



# MIMI SCHOOL

"WHERE THE COUNTRY, COAST, AND CLASSROOM MEET"

**03 September, 2009**

## **Dear parents and caregivers,**

Mrs Butler and I spent the day listening to Nigel Latta speaking about his common sense approaches to managing complex children. Nigel Latta is the man behind the 'Unpolitically Correct Guide to Parenting' and regardless of your stand on his approaches, he speaks a lot of sense.

We have followed many of these approaches before they were made trendy by a clinical psychologist. Risk-taking pastimes like climbing trees and bulrush, tackle rugby and the magic carpet have all been encouraged and celebrated in our playground for some time now. But it is refreshing to have someone with influence affirm these approaches and challenge the establishment to start paying attention to the reasons kids love to do them and encourage other schools to start reclaiming them up.

I spent most of my time today thanking my lucky stars that we have the kids that we do at Mimi School and that we are not having to tackle some

of the challenging behaviours that Nigel talks about, but perhaps, this can, in part, be attributed to the fact that our kids are encouraged to be kids at school, as they are at home, with boundaries.

As with all schools, Literacy and Numeracy are the core areas for our attention at school. This is non-negotiable to us.

However, I strongly believe that the moment we look at any child coming through our gate as 'solely' a reader, or a mathematician, because this is what we think they need to improve, we automatically label them a failure in our system and fail to recognise them as a 'whole' child with a wealth of talent and promise ready and waiting to be tapped into.

***"What is happening to our young people? They disrespect their elders, They disobey their parents, They ignore the law."***  
**Plato 400BC**

John Elliott



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## **Soccer Break Up**

The Mimi Panthers are having a soccer break-up afternoon next Monday. Instead of practise, the team will travel to Chipmunks in New Plymouth for their break-up/prizegiving, (leaving at 2:30pm returning 5:50pm). Could all players come to school with \$3 for entry, and wearing socks and track pants for the slides. (Jeans are no good) For more information see Mrs Butler or Greg Madden.

## **Trees**

There are still a few of the Maple and Magnolia tree saplings left at school. If you are interested, they are walking out the door.

## **Slink Calves**

Just a reminder to those wonderful farmers of ours who donate their slink calves to our school for a fundraiser. Can you please ensure that they are dropped off before LUNCHTIME on the day and also definitely before LUNCHTIME ON FRIDAYS, otherwise they are not picked up until the Monday (smell not very nice). Thank you also to Alistair and his assistants for looking after these for our school.

## **Stationery Accounts**

These are now due. Please make arrangements to pay at your nearest convenience.

## **Cross Country**

### **Tomorrow**

The day will start with Morning Tea as our cluster cousins arrive. If you are able to come along, we'd love to see you there.

Please see the programme of events for the day enclosed with this newsletter.

### **DUTIES**

#### **2:00pm Thursday Afternoon set up:**

Murray B, Gary, John,

#### **9:00am Friday Morning Set up**

Jill, Vaughn, Tara, Scott, Bunnings team

#### **Barbecue and serving**

Bunnings Team, Tammy, Shawn, Scott

#### **Drinks**

Justine, Tara

#### **Morning Tea and Lunch Coffee and Tea in senior classroom**

Maire, Vivian, Lorena, Melinda Mc

#### **Marshalls**

Bunnings plus all hands on deck!

#### **Clean up**

All hands on deck please

#### **\$100 Raffle**

Gaewyn



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

Lambs and kids!

Hearing growing support for reclaiming the kinds of activities that have been stolen from our children by overly PC sectors.

Maths, maths, maths and all of the cooperative learning that is going on in the process. Maths is a learning area that ALL children can enjoy a lot of success with when they first learn that they are ALL capable of picking up ideas about numbers and how they work.

37 Lambs, Calves, and Goats for Pet Day this year. This year could be a record! Well done Mums and Dads, repeat after me.. 'It's all worth it', it's all worth it, it's all..'

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

Stealing Games which was really funny and a good excuse to get out of the classroom for a little while.

Lambs at school again! Yay!

Our special visit by childrens book author Kyle Mewburn. He was really funny and it was amazing to learn about how he comes up with his stories and how they are illustrated.

## **Student of the Week**

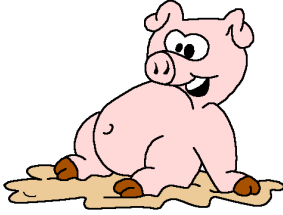


Eleesha Phillips was Student of the Week last week for the way that she is slowing down and paying attention to detail and doing her best in everything that she is doing. Eleesha is full of beans and brings boundless energy and enthusiasm to school each day. The great thing about Eleesha's enthusiasm and smile is that if you get too close, it's contagious and spreads to others. Keep it up Eleesha!

## Team Up

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

# Pp



## Sport Results

### *Mimi Panthers*

Defeated Inglewood RD1  
Renegades 6-1.

Tom Butler was Player of the Day

## Sport Fixtures

*Mimi Panthers* play Lepperton at  
Lepperton School at 9:45am.

Please be at Lepperton at 9:30  
ready for kick-off.

## Monster Raffle

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

### TAINUI CROSS COUNTRY

Fri 4 Sept

### SOCCER BREAK-UP

Mon 7 Sept

### MIMI SPEECH COMP

Week 7

### BoT MEETING

Tues 15 Sept

### TAINUI SPEECH COMP

Fri 18 Sept

### LUCKY BOOKS CLOSE

Fri 21 Sept

### MR BENNETT FROM ICON SPORTS

Thurs 24 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.

## Look Over there!!!

