

September 7, 2016

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope all you Dads out there had a great day on Sunday, and got treated to some niceties 😊

Today we welcome Leah, and her parents Julie & Jason, to the Tiritea School whānau. Leah is a New Entrant in Rata. We hope you have a long and happy association with Tiritea School. Have fun with your learning Leah.

Many thanks to all our choir and harmony group members who performed at the Musical Soiree at PNINS last week, in front of a very large audience. We opened the evening with two Kapa Haka items, then performed four songs while the adjudicator for the Intermediate Schools Super Arts Competition finalised her judgments. It was great for our students to hear the five intermediate choirs, and for us to see past students continuing their journey in the Performing Arts. The Tiritea choir could easily have been judged among the older students – you were fantastic 😊 Thank you Trish and Shane for the work you do to get the students to that level, and thanks for all the parental support as well.



Kauri's Adventure to the Wildbase!

On Tuesday 6 September Kauri took a trip to the Massey Wildbase. Pauline invited us to check out a few of the native animals. First Pauline told us to turn the flash off our camera because this might frighten the Kiwi. She then brought out a Kiwi named Tokoeka. She told us to be very quiet and she turned off the lights. Pauline then force-fed Tokoeka her fluids and her kiwi meatballs. Then she put Tokoeka back into her unnatural habitat. Afterwards she brought out the one-eyed Tuatara. Pauline said that her other eye was not in good condition and she might lose it too. We each received a certificate. We then left the Wildbase knowing we learnt something new and our fundraising efforts were greatly appreciated.

By Kylem & Brianna



SCHOOL POOL

Unfortunately, nobody has come forward to offer their services to run the swimming pool for the 2016/17 season. It would be a real shame if the school community was unable to use the pool over the summer, and a travesty if our students were unable to have daily swimming lessons at the start of next year. Please consider whether you can assist – even a roster of parents over the swimming season perhaps. We need someone (or maybe a group of people, sharing) to look after the pool for the swimming season from mid-December through to mid-April. Paul Compton will still be around to cover for the occasional week or so if need be, and can provide training. The pool needs to be checked daily, and that doesn't take long if you're visiting school anyway or using the pool out of school hours. Anyone who is interested in finding out more, please contact the office and arrange a walk round and talk with Paul. And once again, a huge thank you to Paul for all the time you've spent looking after our wonderful community facility.



Better Funding Better Learning

A reminder that NZEI Te Riu Roa and PPTA, the unions that represent

more than 60,000 teachers and Support Staff from birth to Year 13, have asked all members at our school to attend a paid union meeting **at 1.30pm on September 14** to hear more about the new funding proposal and help determine the education sector's response. To enable ALL STAFF to attend, we ask that you collect your children **at 12.40pm** that day please. We need to send a strong signal to Government before Cabinet's decision in October, or we may end up with school funding that has terrible consequences for quality teaching and learning, and we need community support.

Please note that *Massey Kids' Club* will cater for children for the day, until 3.00pm. You don't have to be regular attendees at *Kids' Club*. If you would like to make use of the service, please phone them on 350 5566.

YUMMY APPLES



Please can you bring your Yummy apple stickers in to the school office by 9 September.

BOOKS AND GIFTS DIRECT

On display at the office. Money due by Friday (9 September). Please make sure you pay by the due date.

ORAL CARE/YUMMY FRUIT COLLECTION

Please keep bringing in all your oral care boxes, packaging, old toothpaste tubes and old toothbrushes and place them in the box at the school office.

NUMBERWORKS'NWORDS

have once again donated a voucher to the school for a term's free specialist tuition in Maths or English. If you would like your child to be in the draw for this voucher, please give your name to Vicki or Julie in the office by Thursday 15 September.

PTA

CANTERBURY CLOTHING OFFER

Just a kind reminder for those of you who are interested in purchasing any items on offer, your order form and payment are due to the office by 9:00am Friday 9 September. Spare order forms are available from the office. Cash or cheque only. Cheques made payable to 'Tiritea School PTA'. No internet banking available.

PTA Disco will be held in Tane Mahuta on Friday 16 September, from 6.30 – 8.00pm. Mark this date on your calendar. A return form is enclosed with this newsletter.

The next PTA meeting is on Thursday 15 September at 7.00pm. We will be finalising details for Lamb, Calf and Pet Day at this meeting. Everyone welcome.

Some dates for you to note:

13 September	BOT meeting, 7.00pm
14 September	Paid Union Meeting – please collect your children AT 12.40pm
15 September	PTA meeting, 7.00pm
16 December	PTA Disco, 6.30pm
23 September	Term 3 Ends

HUI AWARDS

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RATA:

Star Student
Giving lovely compliments to peers
Great problem solving & sharing ideas

*Briar
Lucas
Sophia*

MANUKA:

Star Student
Reading
Persistence

*Benji
Emily
Julia*

POHUTUKAWA:

Star Student
Maths Progress
Good Thinking in Story Writing

*Rosie
George
Sophia*

RIMU:

Star Student
Caring Nature
Attitude

*Cooper
Hazel
Angus*

TOTARA:

Star Student
Fabulous Maths Results
Tremendous Work Ethic

*Laylla
Alex
Hadley*

MATAI

Star Student
Work Ethic
Maths

*Karla
Ethan
Oceania*

KAURI

Star Student
Super Effort & Attitude
Great Progress in Maths
Super Organisational Skills

*Lilee-Rose
Riley
Sami*

Library

Gold Certificates

*Hunter, Isabella,
Abbie, Georgia,
Brianna*

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Reading Progress
Creative Technology
Olympic Icons

*Sophia
Maggie
Isabella,
Alex,
Jayden
Holly,
Joel*

Written Language

*Ossian, Liza,
Briar, Julia*

Travel Brochures

*William, Thomas,
Lilee-Rose, Riley*

Home Learning

Ella-Marie

LUNCH



Friday's lunch is from New World. Please bring money in a clearly marked envelope with student's name and order on it by 9.00am Thursday.

Writing from Manuka

On Friday we did the sack race. At the start of the games we sang the National Anthem. We did hurdles. It was hard because I went on the big hurdles. It was fun and we did lots of games. I love the Olympics. At the end of the Olympics, I felt proud.

By *Julia*

REMINDER

➤ **NO Hui this week.**

Glenys Edmonds



Glenys ☺