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# TĪRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Te Kura o Tīrau

"What ever is worth doing, is worth doing well."

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019

### Important Dates:

22<sup>nd</sup> November – Interschool Athletics at Glenshea Park

25<sup>th</sup> November – Yr 6 Orientation visit to Matamata Intermediate

29<sup>th</sup> November – Matamata Intermediate Music performance  
Book Club Orders close

5<sup>th</sup> December – BOT meeting 7:00pm in the Learning Centre

### Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau

Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

### LEARNiNG AT TIRAU

Last week we had a successful running of our school Athletics Sports. It was great to see the weather playing its part and allowing us to get through the programme. We need to extend a huge thank you to Mrs Mathers, Mrs Leonard and all of our staff for making this event such a huge success. We sent out notices for those children who had qualified for interschool athletics on Friday last week. Because the term is whizzing by we will be presenting our school athletics certificates at assembly on Friday. The children should return from the Interschool athletics in time for this, however if they miss the assembly we will present these in our Monday morning assembly.

Our Year 4 – 6 students set off in torrential rain for camp at Mi Camp Whakamaru on Monday, luckily the sun came out for most of the remainder of their trip. The children had an awesome time challenging themselves and getting into the camp spirit. A big thank you to Mrs Brown and Mrs Mathers for all their organization and hard work. It also helps when you have amazing parent helpers who go the extra mile, thank you to them.

### FINAL DAY OF 2019

Our final day for the year is Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. We will be finishing at 12:00 pm. We ask that all children are collected from school by 12:30. The buses will be running at the normal time of 3:40pm on this day so please let us know if your child will be on the bus that day as we will need to arrange supervision. If your child normally goes to After School care you will need to let them know you will be requiring their services that day.

### FINAL ASSEMBLY FOR 2019

Final assembly will be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30 pm in the Learning Centre. This is an opportunity to farewell Mrs Brown and give out our final awards for the year.

### REPORTING TO PARENTS

Over the past weeks our fantastic teachers have been working with your learners to determine their current achievements with a view to making overall teacher judgements and writing reports. This information is very valuable for all of us.

For you as parents it helps you to see where your child is at and learn what progress they have made in their learning. For the staff we use this valuable information to help us plan strategic interventions to support the specific learning needs of the learners and help to accelerate their progress. I will be sharing the overview of information identified in the data in future newsletters and how this has been used to set achievement targets as part of our 2020 Charter. The teachers have collated portfolios of learning for the students and these show the progress that you children have made over the course of the 2019 school year. Reports and Portfolios will be sent home on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December and I encourage you to discuss any questions or concerns with your child's teacher. Also accompanying the portfolio will be a letter informing you of your child's class for 2020 and important information about stationery. If you have any questions or queries please see Mrs Leonard or myself

### HOME READERS and LIBRARY BOOKS

All home readers and library books should be returned by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. In the past after our stocktake there have been 100 books missing from the library. It would cost over \$1000 to replace these. Please have a look at home and return any school resources that you find.

### PRIZE GIVING

Our annual prize giving will be held in the Tirau Memorial Hall on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30 pm. This recognises our Year 6 leavers and we present our school cups, trophies and class certificates. We would like all children NE-Y6 to attend. The children must wear correct school uniform please. Children are required to be at the hall at 6:15 pm for a 6:30 pm start. I would like to extend a special invitation to all our Year 6 parents and caregivers, to share this special ceremony with us.

### WATER FIGHT

As a fun event, we are going to hold a water fight for those who want to be involved after our final Assembly on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at approximately 2:15 pm. Students are welcome to bring equipment for the water fight but it must be clearly named. **This year we are not having any water balloons.**

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS need to be into the School Office by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Week 5 & 6 - Actively Involved** The focus will be on being actively involved in the playground by finding sensible games to play, taking turns, including others and sharing equipment. We will see this in action with the Athletic Sports next week.

### Week 6 Assembly – Kākāpō

**Week 7 & 8 – Respect** The focus will be on showing respect in the playground by using our manners, taking turns, including others and sharing equipment. We are also focusing on putting this into action at home.

### Week 8 Assembly – Kereru

## 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 whānau 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 CHRISTMAS BASKET RAFFLE

Our Hardworking PTA have completed a number of successful fundraisers this year and this will be their last fundraiser for the year. The PTA are asking parents for donations for our Christmas Baskets. Chocolates, vouchers, toys, beauty products, grocery items etc... anything that can go into a hamper at this festive time of year. They are hoping to have at least one basket suitable for a male and one suitable for a female, a couple of children baskets.

**PLEASE GET THESE DONATIONS INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.**

The PTA will be drawing out the winners of the Christmas Baskets at the Prizegiving on Thursday December 12th. Tickets and money need to be returned to the office by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

## ICAS SUCCESS

Every year we offer the opportunity for our Senior pupils to take part in the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) exams in subjects such as Science, Mathematics, Writing and Spelling. These are organized by the University of New South Wales and sat in schools across New Zealand, Australia and Asia. We have had groups complete a number of these in 2019 and at last Friday's assembly we presented the certificates for those children who sat the Mathematics exams.

The results were as follows:

Mitchell B was awarded Distinction, he scored in the top 10% of all year 6 students in NZ

Jayden D was awarded Credit, he scored in the top 40% of all year 5 students in NZ

Ryan W was awarded Participation Xi Rui was awarded Participation

Thomas S was awarded Participation Lexi W was awarded Participation

## VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Ruma Tui	Aiden	For making a positive start to school. Your wonderful manners show your respectful attitude.	Liam v W	For being a keen writer who uses interesting words.
	Corban	For your friendly nature that helps to include and show care to everyone	Olivia	Making a super effort to be a fluent reader.
Ruma Kiwi	Charlotte B	For settling in well to the kaupapa of Ruma Kiwi. Tika pono Charlotte.	Tyson	For being an amazing writer, kapai too tuhituhi Tyson. Keep up the great maahi.
	Jack M	For panui pukapuka (reading) going up a level. Kau mai te wehi!	Leah	For showing confidence in her panui pukapuka(reading). Leah is persevering.
Ruma Kākāpō	Aeon	For starting, staying on and finishing tasks within the allotted time.	James	For working out initial sounds for writing by listening to them and writing them in order.
	Cattleya	For persevering until she gets her work finished thoroughly	Leroy	For being adaptable when we need to go from Plan A to Plan B and sometimes back again.
Ruma Kea	Maddisyn	For being actively involved and working through being in the learning pit during writing.	Charlotte T	For working hard on writing and editing your World's Worst Teacher story.
	Kiani-Shey	For showing nurture by consistently offering to help coach and share knowledge with others	Xavier	For demonstrating strong basic facts knowledge.
Ruma Pukeko	Rylan	For contributing and being actively involved in all areas of his learning	Kristel	For being settled, focused and self managing in class. Tu meke Kristel, you are awesome.
	Waimaria	For working hard with subtraction regrouping in mathematics and learning her times tables.	Harper	For using skill, technique and maturity in his high jumping.
Ruma Keruru	Logan P	For showing the value of excellence with his learning, particularly in a recent art task with Mrs Bardoul.	Jayden	For being a great 'second teacher' in maths. You have shown leadership and support to your peers.
	Chloe Bo	For always using her school values every day and helping others when asked	Cohen	For working hard on his learning and trying to challenge himself.
<b>Ruru Award: Kingston – For being a wonderful Tirau LEARNer role model in his touch team, supporting others to develop their skills</b>				