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School Community Newsletter



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TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura o Tirau

"Growing Successful LEARNers Together."

Thursday 13th February - Week 2 Term 1 2020

Important Dates:

13th February – PTA Meeting 7:00pm Learning Centre

17th February – 9:00 First Certificate Assembly for 2020

18th February - Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm Learning Centre

19th February – Meet the Teacher Picnic 5:30 pm

25th February – School Swimming Sports

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau

Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

SCHOOL VALUES

Week 1 & 2 – Respect We have been talking about how we can show respect towards our school mates 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."

Weeks 3 & 4 – Nurture – The focus will be on looking after ourselves and our classmates.

We have continued to welcome a number of new students and their families to Tirau Primary School this week and we would like to extend a warm welcome to the following students and their families. Sparkle and Tom have started in Ruma Tui, Hadley has started in Ruma Kākāpō, Indigo has started in Ruma Kea, Ben and Whakairo have started in Ruma Pukeko,

LEARNING AT TIRAU

I have been impressed with the focussed and engaged learners I have seen this week as I have visited classes, it is great to see the exciting and stimulating programmes that the teachers are running in the classrooms. As part of developing positive relationships in their classrooms and across the school we are focusing on the setting of shared expectations around positive behaviour and all of the classes are creating treaties for how they will work together and developing a sense of belonging. Tūrangawaewae is our major focus for the first part of Term One. Tūrangawaewae means a place where one has the right of residence and belonging through kinship and whakapapa (genealogy). This fits perfectly into the important building of relationships that is the focus of learning programmes at the start of the school year. Relationships between the teacher and students, student to student, family and home relationships are all of the important building blocks that underpin successful learning.

Classes have also been swimming this week, with most classes having a session with our swim instructor Marina Jones, these will continue for the next 4 weeks. Preparations are well underway for our School Swimming Sports on Tuesday 25th February – look for further information next week.

HEALTH AND SAFETY EXPECTATIONS

We would just like to remind parents that if you, or any of your designated people are collecting your child from school during school hours then they need to be signed out from the sign out book in the office, they also need to be signed in if returned to school during school hours. Please also remind anyone collecting your child after school that they need to collect them from the classroom and to check in with the class teacher. It is also good if we know in advance if there is going to be someone different collecting them. This is extremely important while our new staff get to know their classes and their families.

CAR PARK

Please be aware of children around our school gates and around the roads near our school at 3pm. Please do not park on the field, footpath or on the island in the centre of the senior car park as this can cause congestion and also lead to the need for your child to walk across the carpark, which is unsafe. Please also be aware of your speed in and around the car park as we have had some near misses at the entrance to the driveway, especially if drivers take a short cut when coming in off SHW27 instead of using the turning bay and driving in through the bus bay. Due to the limited car parks it may be easier for people to park on State Highway One down near the church or on Goodwin St and walk into school to collect your children. With nearly 120 students leaving our school grounds at 3pm we all need to step up and take responsibility for their safety. Please be considerate about not using the accessible parking space in the senior area and the area next to the accessible parking space in the junior school as this makes it difficult for the families using this space. Please also be aware of not parking on the footpath down from the SHW27 entrance as this makes it difficult for parents with pushchairs and people in wheelchairs to have access.

SCHOOL CONSUMABLES

At the end of 2019 the Board of Trustees made the decision to join the Government's School Donation Scheme, as a result of this we no longer charge our termly consumables fee.

TIRAU PRIMARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our hard-working Board of Trustees have the first meeting for the year on Tuesday 18th February at 7:00 pm in the Learning Centre. Our first meeting will be focused on finalising our school Charter and Strategic Plan for the 2020 year.

TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

The first meeting for our PTA will be held on Thursday 13th February (**Tonight**) at 7:00pm in the Learning Centre to set the fundraising agenda for the year. This group is a hardworking part of our school community and they would really appreciate the support of some new members in 2020. If you are interested in coming along please join us.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS need to be into the School Office by Thursday 27th February.

MEET THE TEACHER PICNIC

On Wednesday 19th February we will be holding a Meet the Teacher Picnic from 5:30 on the field. Bring along your picnic tea and rug as well as any games to play. There will be a coffee van and ice cream van to purchase treats. See the flyer below.

UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly named on more than just the tag we recommend that you write their full name on the back of the school logo and on the inside hem at the bottom so that we can easily check names.

As Term 1 is a summer term please ensure that your child has an appropriate wide brimmed hat, or a cap with a flap to cover the neck. Black bucket hats can be purchased from the school office for \$5. We also recommend that you apply sunscreen to your children before they get to school and that they have sunscreen to apply at school, especially before swimming. Classes do have a supply of sunscreen for children to use if they have forgotten theirs.

All parents and whanau are invited to our first certificate presentation assembly for Term 1 2020 on Monday morning 17th February at 9:00am in the Learning Centre.

Please find attached our school event calendar for 2020. Some events may be subject to change.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me. principal@tirau.school.nz, or through the school office.

No reira ma te manaakitanga
Kia tou, ki runga, kia koutou katoa

Siobhan Patterson
Principal



WAIKATO VALLEY CRICKET SESSIONS PUTARURU PROMOTING PUTARURU JUNIOR CRICKET 2020

We have organised sessions with Waikato Valley Cricket for coaches, parents and players who might like to give cricket a go. This is a great opportunity to learn new skills and drills and for players and coaches alike, it is free and will run for 3 weeks.

Date: Wednesdays 12th, 19th and 26th February 2020– turn up on the night to register or have a go!

Venue: Glenshea Park Putaruru Time: 3.30pm – 4.30pm Age: 9-12 Year Olds or Year 4-8s Cost: FREE

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