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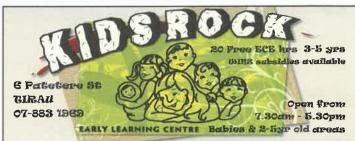




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School Community Newsletter





TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura o Tirau

"Growing Successful LEARNers Together."

Thurs ek 4 Term 1 2020

Important Dates:

4th – 6th March – Life Education Caravan visit. 5th March – Interschool Swimming Sports 13th March – School Triathlon/Duathlon

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau Tenei he panui kia koutou Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

SCHOOL VALUES

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

Weeks 5 & 6 - – ACTIVELY INVOLVED – The focus will be on being active in our learning and in the playground.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following students and their families. Madilyn and Monica have started in Ruma Tui, Boston has started in Ruma Kereru.

SWIMMING SPORTS

Thank you to all of you who came along to support our school Swimming Sports on Tuesday. It was amazing to have so many students competing in our competitive events. We were very impressed by the number of children who entered into events that challenged them, that grit and determination are great attitudes to take into life. Children who have been selected to represent the school at the Interschool Swimming Sports on Thursday 5th March will receive information this week. Thank you to our staff for all their organisation and support. On behalf of our teaching staff I would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who joined us for our Meet the Teacher Picnic last week. It was great for everyone to have the opportunity to connect with each other in a relaxing atmosphere. It was also wonderful to have the Little White Coffee Van and Kowhai Creamery in attendance.

LEARNING AT TIRAU

On Friday 13th March the students will be taking part in the Tirau School Triathlon or Duathlon. This is being held from 9:30 am. The purpose of this event is to give our learners an opportunity to compete in a multisport event. We will have the triathlon for our Year 4 to 6 students. The triathlon will consist of a 4 length swim, a 2 lap bike and then a 2 lap run leg, this will be for students who have bikes. If your child would like to compete in the triathlon you will need to bring their bike and helmet to school on the morning of the event, we will not be organising any bikes for students who don't have them and ask that students don't share bikes. All students who are not entered in the triathlon will take part in the duathlon, consisting of a swim leg and then a run leg. This will be run as a separate event on the same day. This event has been huge success in the past and we look forward to seeing all the keen participants taking part in this event.

The Triathlon/Duathlon will be held on **Friday the 13**th of March at school.

We will send out further information about this next week.

LIFE EDUCATION

Next week we have Michelle, Harold and the Life Education caravan visiting Tirau Primary. They will be sharing lessons with the students on topics such as dealing with feelings and resolving problems and what it means to be a good friend. The caravan will be onsite from Wednesday until Friday with the classes timetabled to have 2 sessions. If you have any questions or would like to speak to Michelle please arrange this through the Siobhan.

STAFF HOURS OF CONTACT

Please note that our staff are available in class from 8:30am. Due to privacy this may not be the best time to raise a concern in front of other families (or your child) so it may be appropriate to email them your concern and/or for an appointment to meet at a mutually agreed time. Please note that our staff, due to their teaching load and duties during the day will endeavour to get an email response to you within 24 hours, between the hours of 8:00am and 6:00 pm. Our staff also have professional meetings most Tuesdays and Wednesdays straight after school, so may not be able to address any concerns on these days as they need to get to our meetings on time at 3:15 pm. Please do not be offended if they ask for you to follow up with them by email if they have to get to a meeting.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AT TIRAU PRIMARY

On Monday, at assembly we presented our Year 6 leaders with their badges for the 2020 year. Below are our Year 6 leaders for 2020. We are looking forward to seeing them grow as leaders this year.

Ambassadors	Sports Leaders	Enviro Leaders	Librarians	Tech Buddies
Chloe	Olivia	Lila	Thomas	Jayden
Kiama-Paige	Kaelyb	Evelyn	Harumi	Waimaria
Elisabeth	Kayden		Anastasia	Rylan
			Eli	Seth
				Cleo

MUSIC LESSONS

Chin who has been our school piano teacher for the past two years has let us know that she is no longer able to offer piano in 2020, I am waiting for information about a new teacher who is able to teach both piano and guitar and I will send home further information once this is

contirmed.

In 2019 the PTA worked extremely hard and supported our students by donating almost \$20000 to the school, including a \$15000 contribution towards the new turf. This year they have provided a donation towards some new signage. We really appreciate the support of the PTA and their contribution really helps us to stretch our resources that little bit further.

The PTA are organising an Easter Raffle. The funds raised will be used to support in different ways across the school. This will be their first fundraiser for the year. It will be drawn on Monday 6th April 2020 at our Monday Assembly.

All families will be sent home a card of 10 tickets to sell on Monday 9th March and extras will be available from the office. Please return by Friday 3rd April.

We would love it if families could donate items suitable for an Easter raffle such as:

Easter eggsMagazinesFamily gamesToiletriesCanned goodsBooks

or whatever you think someone would like to win. We will then create different hampers for the prizes. All donations greatly appreciated and can be left in the box in the office. We need your donations to be dropped off by Monday 30th March.

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.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 17th February 2020

Ruma Tui	Ciyalea	For being kind and caring towards others	Nixon	For always doing his best at all activities
Ruma Kiwi	Lloyd	For settling into the classroom kaupapa with kaha! Kia mau te wehi	Rhys	For his nurturing of our new tamariki in the class and role modelling leadership (tuakana) towards his e hoa ma (tamariki) Kia kaha!
Ruma Kākāpō	Jack M	For showing respect towards the teacher in the classroom	Frida	For completing a cut up story using all the information available to her.
Ruma Kea	Xavier	For being a super helper to both his teacher and his new classmates	Indigo	For being a great contributor to Ruma Kea in just a few days! Keep up the excellent work!
Ruma Pukeko	IJ	For finding his feet at Tirau Primary School in a short time and showing our values in his learning and play.	Mya- Leigh	For being an active contributor to class discussion and encouraging others to do the right thing
Ruma Keruru	Eli	For stepping up as Year 6 noise controller, which is our nurturing value in our class treaty	Waimaria	For welcoming our new students in to class and caring for them. What a great Year 6 role model.

Ruru Award: Lachie – For being a wonderful Tirau LEARNer who is already showing new students to our school how to be a caring friend.

VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 24th February 2018

Ruma Tui	Georgia P	For her willingness to keep trying when learning something new.	Tom	For his focused approach to his learning
Ruma Kiwi	Cooper B	For making a great start to the year and settling into Ruma Kiwi routines quickly.	Louis	For his nurturing of our ngangara (insects) in the playground and inspiring 'bug' hunting.
Ruma Kākāpō	Hadley	For using his initiative to support others without being asked	Neveah	For concentrating on making her handwriting neat and tidy
Ruma Kea	Harriet	For being nurturing and kind to her classmates.	Ryan	For living the Ruma Kea treaty and always doing his best.
Ruma Pukeko	Xi Rui	For nurturing her peers and friends, especially new students, by being a caring and inclusive friend	Koby H	For taking pride in his book presentation and producing quality work.
Ruma Keruru	Elisabeth	For using ALL her values and helping others to use them in class, especially our new students	Lila	For being a bubbly, happy and cheerful student to start the year — you are an amazing student.

Ruru Award: Waimaria – For being a fantastic Tirau LEARNer who quietly supports her classmates and is a. wonderful role model to others.

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

