



# MIMI SCHOOL

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

**2 February 2017**

## **Welcome Back!**

The holidays are over and the school year has begun very smoothly. It's great to see all the children back with smiles on their faces, ready to learn new things and to develop existing skills.

To start the year the school will be made up of three classes for the mornings from Monday to Thursday and will be as two classes for the rest of the time.

The year one to three students will be in Totara (the classroom beside the road) and will be taught by myself and Mrs O'Sullivan. The year four to six students will be taught by Miss Megaw and Mrs Amstalden-Baldwin (or Mrs Baldwin for short) each morning from Monday to Thursday and will be taught by Miss Megaw in the afternoons and all day on Friday. So in affect there will be four teachers over two classes which is a great position to be in.

Along with Mrs Baldwin who is starting with us this term, we have Elijah Hill who has also joined us on staff.

Eli will be working in Totara from 11.30am each day from Monday to Thursday and then working in Rimu in the afternoons as a teacher aide. It is awesome to have such wonderful people working with your children.

With the arrival of staff, I wish to let you all know that I will be finishing up as the principal of Mimi School in six weeks. I have decided to move from a principal role and into a straight teaching role. I will be doing this from the 20th March at the latest at Inglewood Primary School. I know the Board of Trustees are already working on finding someone who can follow me to make the transition seamless. I am sure the Board will keep you informed of the progress over time.

To start the year there has been new furniture purchased that will be in use in Matai and Rimu for the students and the ipads that were purchased at the end of last year have been set up to be used in the classrooms now. These two groups of items will have a significant impact in the way your child learns.



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All the students have been issued with log ins to use Mathletics online. They will be using Mathletics in their mathematics programme but I would also like you to encourage your children to use it at home as well. It is a great tool to practice and reinforce maths concepts. The year one to three students have also been issued with logins to Reading Eggs. Reading Eggs is used in the same way as Mathletics but it is focussed on reading skills instead.

Although the weather has not been the best for swimming over January, the students will be swimming every day at school. Please check your child has their togs every day.

All the students have been issued with stationery on the first day of school. An invoice for the stationery will be sent out later in term one.

Enjoy the Waitangi Day holiday on Monday.

*Andrew Birchler*

## **From the Board of Trustees**

Unfortunately, as you will have read above, we are saying goodbye to Andrew. Whilst he's only been with us a short time, we've enjoyed having him as principal of Mimi School. His contribution to Mimi is evident in the great relationship he has with the children.

The board are currently working on appointing an acting principal to cover the time between Andrew finishing and a new permanent principal starting. We reiterate what Andrew has said above; we will make the transition seamless.

We will keep you informed along the way and look forward to announcing who the acting principal will be once it's confirmed.

You will see an advertisement in the paper on Saturday for the permanent principal position.

*Donna Ellis  
BoT Chairperson*

## **Open Evening at Mimi School**

**On Thursday, 9th February from 7pm to 8pm.**

This is a time where parents, extended family and community members can walk through the school to see how the school is set up and have time to meet the staff. It will be a casual time where you can come and go at any time over the hour, just like an open home.

It will be an opportunity to ask general questions about your child's class. If you have specific questions about your child's achievement at school, it is best to see the classroom teacher at another time.

## **Lucky Bookclub**

Issue 1 of the Lucky Bookclub is out now. Please return your orders before **Tuesday, 14th February**. You can also order online at [www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz).

If paying by cheque, please make it out to Scholastics New Zealand.

## **Weetbix Tryathlon**

Registrations for next year's Weetbix Tryathlon are now open. This will be held on **29 March 2017**. If you child is interested in participating, please return the entry form to school or register online. We have set up a school group online. Please use the following link <https://registration.tryathlon.co.nz/Home/Event/15/Package/0/Wave/0/Sequence/0/School/b8fbf073-7710-4e44-8319-2a6abfd6d041>

## Welcome

A big welcome to Helen Amstalden-Baldwin and Eli Hill who joined the Mimi Staff in 2017.



We also welcome Lucy Elliott who's turning the big 5 this month and started in the Totara Room this week.



## Lost Property

There is a large amount of lost property left at school from last year. If you are missing items of clothing please check the bins with your child.

## Pool Keys

Pool keys are still available from the school office (\$15).

## Working Bee

The Board of Trustees is planning a working bee (possibly on the week-end of **11th/12th February**) to get our school grounds looking fantastic again. Please find enclosed a list of jobs/equipment we will need a hand with. You will also find this list in the staffroom window where we would like you to add your name where you are able to help. If you could also indicate a preference for 11th or 12th February, please.

## Absences

If your child is absent from school, please make sure you let the school office know before 9am.

## Bus Vests

Bus vests that had been handed in at the end of last term have been washed and re-allocated to the students this week. If your child still has a bus vest at home, please make sure they wear them when they are using the bus.

Could bus vests of older siblings who have moved on from Mimi School please be returned to school ASAP.

### BACK TO SCHOOL Road Safety Tips

**School gates are busy places.**

- Drive slowly near the school. Children can be unpredictable so be prepared for the unexpected.
- Do not stop or park on yellow lines – they are there to protect your children.
- Take care to look for cyclists before opening your door.
- Always make sure your child exits onto the footpath.
- Never wave or call to your child from across the road.



# Lunch Orders

Lunch orders are back this Friday.

## Price List for 2017

Sandwiches	\$2.50	<i>Ham or Chicken</i>
Bread Roll	\$4.00	<i>Ham or Chicken</i>
½ Bread Roll	\$2.20	<i>Ham or Chicken</i>
Bridge Pie (x1)	\$1.00	
Mince Pie	\$2.50	
Cookie	\$1.20	
Yoghurt	\$1.10	
Milk Drink	\$1.50	<i>(bought from school)</i>

Please place your orders in the basket at the school office before 9am.

Here's the roster for lunch order pick ups for the next few weeks:

**Friday, 3rd February: Karen Gillett**

**Friday, 10th February: Lisa Sarten**

If you are able to help pick up lunch orders from 4Square in Urenui once a term, please let Sibylle in the office know and we'll put you on our roster.



Our weekly pre-school sessions run on Fridays each week. These sessions are focused on developing the early skills that our children need to develop sound literacy and numeracy skills.

They are also intended to be a lot of fun for you and your kids as they become familiar with the classroom and classroom routines.

If you want to know

more about our B45 pre-school programme phone the school office, or drop in and ask.

# TERM 1 CALENDAR

<b>WAITANGI DAY</b>	Mon 6 Feb
<b>OPEN EVENING</b>	Thur 9 Feb
<b>WORKING BEE</b>	Sat 11 Feb or Sun 12 Feb
<b>LUCKY BOOKCLUB ORDER DUE</b>	Tue 14 Feb
<b>*TAINUI BEACH ED</b>	Fri 17 Feb
<b>*AMERICARNA</b>	Thur 23 Feb
<b>*TAINUI SWIM SPORTS</b>	Fri 24 Feb
<b>PITA PIT LUNCH</b>	Fri 10 Mar
<b>*WEETBIX TRYATHLON</b>	Wed 29 Mar
<b>*TAINUI TABLOIDS</b>	Fri 31 Mar
<b>*EPRO CHALLENGE</b>	Thur 6 Apr
<b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS</b>	Sun 2 Apr
<b>TERM 1 ENDS</b>	Thur 13 Apr
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	Fri 14 Apr
<b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	Mon 17 Apr
<b>TERM 2 STARTS</b>	Mon 1 May

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

Please contact Andrew or Sibylle at school for further information.