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## School Community Newsletter



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# TIRAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura o Tirau

"Growing Successful LEARNers Together."

Thurs

Term 2 2020

## Important Dates:

**1<sup>st</sup> June** – Queen's Birthday Monday

**16<sup>th</sup> June** – Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm Learning Centre

## Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tena koutou i te whanau

Tenei he panui kia koutou

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

## SCHOOL VALUES

**Weeks 7 & 8 – RESPECT** – As we have returned to school this week classes 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 and families.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following student and her family. Baylee has started in Ruma Tui, she actually started during Lockdown but had her first days at school this week. Well done Baylee.

A very warm welcome back to school after more than seven weeks away. The staff and I would like to thank you all for your hard work and dedication to your children's learning over this time. For many of you it's been an intense time, and you have had to adjust to a completely new way of doing things, often while juggling all of the normal routines and jobs, and we really do appreciate it. It was really great to see the children back at school yesterday and we're really enjoying catching up on all of their lock down escapades. Children are the heart and soul of a school and it's certainly apparent that life has returned to Tirau Primary School this week.

## THANK YOU

We would like to extend our gratitude to all our mums, dads, whanau members and caregivers who have supported their children over the time of lockdown. Our education system turned on a dime in a matter of days and every member of our school community had to be adaptable and flexible in dealing with the rapid changes that came through. You may have also been dealing with many other changes that arose as a result of COVID 19, the lockdown and any associated events. If there is anything we can do to support you at this time please do not hesitate to get in touch. This was also true of our staff and I also want to express my gratitude to them for their fantastic flexibility and resilience. Our learners who have returned to school this week seem to be settled and happy in most instances and although we can see some reluctance at times we know that they are happy to be back with their friends and teachers and enjoying some familiar routines.

We would also like to thank everyone for their understanding and support of our new protocols. Our kiss, wave and go zone is working very well so thank you to those of you who are using this, we will keep this running for the next few weeks. We have also separated our play breaks so junior classes have 30 minute breaks at 10:30 and 12:30 with other breaks as and when needed, our senior classes have breaks at 11:00am and 1:00pm – the feedback from the children is that they are loving having more opportunity to use areas of the playground. We are also not using the bells as with the changes we felt this would be too confusing and disruptive and again this has been a very successful change. We have been very impressed with the children's hygiene practices and their physical distancing in both the classroom and the playground.

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

We are now operating under the Alert Level 2 restrictions and you will have all received a copy of our school Alert Level 2 plan last week.

The main points to note at Level 2 are...

- If you or your child is even mildly unwell please do not come to school. Please contact Healthline 0800 358 5453 if they are displaying symptoms of COVID 19 such as:
  - a cough
  - shortness of breath
  - sneezing and runny nose
  - a high temperature of at least 38°C
  - sore throat
  - temporary loss of smell.
- The MOE and MOH deem schools are safe places to be given the very low rate of infection in NZ at present.
- Maintain hygiene practices – handwashing and hand sanitising before entering classrooms
- Social distancing where possible
- A record is kept of everyone on site in case contact tracing is required
- Children bring their own labelled drink bottles

## **GUITAR AND PIANO LESSONS**

All the parents of children who have been enrolled for guitar and piano lessons should have been contacted by our new tutor Stephanie Leney about these sessions starting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June. The lessons will be held on a Monday in the Learning Centre from 10:00 am. If you didn't receive this information please let me know and I will forward it on.

## **CARPARK AND ONE WAY DRIVE THRU REVITALISATION ON THE SH1 SIDE OF THE SCHOOL**

Health and safety and parking have always been contentious issues in our carpark and as a board we have been working on solutions for this for a number of years. In 2019 the government announced the School Investment Package, which allocated money to each school for projects to improve areas of their school and the money allocated to Tirau Primary has been earmarked to our carpark revitalisation. Before Lockdown we received a quote to do this work and we are hoping to get started with Stage one which will see a driveway, drop off zone and staff parking created in the area on the SH1 side of the school, once we have the funding in place Stage two which will see our carpark at SH27 end re sealed, the centre island removed and extra parking spaces allocated. This may take a little longer. I will share the plans once they have been finalised and work should be able to happen during term time. We have also been notified that our classroom upgrade projects have been approved. This is work in the senior end of the school and also replacement of the wooden doors in Ruma Kiwi. Once we know details about when this work will start we will let families know as some of it may cause disruptions in classes.

## **TERM DATES 2020**

The dates for our Term One holiday were changed during lockdown to allow for schools to prepare for Distance Learning, this has resulted in Term Two being extended 12 weeks. Our Term 2 holidays will begin on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Term 3 will resume on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July. At this stage we will not be going ahead with our planned Teacher's Only Day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

## **SPORT IN TERM 2**

The decision has been made not to go ahead with planned sporting events this term. Codes such as Football, Netball and Basketball are looking at ways for moving these competitions to Term 3 (restrictions permitting). At this stage we will keep our registrations and fees and refund to families if the competitions don't go ahead in Term 3.

We have also made the decision to postpone our school cross country until Term 3. At this stage no decision has been made about the date of the interschool cross country but if it goes ahead this will be in Term 3.

## **BOOK WEEK**

Due to the restrictions at level 3 around gatherings and also out of a desire to not put pressure on families to provide costumes and purchase books we have decided to cancel our Book Week and Fair for 2020. We still hope to have a visiting author later this term to talk to our students.

## **SCHOOL ROLL AND CLASSES FOR TERM 3.**

In 2020 we have had large numbers of new enrolments across our school and in particular in our junior classes. We aim to plan for this but when we get unexpected children enrolling in the numbers we have had it does make it difficult to plan. In our new entrant class, we aim to keep the numbers under 20 and at the beginning of this term we moved a small number of children from Ruma Tui to Ruma Kiwi. Over the period of Lockdown and with the 1<sup>st</sup> of June approaching we are again fielding a large number of inquiries about new enrolments from people moving into our zone and this means we are again reviewing our class make ups. At the end of Term 2 we will need move students into new classes in our junior school, there will be a large group moving from Ruma Tui to Ruma Kiwi, another group from Ruma Kiwi to Ruma Kākāpō and possibly a group from Ruma Kākāpō to Ruma Kea we know that this can cause anxiety and worry for students and whanau however we do need to make these readjustments. We will be making contact with the selected families after June 1<sup>st</sup> when we should have a clearer idea of movements. If you know that your children will be leaving our school as part of the dairy farm changeovers please let us know to help us with our plans.

## **BOT NEWS**

It is with sadness that we announce that Vicki-Ann Brown has resigned from her role as Whānau Rep on our Board of Trustees as her and her family have moved out of our district. The board of trustees would like to thank Vicki-Ann for her contribution to the board on behalf of our school community over the past three years and wish her and her family all the best for the future. It is hoped we will be able to formally acknowledge Vicki-Ann once restrictions are lifted. Moana Bell has been co-opted onto the Board to replace Vicki-Ann and she will take on the role of Whānau Rep.

## **SUBWAY LUNCH ORDERS**

Please note we will not be taking subway orders for the rest of this term; we will inform our community when this service resumes.

## PTA EASTER RAFFLE

Due to the lockdown we were unable to do the draw for the Easter baskets. We would like to thank everyone who donated to the baskets and we will be doing the draw next Friday May 29th. Could all families please bring back any sold or unsold Easter raffle tickets and money to be in the draw. Thank you Tirau School PTA

## VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Ruma Tui	Aidan	For being a learner who works diligently at all his learning	Adriana	For focusing on her maths and working out answers all by herself. Using her hairclips to help is a great idea.
Ruma Kiwi	Tyson	For participating in the class zoom meeting and having lots of korero to share and positive stories for his class mates.	Niziah Lee	For being an amazing learner at home in her mirumiru (bubble) and sharing her maahi with her Kaiako. Kia kaha Niziah Lee!
Ruma Kākāpō	Daniel	For going the extra mile with presentation skills, taking care with your work. Awesome effort!	Hadley	For going the extra mile with presentation skills, taking care with your work. Awesome effort!
Ruma Kea	Tegan	For being actively involved by making Nutella fairy bread with Kelly via Zoom.	Xavier	For excellent work in your minibeast habitat investigation, your bug mansion and your bee mobile.
Ruma Pukeko	Scarlett	For going the extra mile to work hard with your learning and completing tasks with attention to detail.	Cody	For taking great care in his work and improving his digital technology skills and responding to feedback.
Ruma Keruru	Elsa	For thinking hard about the learning tasks and asking questions when she is not sure. You are nurturing yourself by clarifying and checking before starting.	Cleo and Matthew	For working so hard together on the maths activities set. Cleo you are so lucky to have Dad to support you.

**Ruru Award: Elisabeth W – For being a fantastic and dedicated Tirau LEARNer role model who has been creating a lot of fantastic learning. Tumeke Elisabeth!**

**Fleur – For being an awesome Tirau LEARNer role model who is sharing her learning and supporting her. Ka pai Fleur!**

**Aeon – For being a creative and cooperative Tirau LEARNer who is working hard on his learning. Tumeke Aeon**

**Adriana – For being a hard working Tirau LEARNer who has shown independence in her maths learning.**

## VALUES AWARDS and STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Ruma Tui	Isabelle	For being actively involved in her learning at home. What a super effort you have made!	Baylee	For being our wonderful learner who started while being at home!
Ruma Kiwi	Lizzy	For managing to lots of ako (learning) and helping to walk the dogs! Awesome effort to show being actively involved.	Elizabeth S	For her amazing attitude to her learning and finding time to be active at home on the trampoline! Kia kaha kootiro!
Ruma Kākāpō	Ellie	For completing every single task at home to the best of your ability!	Benjamin	For a great attitude to all school work – he gives his best every single day. Congratulations Mr BMW.
Ruma Kea	Indi	For being actively involved and showing innovation and creativity in your home learning.	Khloe	For your motivation and for taking ownership of your home learning even on days when it was hard to do so!
Ruma Pukeko	Niary	For working hard on her home learning and taking care to present her work beautifully	Fleur	For putting in an immense effort into her home learning to produce quality work.
Ruma Keruru	Evelyn	For completing some wonderful learning over the past few weeks and being actively involved at home.	Thomas	For sharing some great learning last week. You have added detailed writing to your learning and explained your thinking.

**Ruru Award: Rylan – For being a dedicated Tirau LEARNer who has been a great role model to his brothers. Tumeke Rylan!**

**Guile - For being an amazing Tirau LEARNer who is sharing his learning and his wonderful writing! Ka pai Guile!**

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

No reira ma te manaakitanga  
Kia tou, ki runga, kia koutou katoa  
**Siobhan Patterson – Tumuaki/Principal**