



# MIMI SCHOOL

**"WHERE THE COUNTRY, COAST, AND CLASSROOM MEET"**

**20 August, 2009**

**Dear parents and caregivers,**

I have just returned from Winterfest at Mokau School where all the children participated in a very full art programme. Around 60 senior students worked with art teacher Ray Stoddart on Tuesday and Wednesday, while the 60 or so Junior students worked with Mrs Dawson, Mrs Butler, and myself to produce some great prints. With all of our teachers busy working with the juniors at the school, the senior children were left to be supervised by teachers from Ahititi, Whareorino, and Mokau Schools while they worked with Mr Stoddart in the Mokau Hall. These teachers specifically mentioned the high standard of behaviour and initiative from your children with particular mention of the way that our Mimi Seniors independently chose to help out to clean up afterwards. Special mention must also be made of Rynasha Wade as she had the courage to volunteer to speak on behalf of the whole cluster at the end of the day. All of our

school families can be very proud of the way your children conduct themselves when they represent our school. As a group, they never cease to impress me. The help of our parents must also be acknowledged as the whole day would have been impossible without the huge amount of hand on support we had from our parents. (and the sincere apologies received from parents unable to be there) Big ups also to the Dads that we had up to their elbows in paint. "That's Gold!"

It's no surprise really that these kids behave so well when it is so well valued at home. We will continue to support and value the positive contribution parents have to our job at school.

**Dads are tops... they let you eat ice cream for breakfast... but only when Mum's not around!**

**- Jack McClutchie**

John Elliott



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**AGM  
TAINUI BOYS & GIRLS  
TONIGHT,  
20 August, 7 p.m  
Mokau School Library  
All Welcome**

John and Justine will both be attending if anyone wishes to come along to this meeting and share transport.

**Pet Day**

We are wanting to help all of our kids participate in Pet Day again this year by rearing a pet lamb or calf. If you are able to help provide lambs, or can have another child around to work with one of your calves, please get in touch with John or Jo at school so we can connect you with children needing them. So far we need to find about 10 lambs for children who would not normally have the opportunity to participate in Pet Day.

Taking responsibility for a pet fosters a strong sense of empathy in children and helps them become well-rounded adults later on. We've always believed this and now we have a clinical psychologist to back up our beliefs. (Has anyone else enjoyed Nigel Latta's Un-PC parenting series?)

RIGHT: Madison, Oliver, and Ben all get amongst it during Winterfest.

**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.

**Stealing Games**

The Senior Class are travelling to New Plymouth next Friday for the Capital E show 'Stealing Games'. We need transport for 21 children. Please return the transport slip if you are available and are able to help. We plan to leave school at 10:30 and will be back at school at 2:00pm.





## **Staff are celebrating...**

Great art at Mokau School and the way that ALL of our wonderful students got involved and gave it their best.

We are also in awe of the results. (Which is currently drying before being brought home to go on the wall.)

We are also celebrating the way that the Year 4 students led the school while the Year 5 and 6's were away on Tuesday and the way that Tom Butler managed to figure out how the projector worked for Mrs King when she needed it.

## **Students are celebrating...**

Library Week and sharing stories with the adults and getting to read to the junior children in tents in the Library.

Dressing up on Friday was cool!

Winterfest was really fun and we got to learn some new skills with a paint brush and rollers.

Josh's tooth is fixed after it got chipped playing soccer. Phew!

Tangaroa has beaten Mr Elliott's unicycle record, and he says to Mr Elliott, "Keep practising son."

## **Student of the Week**



Jack Butler was Student of the Week last week for the way that he looks out for all of his mates. On our Wheels day Jack shared his precious bike with kids that didn't have wheels for the day. Jack is also putting a great effort into his school work and is enjoying wonderful results. Keep up the great effort Jack.

## Team Up

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

# Nn



## Sport Results

### *Mimi Panthers*

Were defeated by St John Bosco 7-3.

The whole team was made Player of the Day for the way that they played as a team.

## Sport Fixtures

*Mimi Panthers* play Bell Block Rockets at Mimi School

***Kick off is at 9:00am this week so please be at the school by 8:45.***

## 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

**MoE Meeting 3:00pm** Thurs 20 Aug  
**RE Urenui School Recapitation**

**TAINUI PET DAY MEET** Fri, 21 Aug

**LUCKY BOOKS CLOSE** Fri, 21 Aug

**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.

## Health and PE forms

*If you have not yet returned your Health and PE consultation forms, please fill them out and send them back to school ASAP.*

This consultation is a legal requirement for the Board of Trustees to undertake.