



MIMI SCHOOL

"WHERE THE COUNTRY, COAST, AND CLASSROOM MEET"

4 June, 2009

Dear parents and caregivers,

Last week I highlighted the release of the National Standards. This week I wanted to explain a little more about the 'standardised' tests that are being referred to.

PAT, AssTLe, STAR, NumPa, SEA, and the 6 Year Net are all types of assessment that we use to measure children's achievement in literacy and numeracy. Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT), are used in years 3-6 and have been around for years. Many of you may remember sitting these multi-choice reading, listening, and maths tests when you were at school. AssTLe Assessment for Teaching and Learning, is used from Year 4 to measure achievement in reading, and STAR tests are used from Year 3 to measure children's reading skills.

NumPa is a numeracy assessment tool used in all year levels that involves a detailed interview with each child to determine exactly where they are at in their development of numeracy skills from counting, through

to their ability to use proportions and ratios.

In the junior years we use a literacy measuring tool called the 6 Year Net. This assessment is carried out on all children when they turn 6 years old and measures their skills and understanding of letters and words, book handling knowledge, and general development of the basic skills needed to become competent readers. All schools use parts of this assessment to measure a child's skills after six weeks at school, the School Entry Assessment (SEA Test).

While it sounds like all we do is test kids at school, we have an annual plan of assessment that sees us gather this information at different points during the year.

They are called 'standardised' or 'norm-referenced' tests as they have been used with large samples of children to give us information on how well children should be doing in each of the of the different levels and ages that they sit them.

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Sports Results

Mimi Panthers

Beaten by Inglewood 11-2

Jaxon Madden was POD

Mimi Under 6

No game this week.

Clifton U11 with Logan and Todd

beaten by Southern 34-7 Todd Lowe was POD

Clifton U10 Blue with Josh

beaten by NPOB 20-15.

Clifton U10 Green with Tangaroa

Beaten by Inglewood 15-30

Clifton U6 with Ethan Howe

BYE.

Tainui Rebels

Beaten by St Josephs 11-1.

Rynasha Wade POD

Tainui Stars

Beaten by Waitara East.

Ring in Eleesha Phillips POD

Sport Fixtures

Mimi Panthers play West End Gunners at Mimi School. Please be at school by 9:30

Mimi Under 6 play Urenui next Tuesday at 3:20

Tainui Rebels play Urenui at 4:20 Wednesday

Tainui Stars play Waitara East Bumblebees at 4:20pm Wednesday

Remaining Parent

Teacher Interviews

Senior Interviews are being held tomorrow afternoon.

Junior Interviews will be held next Wednesday

Seasons

The Seasons Show that the Junior Room was to be going to next Thursday has been moved to Friday. Please fill out the transport slip if you are able to help with transport.

No Pre-School

No Pre-School next Friday 11th Due to the Junior Class trip to Seasons being postponed to Friday, there will be not Pre-School session next Friday.



ABOVE: The Tainui Stars in action on the courts yesterday afternoon.



Staff are celebrating...

A very productive Teacher Only Day at Uruti School.

We were able to meet with the teachers from Tainui Cluster to share where we are at with our plans for implementing the revised New Zealand Curriculum.

We also spent time looking through the draft National Standards that have been released.

We are also celebrating a big improvement in the children's basic fact recall at school.

Please keep up the support from home as it makes a real difference to their learning.

"Little bits often" of making 10 and doubles.

Kids are celebrating...

The Teacher Only Day at Uruti School because we got another day off... WAHOO!!

We've had lots of chances to learn from our mistakes in our sports and it's still playing sport whether you win or lose.

The senior kids are getting better at times x5, x4, x6, and a mixture of times tables as well as the division that goes with them.

We're also getting pretty awesome at using place value.

Welcome!



Over the last two weeks we have welcomed three new students to Mimi School.

Tyler and Joe Barham joined us last week. They have come from Fitzroy School after moving into the area. They are the children of Kirsty and Edward Barham. Tyler is a Year 6 and Joe is Year 3.

Santana Roberston started in the senior class yesterday. Santana has come to us from Rahoitu. Santana is the daughter of Dakota and Keighley who have moved into the area also.

Team Up

Letter of the Week

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



Hall Meeting SPECIAL

A special meeting has been called for Waitoitoi Memorial Hall Society Inc, Tuesday, June 9 at 7 p.m. At the Hall. This is to change a rule to enable the hall to become registered as a Charitable Status.

WOOL WANTED PLEASE

Please if you have any spare double knitting wool balls - must be 100% wool could you drop in to the school office. Any colour or shade. Voluntary knitting is being carried out for squares for children overseas.

Swine Flu

While the swine flu has dropped off the public radar of late. Closure of schools and quarantine is a very real threat. We are updating our Pandemic plan and will inform parents of our emergency procedures.

TERM 2 CALENDAR

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Senior Fri 5 June
Junior Wed 10 June

HOME AND SCHOOL MEET Thurs 11 June

SEASONS—Junior Class @ TSB SHOWPLACE* Fri 11 June

BoT MEET Tues 16 June

Lucky Books Close 15 June

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
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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.