston	For displaying manaakitanga every day towards his classmates and the kaupapa! Pai tika Kingston!	Peeta	For his positive ako (learning) in the classroom, always putting his best wae wae (foot) forward. Pai tika!
	Harper	For incredible respect and manaaki in all areas of the school. Being a nurturing friend to her e hoa ma! Kia mau te wehi!	Quinn	For showing panekiretanga (excellence) in all areas of the curriculum. Kia mau te wehi!
Ruma Kākāpō	Mason	For consistently applying himself to the best of his ability	Ashleigh	For applying herself to improving the quality and quantity of her writing
	Ashton	For working hard to improve his handwriting and chasing these sneaky capitals away.	Harriet	For taking the time to do excellent work of a high standard.
Ruma Kea	Khloe	For showing the value of excellence in your maths work on addition and subtraction to 40	Taylor	For working hard on editing your writing this week.
	Gabriella	For showing the value of actively involved as you work hard on your reading.	Jay	For working hard on trying to remember your presentation success criteria in your writing.
Ruma Pukeko	Cleo	For working hard to complete a terrific piece of pop out art work for her writing this week.	Daniel B	For being settled, focused and self managing in class. Tu meke Daniel, we will miss you
	Willow	For working hard at planning and designing a wonderful pop out piece of art to go with her writing.	Harper	For working really hard to finish his diorama this week and being settled in class.
Ruma Keruru	Cohen	For using a variety of school values throughout the day and supporting others	Anastasia	For having a bubbly personality and trying hard to keep everyone feeling positive over the day.
	Meah	For always using her school values every day and helping others when asked	Aimee	For being such a fabulous class friend to everyone and for always supporting people when they need it

Ruru Award: Adriana – For being a kind and caring Tirau LEARNER who is a great friend in Ruma Tui

Ngā mihi nui
Siobhan Patterson

TENNIS TIME at TIRAU

Coaching for juniors at 3.30pm and 4.30pm will begin on Tuesday 22 October, at the Tirau Tennis Club on Station Road. Lessons cost \$40 per child for a course of 6 lessons – 45 minutes per lesson and a limit of 10 children per class. Racquets are provided and can also be purchased at good prices.

If there are any older brothers and sisters wanting coaching, we are also holding a 5.30pm session which caters for intermediate and college students and adults. Pass it on!

Please contact Janet Palmer on 07 8831452 or 027 2729835.