



MIMI SCHOOL

"WHERE THE COUNTRY, COAST, AND CLASSROOM MEET"

23 March 2017

Dear parents and caregivers,

As you should all know by now, I have returned to Mimi School to help out with administrative duties for two days each week while the BoT carries out an appointment process for a new principal.

For those families who do not know me, I spent 'one or two years' at Mimi prior to moving to Rongotea in the Manawatu two years ago.

While I was thoroughly enjoying the challenge of the principal role at Rongotea and we were experiencing a lot of success and growth, I decided with my wife Nikki, that it was time for a change of career.

It will be a little 'messy' over the coming weeks as staff are appointed and the principal role is shared between myself and Helen Baldwin, but the number one priority for BoT and staff remains the learning and teaching experience for our children.

To maintain this emphasis, Helen Baldwin is taking responsibility for overseeing the 'nuts and bolts' of learning and teaching. She has a sound pedigree and proven passion for this responsibility.

Meanwhile, I will be taking responsibility for the administrative aspects of the principal role, (and the odd bit of lunchtime fun for old times sake). If you need to see me about anything, I will be in the school on Wednesdays and Fridays, but feel free to contact me directly if you need to discuss anything outside of these days.



If you wish to talk about your child's learning, your first port of call is your child's teacher, beyond this, feel free to speak with Helen Baldwin at school, then myself.

As nice as it has been to return, it is with real sadness we have to share Nicole Megaw's news that she is leaving Mimi to travel next term.

Nicole has been a huge asset to the school in her time with us, and it has been a real privilege for the school to start her on a stellar teaching career.

I know that there has been a lot for our school community to take in over the last few months, but I have seen this school through a lot, and I am completely confident that our great community will attract more amazing staff to take the Mimi School into the next chapter.

***John Elliott
Acting Principal***

From The BoT

Just an update on the principal appointment:

We will be re-advertising this week, with applications closing Friday, 21st April.

Even though we had quite a few people ask for the application pack, we didn't receive enough back (or they didn't meet the criteria) to take to interview.

In speaking to potential applicants it was too early in the year for people to be looking for new jobs, and we hope with the application closing in the holidays people will have time to submit an application.

Donna Ellis
Chairperson BoT

From Miss Megaw

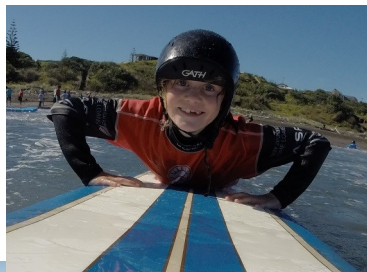
Dear Mimi Community,
As you all know, I started my teaching career at Mimi School and have loved every minute of it. However, it is with sadness that I have to inform you that I will be leaving Mimi School halfway through Term 2 to venture overseas. I have decided to do the big OE and travel to Europe for a few months. Mimi kids are absolutely amazing and I am going to miss them all so much. I want to thank the Mimi Staff for their support over the last couple of years and for making my time at Mimi one to remember. No doubt I will be back in Taranaki before too long and will look forward to hearing how each of the kids are doing. I will miss you all. Best wishes.

Nicole Megaw

Students of the week

Last week the Student of the Week Awards went to:

Rimu
Room:
Amy Honeyfield for doing surfing



well.
Matai Room:
Sophia Sulzberger for giving it a go at maths.

Totara Room:
Sahvana Wallace for giving everything a go with a smile on her face.

Well done, kids,
keep up the great work!



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.

Weetbix Tryathlon

We have 19 children in the Mimi Tryathlon Team for **Wednesday, 29th March**. Well done to all of the kids who have put themselves forward for this event.

The Weetbix Tryathlon kits are on their way out to our school and will be handed out to the children once they arrive.

Please remember that it is the parents' responsibility to get your children to this event. No travel is organised by the school, but we will set up the Mimi gazebo for everyone to meet up and enjoy the day together.

Tainui Tabloid Sports

On **Friday, 31st March** the whole school will be travelling to Uruti School for our Tabloid Sports with the other cluster schools.

Please see enclosed information and return the transport slip to school ASAP.

Surfing

The senior class had a fantastic day surfing last week.

Junior Class Beach Day

The junior class had a fun-filled day at Blyde's beach last week as well. Everyone enjoyed the beach games and swim.

BUGS! Our Backyard Heroes

Totara Room will visit Puke Ariki on **Wednesday, 5th April** to see the exhibition BUGS! Our Backyard Heroes.

Please find enclosed further information and permission/transport slip to be returned by next week Thursday.

Netball

Player Registrations for our two netball teams close **tomorrow** at lunchtime. If you haven't returned your registration form yet, please do so immediately, as late registrations might incur a fee or your child could even miss out completely.



Lucky Bookclub

Lucky Bookclub Issue 2 is out now. Please order by **Friday, 24th March**. You can also order online at www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz. If paying by cheque, please make it out to Scholastics New Zealand.

Swimming Pool

Our pool is now closed. Please return the pool key to the school office to receive a \$5 reimbursement.

Absences

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

Shopping at Warehouse Stationery

When you shop at Warehouse Stationery, please nominate Mimi School at the checkout and they will donate 5% of your purchase value to the school!

Picnic @ the Pa - Colouring Competition

Students are invited to enter the Ngati Mutunga Colouring Competition. To win prizes, bring the coloured in picture along to Picnic @ the Pa on **Saturday, 25th March** from 3pm-6pm at Urenui Pa.

TERM 1 CALENDAR

***WEETBIX TRYATHLON** Wed 29 Mar

***TAINUI TABLOIDS** Fri 31 Mar

***PUKE ARIKI "BUGS"** Wed 5 Apr
(Juniors)

***EPRO CHALLENGE** Thur 6 Apr

***SCIENCE ROADSHOW** Thur 6 Apr

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS Sun 2 Apr

TERM 1 ENDS Thur 13 Apr

GOOD FRIDAY Fri 14 Apr

EASTER MONDAY Mon 17 Apr

TERM 2 STARTS Mon 1 May

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

Please contact John or Sibylle at school for further information.

Lunch Orders

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

Friday, 24th March: Ashleigh Jury

Friday, 31st March: Tabloid Sports - no lunch orders



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