



MIMI SCHOOL

"WHERE THE COUNTRY, COAST, AND CLASSROOM MEET"

27 August, 2009

Dear parents and caregivers,

Well, winter has almost left us, but the illnesses abound with many children, (and staff), suffering the head and tummy bugs that have been circulating. We would like all families to continue to keep children home from school for a day or two while they are ill to stop further spread.

Winter sport has almost left us also but I would like to explore the possibility of keeping kids involved in organised sport through the Waitara Athletics Clubs and a junior touch season being staged by Lepperton School. Have a look inside this newsletter for more information.

With ERO and Winterfest dominating our time early this term, we have not been able to train for cross country as heavily as we have in previous years, but after seeing their efforts over the last couple of weeks, I am confident that the kids will give their best on the day next Friday.

I would encourage you to support this training at home by encouraging your kids to push themselves to the

limit. While some of the children may not be competitive against the faster runners, the real competition is in their own head. I have always maintained that the hardest race is often run by the child right at the back where it's most tempting to give up because "I'm never going to win anyway."

We are always proud of the kids who do well in the cross country, but we are equally proud of the kids that huff and puff over the line having left it all on the track.

"Cross the line with nothing left in the tank, leave it all on the track."



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Cross Country

Please have a look at the Cross Country Roster that has been sent home and indicate how you may be able to help on the day if you are available.

Home and School will meet 3:15 Wednesday to finalise organisation.

Sports Photos

Sports photos of the Under 6 and Panther soccer teams, as well as the Stars and Rebels netball teams are available for just \$4.00 from School. Samples are up on the staffroom wall to view.

Trees

Stepping Stones Nursery has generously supplied our school with 100 Maple and Magnolia tree saplings, among other variety of trees. The saplings are bare rooted and need to be planted immediately. If you are interested, they are walking out the door for just \$3 each. The trees will be delivered 5pm today, so give the school a ring to make sure they have arrived.

Welcome Nicole

Nicole Nevin, right, is spending time at school taking our kids for sport as part of the Gateway programme through Waitara High School. We have welcomed Nicole's enthusiasm, (and youthful fitness), as she takes the kids through their paces.

Touch Rugby

Lepperton School is starting up a fun Junior Touch programme at their school for Year 3 to Year 6 students to run from 13 October through to late February, stopping for the holidays.

Urenui School is interested in forming a combined team or teams with our school.

If any children are interested in joining in, let Mr Elliott know.

Equally, if any parents are keen on getting involved in coaching a junior touch team for the school, let John know.

Athletics

Mr Elliott is keen on coordinating transport with a few families and himself to allow for as many of our kids to get involved in the Waitara Athletics Club as possible.

If your children are interested in looking at athletics, let John know so he can get them to the open day in October. Athletics runs for an hour on Monday evenings at Pukekohe Domain, Waitara Camp Reserve) from 5:45pm. The season starts after Labour Weekend and runs through to the end of Term 1.





Staff are celebrating...

The enthusiasm of many of the students in their cross country training. It is great to see the kids setting their own goals and concentrating on running their own race.

Congratulations to ex-student, Connor Baker. Connor won the lead role in Bell Block School's production, Jack and the Beanstalk. Next stop.. Shortland Street!

Students are celebrating...

Cute lambs and goats are starting to come in for Pet Day. Kids rearing kids! Yay!

Cross Country training. Everybody is learning that they can push themselves a bit harder and Kade is putting out the challenge for the fastest boy in school.

Mimi School Shirts

We desperately need all Mimi T-Shirts to be returned to school ready for Cross Country next Friday.

PLEASE HAVE A LOOK AROUND THE HOUSE AND RETURN ANY YOU MAY HAVE AS WE WILL BE SHORT ON THE DAY.

Student of the Week



Michael Phillips has waited a long time for Student of the Week. Like many other kids at Mimi School it is not because he hasn't deserved it. Michael is 'Mr Consistency' and could easily earn Benson every week of the year.

Michael is a diligent, hard working student who reaps the rewards of his efforts.

And to all of you kids who, like Michael, have waited for ages. We do notice all of you and the effort that you put in. It's really hard to select just one student each week when the school is full to the brim with such top quality kids!

Team Up

The Letter of the Week in the Junior Room is **o**. Help the kids find something that starts with **O** for the letter table.

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Sport Results

Mimi Panthers

Defeated Bell Block Robots 4-1.
Jaymin Wade was Player of the Day

Sport Fixtures

Mimi Panthers play Inglewood RD1 Renegades at Mimi at 9:00am.
Please be at school at 8:45 ready for the early kick-off.



Monster Raffle

It's almost that time of the year again when we will be running our annual monster

raffle. We have made over \$1000 each year from this fundraiser. If you are able to send in some grocery items at some stage during Term 3 and Term 4, we'd really appreciate it.

TERM 3

CALENDAR

STEALING GAMES*—Senior Class
@ TSB SHOWPLACE* Fri 28 Aug

AUTHOR VISIT Thurs 3 Sept

TAINUI CROSS COUNTRY Fri 4 Sept

MIMI SPEECH COMP Week 7

TAINUI SPEECH COMP Fri 18 Sept

SHARED LUNCH FINAL DAY Fri 25 Sept

MR ELLIOTT'S BUBBY IS DUE Fri 25 Sept

* Trips out of school grounds,
(transport may be needed)

Please contact Jo or John at school for any more information.

No Ordered Lunches for Seniors tomorrow.

Because of our trip to the production, Stealing Games, seniors are asked to bring their usual packed lunch tomorrow. No lunch orders please because we will not be back in time.