

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the start of Term 4. As I was preparing the whiteboard in the staffroom for the term, writing 'December' came as a bit of a shock! The term is packed with exciting learning; Lamb, Calf and Pet Day; the Year 5/6 camp; Athletics; etc. We hope you all had a chance to spend some quality time with your children over the break. There was certainly a mixed bag of weather – we drove home from Hamilton in the snow on the 4th, and the winds took the school trampoline right across the field, over the fence, across the road, and into the Massey paddock by the calf sheds! The people on the farm kindly dismantled it to prevent further damage and will deliver it back to us. Interestingly, not one student has yet asked where the trampoline is!!

WELCOME

This week we warmly welcome two new students to the school whānau. New Entrants in Rata Room are Hannah who joins her big sister Sophie at Tiritea School, and Katelyn who joins her big brother Alex. We hope you have fun with your learning girls. We also welcome Jess Whitehouse back to Rimu to continue another four weeks of her practicum.

SUNHATS

Term 4 brings the wearing of sunhats. Every student was issued with their hat on Monday and they will be required to wear them whenever they are outside (interval, lunchtime, PE times, etc.) this term and in Term 1. We don't apply sunscreen to students, but encourage you to apply it before the children leave home and if you would like them to reapply during the day, give them some to keep in their bag.

PTA PORTRAIT PHOTOS

These are being taken on Saturday 1 November. We can still take extra bookings - see enclosed flyer.

BLOOPER

There's a very flash new car appearing in the car park, a Bemer no less given as a birthday present. I hear the owner has already had a speeding fine?!!!



PREMIER BOOKS

ON DISPLAY AT THE OFFICE. PAYMENT IS NOW DUE.

MOBILE LIBRARY

VISIT TOMORROW (THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER): The children who are members can exchange books during these visits. If your child is not a member and you would like them to take advantage of these visits please see Vicki in the school office for a membership application form.

LUNCH ORDER

FRIDAY'S lunch is pizza. Please bring money in a clearly marked envelope with name, what pizza you are having (either Hawaiian or Meat Lovers), and how many pieces you would like (\$1.50 per slice) by Thursday 9.00am.

MASSEY WILDBASE FUNDRAISER

In the last week of Term 3, Kauri Room held their Massey *Wildbase* fundraising afternoon. Congratulations to Trish and her students for organizing such a successful afternoon. The children had a wonderful time trying out the various events, all linked to the *Wildbase* theme. Well done Kauri Room ☺ \$631 was raised which is an amazing effort. Thanks to our families for your generous support.



COSMODOME

On Monday, the *Cosmodome* from Te Manawa will be visiting Tiritea School. They have offered this to us for free so it will be a great learning experience for the children. Each class will have a 45 minute visit.

ATHLETICS

The Fitzherbert Cluster events this year have been changed somewhat to be more "championship" events and not involving whole year groups. This will apply to both the Senior (20 November) and Junior (27 November) Cluster Athletics. We have therefore decided to hold our own Tiritea School Athletics Day at the Massey Track on Wednesday 29 October, involving the whole school. To save getting a bus to travel that short distance, please drop your children at the track instead of at school in the morning, and pick them up from there at the end of the day (we will make arrangements with Kids' Club for those who attend there after school). The events will start at 9.30am. **Children can arrive from 8.30am (NO EARLIER PLEASE) and need to be picked up at 2.45pm.** They need to wear suitable clothing and shoes for competing in athletics events, bring morning tea, lunch and plenty to drink, and bring sunscreen (we will take school hats). We'd love parents to come along as spectators and we'll also be looking for offers of help on the day as well.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS: 26 September 2014

Rata: Star Student: *Adam*
Rimu: Star Student: *Izzy*
Pohutukawa: Star Student: *Sophie*
Totara: Star Student: *Mackenzie*
Matai: Star Student: *Isabella*
Kauri: Star Student: *Jamie*

Positive & Cheerful Attitude: *Arielle*
 Super Effort in Learning: *Liam*
 Positive Attitude: *Quintin*
 Questioning: *Neo*
 Work Ethic: *Lilee-Rose*
 Showing Initiative: *Holly*

Positive & Cheerful Attitude: *Chloé*
 Fantastic Inquiring Mind: *Jacob*
 Reading Using Skills: *Ossian*
 Effort: *Ethan*
 Work Completion: *Tiaan*
 Super Support with Junior Children: *Lachlan*



WELCOME: *Aiden L*

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS: **Lifting Standard of Presentation** – *Poppy, Paris, Ella*
Assembly Performers – *Georgia, Mackenzie, Briony*
Comic Strip – *Libby, Kahupounamu*
Written Language – *Mackenzie*

Home Learning – *Gaia*
Written Language – *Eden, Mara, Alex, Karla, Hiria*
Inspiring Writing – *Jorja*
Wildbase Fundraiser – *Kauri Room*

PTA News: Lamb, Calf & Pet Day on SATURDAY, 10am start.

The weather forecast is not that flash so come prepared for rain or shine.

Thank you to everyone who has offered to help – is your name on the helper board in the foyer? Please consider where you can help. If you would like to help but are unsure of timing on the day, just turn up when you can and see Natalie Tankersley for a job! Please ensure you have read all the information sent out so far. See below so you know what your children need to bring to school on Friday to prepare their indoor exhibits, and the arrangements for Saturday.

Make sure you have money in your pocket for the food stalls, raffles, face painting and additional entertainment*.

Be ready to bid for a novelty cake in the famous Cake Auction – you don't have to pay on the day and remember, you'll be receipted for a donation so you can claim on your tax return! Also People's Choice Vote of best cake is one free entry per family – additional votes are \$2 each.

The classrooms will open at the completion of the Cake Auction.

NB: Setup is 7.30am for those who put their names down. This will give you time to head home to collect animals and family if necessary.

We hope you have a great day in supporting the school.

All children will complete these events at school on or before Friday 18 October.

- Years 0,1&2*
 - * Gingerbread Person
 - * Miniature Scene - container with soil/sand and foliage, flowers and accessories
(items to be brought from home but constructed at school).
- Years 3&4*
 - * Gingerbread Person – Sports uniform based on a Commonwealth Country's Flag
 - * Musical Instrument
- Years 5&6*
 - * Gingerbread Person – Sporting Hero
 - * Letterbox

Teachers have thoroughly discussed all ideas and requirements with the students at school.

- ◆ **Gingerbread People** – icing plus some sweets/decorations will be provided. If children want to use anything extra, they will need to provide those items themselves, especially for their characters.
- ◆ **HELP!** Teachers would really appreciate some help in their classrooms on Friday morning please.

***SATURDAY ENTERTAINMENT**

The 10D Movie Cinema and Virtual Reality will be here for your entertainment (this is weather permitting). Tickets "at the door" – cinema \$7 and virtual reality \$5.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Liam P, Louis, Fraser and John who had their names drawn from the "Squares" recently. These students, along with everyone else who had their names in the squares, had been noticed by staff members for making the right choices. Well done everyone.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Enclosed with this newsletter is an order for school photos. These are being taken next Wednesday (22 October). Please have all money to the school office on or before that day.

Some dates for you to note:

SATURDAY	Lamb, Calf & Pet Day
27 October	LABOUR DAY
29 October	Tiritea School Athletics Day
4 – 7 November	Year 5/6 Camp
10 December	End-of-Year Celebration
17 December	Term 4 ends
2 February 2015	School starts!

NO ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK



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