



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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April 2017

Back again ...

Well, well, here I am again, back at Mimi School.

By now, the community will all have caught up with the news that Andrew Birchler finished as principal of Mimi School during this term and that the Board of Trustees are in the middle of the appointment process for a new principal.

While the Board of Trustees appoints a new principal, I am spending two days a week at the school helping with administrative duties.

We are extremely lucky to have an amazing staff here at school who are carrying the school with a 'business as usual' approach while a new principal is being sought.

It has been great to come back into the school and catch up with the students, staff, and families again. My own children returned to Mimi last year, and have loved being back. From the cleaner to the teaching staff, the staff here at Mimi are of an extremely high calibre, and I say that from the perspective of having been out of the area leading another school. Returning to Mimi I feel 100% confident in this group of educators and support staff.

It has been great to catch up on the digital developments at the school. The kids at Mimi are treated to cutting edge technologies at a level that can't be matched in larger schools. Well done to Mr Birchler and staff on keeping the school moving forward.

In terms of the learning going on in each of the classrooms, it has been amazing to see the energy and enthusiasm with which the children are all undertaking their work. I am loving the exploration hour and inquiry learning models that have been put in place. The children are all so focused on what they are doing, and the teachers have developed some outstanding work

habits in their classes. It is great to see and is exactly the kind of place that I want for my children's learning, (and I can say that now too as an outsider.)

I look forward to catching up with members of the community again as time goes on. I expect to be in the current role for the entire Term 2 at which point, we will know who is taking over the leadership of the school. In their search, the Board of Trustees are vigilantly and proactively seeking out the kind of principal that they know the community want for their local school.

Please have a read through this community newsletter and catch up with all of the great learning that the children have been doing over the term. You will also find an update on where the school is at in terms of property developments. On returning to school, as well as being impressed with the developments in the classrooms, I have noted a bit of misinformation about the school property circulating among the community that I feel is important to clarify.

If you have anything that you would like to see me about, or you are a new family to the area, please do not hesitate to get in touch and have a chat about anything that you would like to know about the school.

The door is always open.

Kind regards,
John Elliott
Acting Principal



MIMI SCHOOL



where the country, coast, and classroom meet

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Weetbix Tryathlon



The school emptied out again this year on the day of the Weetbix Tryathlon with almost all of the senior class being joined by a few of our seven year olds to participate in the event.

The event is a great opportunity to get our kids into a major event, with 1800 kids taking part in this year's triathlon.

It was also wonderful to see some of our ex students remaining involved in the event, competing from their intermediate and secondary schools.

The confidence boost our kids get from completing an event like this is immeasurable, but obvious from the smiles on the kids faces after they have crossed the line. The pride that the kids wear their shirts is further testimony to the sense of achievement they get from completing the course.

Well done kids, and parents, for getting involved in this year's event.

Science Roadshow

The senior kids were lucky to be able to attend the Science Roadshow this term. Thanks heaps, Mimi Home & School for fundraising all year for events like this the children would otherwise miss out on.



Cookbook Fundraiser

In their last meeting the Home & School Committee decided we would publish a cookbook with school family's/school community's favourite recipes. This will be ready in time for Christmas.

To get the ball rolling we'd appreciate if you could email your favourite recipes (please no Edmond's cookbook recipes) to school at admin@mimi.school.nz.



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Community Pot Luck Dinner

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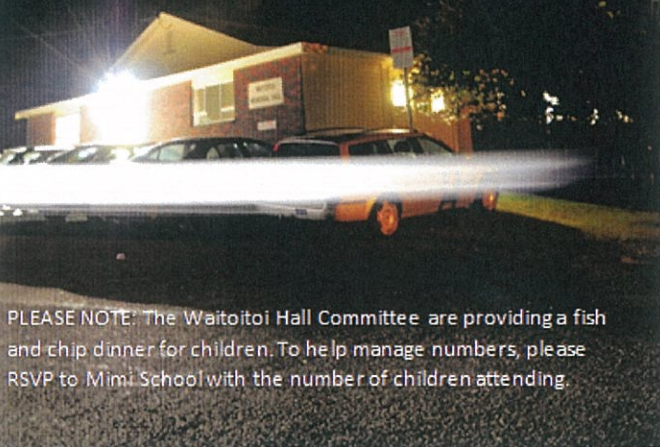
6:00pm, Friday 23 June 2017

Eating at 6:30

Pot Luck Dinner BYO

Come along and share a meal and drink, and welcome the new members to our district.

For more information, contact Sibylle Sulzberger at school on 752 3617 or 752 3262 AH



PLEASE NOTE: The Waitoitoi Hall Committee are providing a fish and chip dinner for children. To help manage numbers, please RSVP to Mimi School with the number of children attending.

MIMI SCHOOL

QUIZ NIGHT

WHEN

Friday, 26th May 2017
7:30pm – 10:00pm

WHERE

Waitoitoi Hall

Pukearuru Rd, 7km north of Urenui

Join us for a great night out and support Mimi School Trophy up for grabs, try to beat the Tongaporutu Team!

CONTACT

Get your tickets, register your team and pre-order your platters from the Mimi School office, phone 7523617 or email admin@mimi.school.nz

Bring some friends along and get a team of max. 6 together, \$10 per person. Individuals/couples are welcome to enter as well and will be put in a team.

BAR

available

Free tea & coffee available during the evening.

PLATTERS

Platters available to purchase. Pre-order by Friday, 19th May 2017

\$20 Antipasto
\$20 Hot Savouries
\$20 Dessert Indulgence

All platters sized to share for a table of 6.

RAFFLES

Raffles/silent auctions for sale during the evening



School Property Update

Mimi School is due for a significant toilet upgrade after years of planning with the Ministry of Education.

Every school in the country has a property funding allocation that the school uses to develop the school property over a five year period. These are known as Five Year Agreements and they draw on funding that is given to the school over and above the annual funding that the Ministry provides the school to function.

The school works with the Ministry every five years to develop a plan for how this funding will be used. This money can only be spent on property, not teachers, not resources, or anything else associated with running a school.

Schools are funded this way to ensure that our sites are able to be continually improved to last years and to meet the changing demands on our schools. Schools are encouraged to spend all of the funding within the five year period and 50% of any unspent funding could be lost to the school at the end of the five years.

The Ministry has very clear guidelines and priorities for the allocation of these funds and all pro-

jects must meet Ministry of Education approval before being incorporated into the property plan.

In the past the school has upgraded plumbing, wiring, as well as making small upgrades to the buildings. Five years ago, the toilets were identified as requiring upgrade. At the same time, the school was approved a temporary classroom to accommodate the growing roll while a new one was built. At this time the decision was made with the MoE that the new classroom would be put behind the school on space that was not used as a play area. The toilets that were requiring upgrading would then be demolished and new ones built that met modern requirements and made better use of the limited space.

The Board of Trustees have been trying to progress these developments over the past three years and we are pleased to see that we are nearing the point that the project will start. The planned developments are looking forward at the school's next 100 years and ensuring that our children have a safe, healthy, and inspiring environment to live, work, and play within.

Mimi School acknowledges our wonderful supporters Waitoitoi Rural Women
Great work ladies! We love your work!

Back to School

The Mimi seniors have hit the ground running this year and have settled into the fun and learning that is happening with Miss Megaw and Mrs Baldwin. Find out more about Term 1 from our student reporters.



Year 6 Leaders

It's a brand new year with brand new leaders and with brand new leaders comes new responsibilities for everyone. For some it is becoming a senior and for others it will be the start of something new. Onto the year sixes, mostly everyone already knows the fantastic 7 but if you're new you might as well get to know them. There's the brotherly twins Elye and Kyle Fawkner, the sisterly twins Sophia and Olivia Sulzberger, Ella White, Louise Blyde and your reporter, James Hill. We are very excited about leading our amazing school this year and we are looking forward to continue making our school a great place for learning and fun.

Student Reporter:
James

Tabloid Sports

Hi, we are William and Jade and we go to Mimi School where all the fun happens. Recently, all of the students at Mimi School went to Cluster Tabloid Sports Day at Uruti School. Tabloid sports is a day we spend doing lots of fun activities. Jade's favourite activity was the flying fox because last year she was too afraid to go on it but this year she gave it a try. William's was the wheelbarrow races because one person was pushing and the other was in the wheelbarrow. There were 10 activities altogether and some of the other activities were wicket grubbers, sponge race, trolley races, throw the tennis ball into the bucket and lots more. It was a great day where everyone gets involved and has fun.

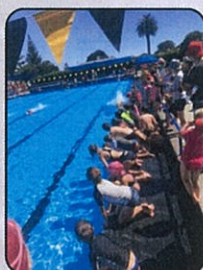
Student reporters: Jade and William



Science Roadshow

The science road show was filled with active learning and at the end there was even a blue explosion. The Kokako Squad travelled to Spotswood Primary where the Science Roadshow took place. As we poured into the hall, a tall man greeted us. He had enormous shoes. We sat right in the front row as he told us what our routine for the visit would be. He also talked about what science exhibits were there for us to play with and how to complete them. Some of the science rotations that we could experiment with were hand electricity, hover machine and lots more. Everybody got a card and if they wanted to finish the activities, they gave them to the parents and caregivers with a yellow sash to go into the draw to win a 3D printed fish. The amazing prize was won by Mimi's own, Olivia Sarten. Great job Olivia.

Student Reporters: Louise and Tayla



Tainui Swimming Sports

At the Tainui Cluster Swimming Sports there were three fast swimming gonzales girls from Mimi school. They took out the winning spot for their age group and their names were awesome Shani, terrific Katia, and amazing Zsalea. There were other Mimi place getters as well and we were proud of everyone's efforts on the day. It was held on Friday 24th February at Waitara community swimming pool. We all had an awesome time jumping from the humongous high diving board or swimming in any pool during the free lunchtime swim. Mokau School were the overall winners for the day.

Student Reporters: Queenie McClutchie and Katia McClutchie



A few weeks ago, the seniors went surfing at Fitzroy beach with Daisy Day. All of us had a great time surfing and got the chance to improve our surfing skills. Some wicked waves were caught and we were pros in no time. First we all split into 2 groups, got our wetsuits and rash shirts on and hit the beach. The first group got into the water and started to surf while the 2nd group had fun making sand castles on the beach. Then we rotated, after we had all gone surfing we got into the water one last time, and some of us did some body surfing. We had some amazing adults that helped out on the day. Everyone had a great time. The year 4's and 5's can't wait to go surfing again next year. Student Reporters: Sophia, Zsalea and Jordan.

Let's go surfing now!



Americana

On this day (23 of February 2017), Mimi School travelled to Waitara for an awesome experience, looking at all the different American cars. It was definitely a day to remember for everyone. We had lunch at the nearby school and as soon as the cars started coming, we perched ourselves along the side on the street to watch the parade. After a while all the cars had come including the American school bus. We took so many photos of all the different cars, trucks and the school bus of course. We saw arty cars, small cars, big cars and of course, strange looking cars. It is amazing how much work people put into their cars, I definitely could not pull that off. We all hope we can go again next year, maybe we could recognise some from this year.

Student Reporters: Olivia Sulzberger and Olivia Sarten.



BEACH DAY

Totara Class

Totara Class spent a most enjoyable day at the beach. We dug for treasure (lollies), dammed a creek, made footprints out of Plaster of Paris and swam in the Mimi River. Back at school we wrote poetry celebrating our wonderful day.



Remember when we heard smashing, bashing and crashing waves.
Remember when I smelt yucky oozy cow bones and a tiny fish bone.
Remember when I saw a squawking and talking and annoying seagull.

By Ceejay Hill



Remember when we heard the crashing waves coming from the ocean.
Remember when we smelt the yucky fish bones.
Remember when we saw very little fish in the river.
Remember when we did the scavenger hunt and found a shell you could
hear the ocean inside.

By Tane Smith



TEAM *talk*

FROM THE MIMI SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Hello Community,

We have had a busy start to the year at Mimi School, having reluctantly accepted Andrew Birchler's resignation as he moved back into a teaching role at Inglewood Primary School and we wish him all the best as he takes on this position.

We welcome John back to the principal chair for a while as Acting Principal while we seek a new leader for our school. It is helpful having John in the role with expertise in the areas of our current focus. The BoT are well underway with the appointment process and look forward to keeping you all informed as we proceed.

We welcomed Helen Baldwin to the school this year as a teacher in Year 4-6. Helen is an outstanding teacher who has quickly established her place within the teaching team. As well as appointing a new principal, the Board have also been busy progressing the property work that the school has had scheduled for some time now. We look forward to sharing this with you as it becomes closer to reality.

More pressing than property, the Board of Trustees have also been looking closely at how we are kept informed of the progress of our children's learning at school. This is the number one priority for us as a BoT, and one we take seriously as a group of parent trustees. We are working with staff on reviewing our school processes for monitoring how our students are faring. We have traditionally done very well in this area and this has been reflected in our positive Education Review experiences. We want to keep it this way which involves continually looking at how we

can improve. Rest assured, the BoT also remain 100% committed to also ensuring the school continues to offer the kinds of educational experiences outside of the classroom that have defined our school over generations.

Once again, a huge thanks to all of the staff at school who go the extra mile for our children to provide the variety of learning experiences our children have traditionally enjoyed at Mimi School.


Donna Ellis
Mimi Board of Trustees
Chairperson

Mimi Home & School Committee

Our next meeting is on **Thursday, 11th May 2017 at 7:30pm** in the School Library. We will be discussing the quiz night and other upcoming fundraising events.

There will also be an **Election of Officers** as we have to say good-bye to our President Suzanne Davy who will be moving away on 1st June 😞

We hope to see many of you there!



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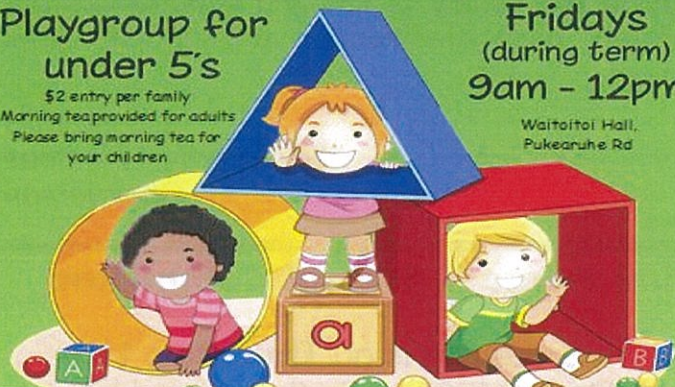
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TERM 2 CALENDAR

TERM 2 STARTS	Mon 1 May
NETBALL STARTS	Wed 3 May
BASKETBALL STARTS	Tue 9 May
HOME & SCHOOL MEETING Election of Officers	Thur 11 May
*NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY ROTORUA	Mon 22 May
QUIZ NIGHT	Fri 26 May
QUEENS BIRTHDAY	Mon 5 Jun
COMMUNITY DINNER WAITOITOIL HALL	Fri 23 Jun
TERM 2 ENDS	Fri 7 Jul

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

Please contact Andrew or Sibylle at school for
further information.

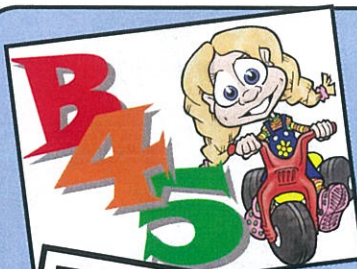
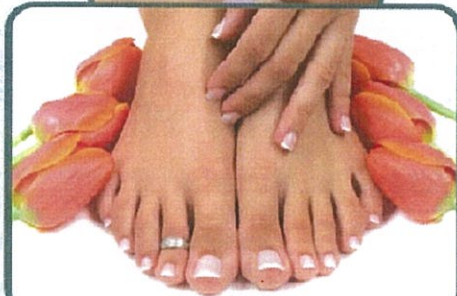
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