



# MIMI SCHOOL

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

**10 September, 2009**

## ***Dear parents and caregivers,***

Thanks to all of the parents and family members who supported our Tainui Cross Country on Friday. We had an excellent turnout and great weather for it. The courses were once again a hit with all the runners and spectators and I was really proud of the way our kids participated. We had 11 students placed in the top three of the 5-11 year-old races with three students winning their races.

With the great support from our community, the Home and School raised over \$700 on the day.

Special thanks to Shirley Willison and Gary Phillips for allowing us access to the property next door.

But most of all, we must make a big deal of the huge effort all the kids put in on the day. Following the day, teachers from all of the schools commented on the high level of involvement of all of the kids and the effort that was put in by all runners from first to last place. I hear people say

that a focus on participation is often detrimental to kids in the long run. I say that I saw kids who didn't have a hope of winning pushing themselves outside of their comfort zone in an event that they could probably have faked a tummy ache to avoid. It feels great to win, and everyone on the course has a shot at winning, but at the end of the day, the sweat that gets dropped by the person at the back of the race is just as hard to expel as the sweat dropped by the winner.



***"Tell your children you love them every day."***

John Elliott



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## 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.

## Stationery Accounts

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

## Cross Country Placings

### 3rd Places

Jaxon Madden, Devon Nickson, and Todd Lowe.

### 2nd Places

Nikita Perrett, Jack Butler, Ayla Lunn, Cian Jamieson-Etches, Che-noah Braxton-Burnard.

### 1st Places

Livia Phillips, Cody Oxenham, Santana Robertson.

**BELOW:** Livia crosses the line for first with her tongue hanging out with Ayla hot on her heels.



# SPORTS PHOTOS

(NB If you have already sent money in, we have already recorded your order)

I would like a sports photo of \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is payment of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$4 per photo)

or

Please charge my photo to our stationery account

Please send orders back to school by Monday so that we can organise numbers for printing.



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

The way that our runners performed at Cross Country and the way that our 'non-runners' got stuck in and didn't give up. All our kids were once again inspirational to watch.

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



She's done it again! Jessica Duncan, ex student and winner of last year's Tainui Speech Competition, has won the Year 7 Speech Competition at Manukorihi this year. Congratulations Jessica!

## **Student of the Week**



Cody Oxenham was Student of the Week last week for the way that he has slipped into school life at Mimi School. Cody has a great attitude and has gotten himself involved in everything that goes on at school. He also wasted no time showing the older boys that he is no push over on the rugby field. Congratulations Cody. Keep putting this effort and attitude into everything at school. And what a great runner as well!

## Team Up

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

# Qq



## Sport Results

### *Mimi Panthers*

Were beaten by Lepperton on their last game 3-1.

Jaxon Madden was Player of the Day. Congratulations.

The team had a great time at their break-up at Chipmunks. Thanks to all of the adults that made it all happen. Greg Madden and Murray and Frances Butler were crucial with Alan Newton's rounding off the support team.



## 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

<b>MIMI SPEECH COMP</b>	Mon 14 Sept
BoT MEETING	Tues 15 Sept
<b>TAINUI SPEECH COMP</b>	Fri 18 Sept
LUCKY BOOKS CLOSE	Fri 21 Sept
MR BENNETT FROM ICON SPORTS VISITS	Thurs 24 Sept
<b>SHARED LUNCH FINAL DAY</b>	Fri 25 Sept
<b>MR ELLIOTT'S BUBBY IS DUE</b>	Fri 25 Sept

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

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

## Speech Competition

On Monday, we will be staging our Mimi Speech Competition where we will be selecting two senior children to represent the school at the Tainui Speech Competition at Whareorino next Friday 18 September.

...so now you can all see the reasons for sending us to bed as soon as we get home...

