



MIMI SCHOOL

"WHERE THE COUNTRY, COAST, AND CLASSROOM MEET"

30 March 2017

Dear parents and caregivers,

What a great turn out for the Weetbix Tryathlon again yesterday. Well done Mimi students past and present on another great participation rate.

We have a great bunch of kids here at Mimi, and it was not by accident that my own children ended up back here. As an educator, I love the smaller rural environment for students to learn within, and as a parent, I love the smaller group of peers within which my children learn, grow, and play.

Having come from a larger school I noticed a number of benefits to the larger numbers, but there were also draw backs, and not surprisingly, the number of incidents between students as they learn to interact and 'be' together increased.

During my time here again, as usual, I will be focusing our children on the positives. What are the behaviours that we want for our kids? What do we want to focus our children on? What sort of people do we want our children to grow into?

Just like reading, writing, and maths, we need to learn by

doing, and through the mistakes that happen. Social skills are no different. My kids were brought back to Mimi to be surrounded by your children and you, their families. This is the environment that I want for them at this time. Our kids will not always get along, but I have huge faith, not only in these kids, but also in their families whose messages at home resonate in my own home as we discuss the odd time that the 'wheels fell off' at school.

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Students of the week

Last week the Student of the Week Awards went to:

Rimu Room:
Queenie McClutchie
for working hard in inquiry.



Matai Room:
Kaia Elliott for working hard in inquiry.



Totara Room:
Joshua Davy
for improving his reading.



Well done, kids, keep up the great work!

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!

Clifton Community Board

Clifton Community Board are developing their Plan for Clifton to align with the New Plymouth District Council's Long-Term Plan, District Plan and Infrastructure Strategy.

They want to hear from you about how you would like to see the Clifton area develop over the next 30 years, and your thoughts on what could be achieved. Your responses will contribute to the Clifton Community Board Plan.

An online survey will be available from 1 April 2017 to 23 April 2017 at www.newplymouthnz.com/Clifton. If you wish to complete a hard copy survey, please email: jayne.beer@npdc.govt.nz or phone (06) 759 6060 to obtain a copy.

Absences

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

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.



Tainui Tabloid Sports

Tomorrow the whole school will be travelling to Uruti School for our Tabloid Sports with the other cluster schools. We will be leaving school as close to 9am as possible.

Kids will need a jacket, morning tea and a drink bottle. Food available for sale, please support this fundraiser for Uruti School.

BUGS! Our Backyard Heroes

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

Science Roadshow

Our senior students are booked in for the Science Roadshow at Spotswood Primary School on **Thursday, 6th April**. Please see enclosed information and return the permission/transport slip.

Headlice are back

There have been isolated cases of headlice reported by families to school. Please be vigilant and check your child/ren's hair. If you have treated your children, remember to retreat a week later, and make sure you thoroughly wash bedding also to guard against re-infestation.

Swimming Pool

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



*Fun times at wheelbarrow races at
Tabloid Sports in 2015*

Netball

Please find enclosed information about our Mimi netball teams and the Future Ferns Year 5/6 netball rules.

Basketball

If you child would like to play basketball this winter, please let the school office know ASAP.

There is a Hoops Basketball Camp in the school holidays on Friday, 21st April at the Waitara War Memorial Hall. See enclosed flyer for more information and registration details.

Waitoitoi Hall

Our hall is available for hire. Why not have your or your children's birthday party or even a wedding there?

We can offer you a commercial kitchen, heat pumps, and we have recently completed work on improving the acoustics, so this would be a great place for your function.

Please contact Jo Appleyard on 7523809 for bookings.



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.

9am-11am
Fridays
For all
four year olds
in the district.

If you want to know more about our B45 pre-school programme phone the school office, or drop in and ask.

TERM 1 CALENDAR

***TAINUI TABLOIDS** *Fri 31 Mar*

BoT MEETING *Tue 4 Apr*

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

***SCIENCE ROADSHOW** *Thur 6 Apr*
(Seniors)

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, 31st March: Tabloid Sports
- no lunch orders

Friday, 7th April: Rochelle Sheddon