



# MIMI SCHOOL

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

**18 June, 2009**

***Dear parents and caregivers,***

Many thanks for the great turnout to parent interviews, we hope that they were as valuable to you as they were to us. We still have one or two to get through and we are keen to follow up on the plans we developed with you to progress your children forward. During the first term we worked hard to improve the basic fact skills of all of the children at school in an effort to improve their mathematics and it has been really encouraging to see marked improvement across the board. We still believe that there is room for improvement in all of the children and we will continue looking at ways of improving what we are doing at school as well as exploring ways to best help families to support their children at home.

The first of these plans is to further develop the digital portfolios that we have been experimenting with the senior students for the last two years. We strongly believe that when the children are part of a three-way partnership they make the biggest gains

in their learning. We are excited about this plan and are looking forward to sharing developments with you next term as the portfolios are developed and refined.

"I spy with my little eye, something beginning with... what does koala start with?..."

Todd Lowe

John Elliott

## **School Photos Next Thursday! THEME COWBOYS & INDIANS**

We hope that you've all managed to find something that will suit for a cowboys and Indians theme. We have been asked if it is OK to bring toy pistols and while they arte normally a no no at school, we'll make an exception on Thursday

### **Mimi School**

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## **Sports Results**

### ***Mimi Panthers***

Played St Pius School  
Cian Jamieson-Etches was POD

### ***Mimi Under 6***

Play Waitara this afternoon

### ***Clifton U11 with Logan and Todd***

Cancelled

### ***Clifton U10 with Josh***

Cancelled.

### ***Clifton U10 with Tangaroa***

Cancelled

### ***Clifton U6 with Ethan Howe***

Cancelled

### ***Tainui Rebels***

Beat Waitara East Keas 9-4

POD Alice Lovell

Played a three-match tournament on Sunday with a win against Oakura, a draw against Fitzroy School, and a loss to Omata School. The whole team were Players of the Day as they all worked really hard to improve their use of space during the games.

### ***Tainui Stars***

Were beaten by Tikorangi Pulse

POD Livia Phillips

Played a three-match tournament on Sunday playing Vogletown, Welbourn, and Manaia Schools. This team blossomed during the day and put on a real show in their last game of the day.

## **Sport Fixtures**

*Mimi Panthers* play Welbourn Strikers at Mimi School. Please be at the school by 9:30.

*Under 6* play Urenui at 3:20 next Tuesday

*U6 Tainui Rebels* play St Josephs Widcats at 4:20 next Wednesday

*Tainui Stars* play St Josephs Bluebirds at 4:20 next Wednesday

## **2008 Annual Report**

A copy of our audited annual report is available at the school office for your inspection if you wish to view a copy.

## **Emergency Contact**

### **Forms**

Please return your forms that were sent home. These are now urgent and must be returned to school for us to ensure we can have a plan in force.

## **Bell Block Swimming**

This club is now taking enrolments for Term 3 starting Monday 20th July. The club caters for all levels of swimmers for Learn to Swim, to competitors.

For more information please phone Lynda 755 1832 after 6pm or fill out an enrolment form at Bell Block Aquatic Centre.

## **Have your say!**

Just a reminder that we would love to get back your views on Health and PE by sending in the forms that were given out at Parent Teacher Interviews. We value your feedback and are looking forward to seeing your suggestions.

***Please also return your school photo orders to school by Monday, 22 June.***

***The instructions on the envelope are self explanatory.***



# CELEBRATIONS

## Staff are celebrating...

The bean growing experiments in both classes. The miniature hot-houses appear to have made the beans quadruple in size. We're not sure about the one in the cupboard though. It's the biggest of them all.

The development of cooperative learning skills in the senior room and the worm farms and Jack Frost stories in the Junior Room

## Kids are celebrating...

Making posters together about organics and frogs and learning how to work together better as a team.

We're looking forward to showing families our Digitales and how we're going in maths, swimming, and story writing.

Todd is happy that he can hold a handstand for 30 seconds. Tangaroa is pleased because he can hold one for 32.



Mrs Dawson also shared a frog with us that she found on the netball court.

## Student of the Week



Congratulations Oliver for being made Student of the Week this week. Oliver always gives his best to whatever he does and remains focused on all his work in class time. Oliver is enjoying a lot of success in all areas but we have been particularly impressed with the way he is picking up maths at the moment. Well done Oliver. Keep up the great effort.

## Swine Flu Update

With term holidays approaching and some perhaps planning to travel, both overseas and around NZ, we are aware of the threat posed by the swine flu epidemic, particularly the risk posed by travellers returning as potential carriers. At this stage, the Ministry of Health's advice is that if staff and students are well and symptom free after returning from an affected area overseas they can return to school and do not need to remain at home for any period after arriving back in the country, or back to the home town/city. However, this may change in the coming weeks and families need to plan for this possibility. The risk is that if an infected student returns to school and is in contact with other students and staff for even a day, the whole school could be closed for a week. The school board asks you to carefully monitor your family's health closely if you travel overseas, or your trip within New Zealand, and if there are even the slightest flu symptoms, do not send your son or daughter back to school until you have first telephoned to check with your doctor, or alternatively check through the MOH Healthline 0800 611 116".

## Ze Bong at Uruti School

On Monday we will be travelling to Uruti to listen to Ze Bong 'Teller of Tales'. We will be leaving school at 9.30 a.m.

Transport is required, please return the transport form if you are able to help with transport.

## TERM 2 CALENDAR

**ZEBONG STORYTELLER**  
@ URUTI\*

Mon 22 June

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**  
**COWBOYS AND INDIANS** Thurs 25 June

**RUGBY Dev Officer**  
**SESSION 1** Mon 29 June

**RUGBY SESSION 2 \*** Tues 30 June  
Uruit

**SHARED LUNCH**  
**FINAL DAY** Fri 3 July

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

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

## Team Up

### Letter of the Week

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

