



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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A rolling stone gathers no moss

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Special thanks to the school community for welcoming me back for the last three months as the school has sought a new principal. It has been a time filled with lots of moments of nostalgia at what a great job teaching is, and how special it is to have your own children in the school you work within.

Unfortunately, I have not been able to achieve all that I set out to, as is often the case, but I will be continuing to offer Jared any support he may need to tie up any loose ends. I do not expect Jared will be needing any support from me however, as he shows himself to be extremely well-prepared for undertaking the next step in his career. The school and its community contribute as much to a principal as they do to the school in their early years of principalship, and I am super excited to see Jared lead this amazing staff on the next leg of the journey.

One of the areas that I have been working on with the Board that I intend to continue, is that of how the school focuses on students achievement, and in particular, how the BoT receives and shares information on student learning.

When I left, we had started talking about a means of reporting that places the emphasis 100% on the value we add to every student from whatever level they sit in their learning. Below, At, Above are all irrelevant to a child's ability to meet their full learning potential and focusing on a child's

gains from wherever they start with a 'no excuses' mantra is the only way to address student achievement.

I am excited to have been able to pick it back up with Board members who shared the vision then and now and we are nearing a stage of implementation that will see the BoT kept well informed of individual and group progress and achievement and able to share it clearly and meaningfully with our wider learning community.

One of the benefits of being a small school is that we can implement change quickly and easily. We have not gathered moss at Mimi in the past, and I can't see it happening any time soon!

*Kind regards,
John Elliott
Acting Principal*

**Our new principal
Jared
Holden,
his wife
Tara and
their two
daughters**



MIMI SCHOOL



where the country, coast, and classroom meet

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Thanks Coach!

Big thumbs up to all of the coaches again this season.

It is great to see so many parents getting involved in their kids' sport. There has been another campaign running this season that is aimed at improving side line behaviour, and it is pleasing to see the positivity and encouragement coming from our parents on the various side lines our kids are playing within.



We have been really lucky with the coaches that we have had for our Netball and Basketball teams again this year. Not enough can be said of the commitment that these folk make to being there for our kids week in and week out. In observing our parent coaches, Lisa McClutchie, Sarah and Murray Blyde, and Blydie's assistant coach Kevin, our children are so lucky to have such patient and child-centred coaches. Everything is explained, and they are well prepared for taking to the court each week. Please make the most of the opportunities you have to support your children in sport, developing a love of sport and physical activity is one of the most crucial attitudes we can develop in our kids as they grow into successful, healthy adults.

Property Update

The long awaited redevelopment of our toilet block is inching ever closer with a project manager currently preparing the plan for tendering and appointing trades and plans having a NPDC approval stamp hovering over them.

Next stage is that the project will go to tender early next term, before the tenders are then considered and the successful tender selected.

We remain hopeful for this work to be carried out over summer in order to be least invasive to our learners, but we are prepared to work with whatever we get as we recognise the benefits that this work will bring to the functionality of the site here, and the resulting positive impact on our children.

We look forward to the next update being in the form of contractors vehicles being onsite!

Cookbook Fundraiser

The Home & School Committee would like to publish a cookbook with school family's/school community's favourite recipes. We aim to have this ready in time for Christmas.

However, we need your help! We'd appreciate if you could email your favourite recipes to school at admin@mimi.school.nz or hand into the school office (photocopies/scans/photos of recipes are fine, we don't expect you to do the typing).



When can my child start school?

We have had several enquiries from parents of young children regarding when their children can start school in light of the new legislation that allows children to start before their 5th birthday.

It is worth noting that there has been a lot of misinformation circulated through the media that has created some misunderstanding about this change to the Education Act.

We have included a fact sheet in this community newsletter to provide our community with accurate information on this change. Our new principal will be facilitating a discussion with affected parents and the wider learning community as we formulate Mimi School's policy around entry to school.

It is important that this change to enrolment will not be taking affect until Term 1, 2018.

Pet Day - The Main Event

As a school, we have begun planning for our 2017 Pet Day. This will be held in the first week of the fourth term, with the final day to be confirmed. This is the main event of the year for rural schools and one which we must work to protect in the face of changing communities. Some would say that things evolve, and that change is something to embrace. However, we also need to be ever aware of holding onto some things as not all change is welcome. Mimi School is a rural school, and without exception, one of the things that new families are impressed by is our Pet Day. As well as being a unique opportunity for our children to participate in learning beyond the classroom that contributes heavily to their sense of empathy and responsibility, it is an opportunity to show our school culture to the wider community.



As part of the Tainui Girls and Boys Club Group Day, we also have the opportunity to continue in a tradition that has gone by in some areas. This is the only remaining group day in North



Taranaki, and is one that we should also be mindful of in our attitude to participation in Pet Days. So get involved, and support one of the several Pet Days in our neighbouring schools, and if you are able, get along and support the Tainui day through showing your face at the Tainui Boys and Girls Club Pet Day meeting in August at Uruti School.

Quality learning starts with quality teachers

While there has been a lot of exciting stuff happening during the term, we were sad to see Nicole Megaw leave us during the term to embark on her big OE. It is hard to begrudge her when you see the kind of adventures that she is having overseas. This is the kind of example that we want to see set for our young people, and another reason for our schools to consider young beginning teachers when filling vacancies. Good on you Miss Megaw... but you will be sorely missed.



Meanwhile, we have been joined 'more fully' by Helen Baldwin, (Mrs Baldwin) who has increased her teaching hours at the school to cover the senior room until Mr Holden starts next term. From the start of Term 3, Mrs Baldwin will be in the senior class Monday to Thursday.

Miss O'Sullivan has continued in her role in the junior class where she has been joined by Karen Gillett to share the teaching of our youngest students. Meanwhile, Mrs Butler continues to bring her strengths to the school each day through continuing in her Reading Recovery role.

We are lucky to have such great teachers here at Mimi School, and being written by Mr Elliott who has nothing to gain in saying so, there is a reason that the Elliott children have returned to Mimi which has everything to do with the quality of staff in the school from the teachers and wonderful administrator, through to our amazing teacher aide and 'super cleaner'.

A big Thank You to Graphix Explosion for helping us out with a Toner Cartridge—we couldn't have done this newsletter without you!

RIMU ROOM



In the Classroom

Busy, busy, busy are the only words we can use to describe what has been happening in the senior rooms this term. The year 4 - 6 students have faced many changes lately, the biggest one being the transition into one classroom. In true Mimi style, they have embraced these changes and the hum of learning has continued to flourish.



Mixing, Making and the Kids Sell Day

Throughout Term 1 and 2 the students having been experimenting with a variety of different solids and liquids by mixing them together to make something new. They also investigated how heating and cooling can affect different ingredients. The students then worked in small groups to develop their own 'product' ready for sale at the Mimi School's first ever 'Kid Sell Day.'

Kids Sell Day was a hit with everyone.

We made all sorts like tim tam deluxe, concrete pavers, orange shampoo, hand cream, chocolate fudge, bath salts and jam. It was a bit hard filling all our orders but it was really fun and everyone had a good day. We also made over 900 dollars.

We decided to give \$300 of our profits to charity and researched which ones we wanted to help. We decided to give \$100 to the Red Cross, \$100 to Starship, \$50 to DOC and \$50 to SPCA. We have also bought some games for the class and a worm farm for the school... our next little project.

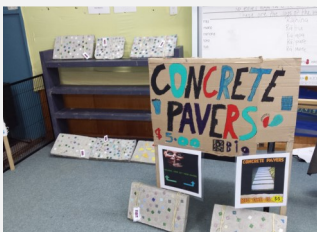
TOM, SHELDON, JORDAN



Urenui Perfect Production

This term has been great, that is one thing everyone at Mimi school can agree on. One of the best things this term was probably the most recent, a trip to see Urenui school's production Snow White and the Seven Dudes. It was really funny and we got to see some kids who used to go to our school for example Jessica Woods. We have also been performing some plays in our assemblies.

Student reporters OLIVIA SARTEN and AMY HONEYFIELD



Exploration Hour

This term the Rimu Room continued doing Exploration Hour. The year threes came to do some awesome activities like oobleck, slime, papa, sewing, pikelets, donuts, paper caterpillars, finger painting with us.



Sports Report

Rippa Rugby

Mimi school had a great day at the Rippa tournament. We brought along two teams, the Rip Em Nay Nay's and the Mimi Rip Men Style. One had entered as a competitive team and the other as a non competitive team. The competitive team finished in 4th place out of all teams.

BY ZSALEA ELLIS

Basketball

Mimi Cliff Bombers have had a good few games and have now finished their non-competitive games. Starting off next term, they will be beginning their competitive games. Hopefully they can win again this year. Also a big thank you shout out to our coaches Murray and Kevin.

BY SOPHIA SULZBERGER

Netball

Mimi Blacks have had a great Netball season and have won a few games, thanks to our wonderful coaches Sarah and Lisa who have helped us practise every Wednesday.

The Mimi Reds have had a great time playing netball this season but have yet to finish with a win. Well done Netball players, keep up the great work!

BY TAYLA INGHAM

Golf

The class also had a visit from Murray Martin from Taranaki Golf this term. It turns out the kids at Mimi are not too bad at hitting a golf ball.



National Young Leaders Day 2017

Wow! what a great time us year sixes had at the NYLD (National Young Leaders' Day) 2017. After waking up at 5 in the morning and driving a long sleepless drive, we finally arrived at Rotorua. At 9:30am we all gathered in the Energy Events Centre ready listen to some inspirational speakers like: Trina Tamati, Aaron Jackson, Brylee Mills and also Masterchef winners Karena and Kasey Bird along with lots of other great speakers. Mimi students were chosen twice from the crowd to ask questions. Louise was rewarded with a dessert made by Karena and Kasey. After the long conference we finally left to bomb the luge hills. Both students and parents had an awesome experience, although we were a little tired once we made it back to Mimi.

OLIVIA SULZBERGER and JAMES HILL



**Thank You
Parents and
Coaches!**



Puanga/Matariki is a special time of year. It is a time to spend with family and friends.

Puanga is a star that disappears then comes back in winter. Puanga and Matariki are part of the Maori New Year.

It is a time to let go of really old problems and it is a time to also make up new plans. It is also a great time to plant winter crops and it is also a time to fly kites. It is a great time to catch fish.

Puanga/Matariki is a special time of year.

By Meisha Lunn

Puanga is a special star. It only comes out in June, then we know it is the Maori New Year.

We spend time with family. It is a time for telling stories. It is a time for starting new plans and to get rid of our old problems. It is a time to put in winter crops and fly kites and make our own kites.

By Rhianna Darling

Matariki

In Totara Room we have been learning all about Matariki (or Puanga, as it is called in Taranaki). We have been busy celebrating Puanga by learning to weave and making decorative kites.



TEAM *talk*

FROM THE MIMI SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Hello Community,

Wow, where did that term go? It's hard to believe that we've gone past the shortest day, that calving is about to start, and we're saying goodbye to John Elliott again...

I have to say a huge thank you to John for helping us out as our acting principal. Having a newbusiness is one thing, but agreeing to fill in as a part time principal as well is massive. And thanks to Nikki for letting him work 1 ½ jobs! It has been great having John back at Mimi School and while his time as acting principal has come to an end, it's not really goodbye this time. He now gets to enjoy being a Mimi parent. I'm not sure he knows this yet, but we're going to add him to our reliever list and maybe, one day when he's not flat out at Aspect Signs, he'll come in as a relief teacher.

The Board of Trustees are excited to have appointed Jared Holden as the new principal of Mimi School. Jared starts at the beginning of next term and we look forward to welcoming him to the Mimi community. Jared is coming from Highlands Intermediate where he is a senior team leader. He is keen to get to know all of you, so please drop in and say hi next term.

We had some great conversations at our last Board meeting about what is important to our community. As we

all know, different things are important to different people, but it is awesome for our children to experience things that we as parents wouldn't normally do. The wide range of activities that the children at Mimi School get to participate in always amazes me. We are very lucky to have an active Home & School who fundraise to bring some of these extra curricula activities to the school.

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.

Enjoy the school holidays and see you farmers out the other side.

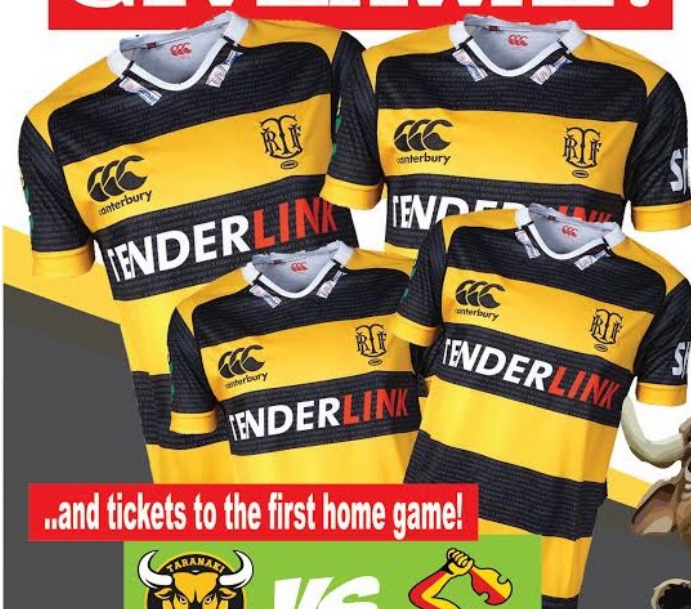
Donna Ellis
Mimi Board of Trustees
Chairperson

PORT TARANAKI BULLS JERSEY GIVEAWAY!

Two adults
and 2 kids
Replica Jerseys..



to be
IN TO
WIN



..and tickets to the first home game!



TARANAKI BORN... TARANAKI PROUD

aspectsigns

SIGNAGE PARTNER TO THE MIGHTY TARANAKI BULLS

Tainui Ag Day AGM

AGM followed by the general meeting:

Thursday, 10th August, 2017
7:30pm
@ Uruti School

This event will be in its
85th year.
Please support this AGM.



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| TERM 3 STARTS | Mon 24 Jul |
| BASKETBALL STARTS | Tue 25 Jul |
| ANDERSONS PIES DELIVERED | |
| <i>Election of Officers</i> | Thur 27 Jul |
| PHOTO LIFE | Thur 3 Aug |
| TARANAKI ARTS FESTIVAL | |
| <i>@ Waitoitoi Hall</i> | Sun 20 Aug |
| MAGIC SHOW | Wed 30 Aug |
| CROSS COUNTRY | Fri 1 Sep |
| * MANUKORIHI ORIENTATION | Thur 21 Sep |
| LIFE EDUCATION TRUST | Thur 21 — Fri 22 Sep |
| * TAINUI SPEECHES | Fri 22 Sep |
| TERM 3 ENDS | Fri 29 Sep |

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

Please contact John or Sibylle at school for further information.

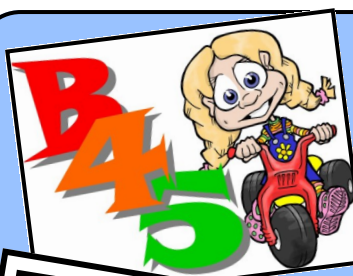
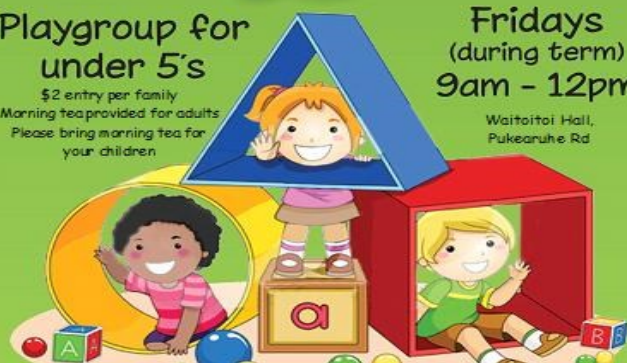
Mimi's Minis Playgroup

Playgroup for
under 5's

\$2 entry per family
Morning tea provided for adults
Please bring morning tea for
your children

Fridays
(during term)
9am - 12pm

Waitoitoi Hall,
Pukearuru Rd



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

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.

