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Kia Ora Whanau,

Talk to any parent, caregiver, teacher or student and they will tell you that their school is the best school around. From my first day here at Mimi School, only ten weeks ago, I have been told again and again, by not only parents and students, but also by members of the wider school community how great Mimi School is. And to be honest it's pretty hard to argue against.

Over the last ten weeks the proverb **He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata** - What is the most important thing in the world? It is the people, it is the people, it is the people; has been reinforced almost daily and I have learnt a lot about the power and strength of this community. The casual chats at the end of day about upcoming events, future activities for the school or things we could be doing as a school in the community; your willingness to pop in and say 'hello' to ask 'how things are going' or if I needed any help and your honesty and willingness to answer my myriad of questions has been greatly appreciated and has made me feel extremely welcome.

Just watching the Home & School in action at the Tainui Cross Country, and sitting in on the Gala meeting has really highlighted

the community's desire to do everything it can to provide awesome learning opportunities for the students. The number of you who are prepared to drop every-



Start line-up at the Tainui Cross Country

thing and help out whenever we need it is amazing, over the last few weeks we've had a number of people volunteer to help out with Grandparent Reading, Pet Day organisation, judging and feeding the masses that come to see the students' animals, and the upcoming school camp. I know the students and staff certainly appreciate all of the extra hours the community donates to the school.



MIMI SCHOOL



where the country, coast, and classroom meet

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It's hard to believe that the Term 3 has been and gone already. Who would have thought that ten rather wet weeks could go so fast. In all honesty the whole term has been a bit of a blur, who would have thought so much could be crammed into such a short period of time.

As you will read in this newsletter the students have really grabbed the bull by the horns and made the most of every learning opportunity they have had. From the Tainui Cross Country and Speech Competitions to the Taranaki Arts Festival, Beach Clean Up, learning about Egypt, and involvement in the EnergySkillsNZ Science Fair as well as the Magic Show and a visit from Taranaki Bulls the students have exceeded all expectations.



Wai-Iti Beach Clean Up

With the end of Term 3 comes the realisation that there are only nine weeks left of the school year, nine weeks to fit in a Senior Camp, Pet Day, the Gala, Sailing, Tough Kids, Tabloids Days and some learning as well! Not only do we only have nine weeks to fit all this in but we only have nine weeks left with our Year 6 students, most of which have been students here at Mimi since their 5th birthdays. Let's hope that their last term at Mimi is as memorable for them as their last 23 terms have been.



I look forward to seeing you all at Pet Day and the School Gala, enjoy your children over the holidays and rest up for another busy term at the greatest school around 'where the country, coast and classroom meet'.

Nga mihi nui,

Jared Holden
Principal

Tainui Speech Competition



Huge congratulations to the Mimi speech finalists in the Tainui speech competition at Whareorino last week, with Ryan Sarten, Jordan Little and Tayla Ingham coming first in their age group, James Hill 2nd and Shani McClutchie and Jonathan Hoke 3rd. Awesome effort, kids!

Taranaki Cross Country

Congratulations to our Mimi Students who competed in the Taranaki Cross Country Championships in Hawera this week.

Here are the results:

Louise Blyde 66th 11 year old girls
Jade Lunn 25th 9 year old girls
Shani McClutchie 254th 8 year old girls

Great effort, kids!

PLEASE DROP OFF ITEMS FOR THE WHITE ELEPHANT STALL FOR OUR GALA IN THE OLD JUNIOR ROOM (KOWHAI). OPEN DURING SCHOOL HOURS!

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

Mimi School Pet Day

Wed 18 Oct
From 9:30 am



Our school's Pet Day is certain to please again in 2017 with around 40 animals on show this year.

In addition to the focus on the animals with their pet children, we will once again be deciding who will be taking home the Mums vs Dads Cup for the best cakes for auction, which goes back ages, and is currently held by the mums.

While our Pet Day does not have a large fundraising focus, our Home and School do run a baking and sweets stall that includes chutneys and preserves.

So, with something for everyone, make sure that you make the effort to come along and support the kids (and adults) in our 'main event' as a school holding firm to its good old kiwi rural background.

See you there!

We look forward to hosting our wider community as we stage our fourth 'Old School' Gala on Saturday, 11th November next term.

Reclaiming the gala of old in 2007 has seen the gala go from strength to strength as people come from far and wide to support a day that is as much a community event as a school fundraiser.

This year, we are excited to be offering several fantastic items for auction, as well as a number of great prizes that we are sure will please all of the adults who turn out on the day. While bidding, and winning prizes in the quick fires, enjoy great coffee and live music to round off a great day.

All the while the kids will be entertained with another action packed adventure that has seen the community's children begging mum and dad to bring them along.

From the buzz of laser tag to the pop of the paintball splatter, there really is no excuse for the kids to not be raving about their day.

All of this is once again being composed by our fantastic Home and School Association with the help of many, many generous sponsors with an underlying philosophy of providing a great day out for the family at an affordable price.

So, mark down 11th November on the calendar, bring the kids, grandkids, or just yourselves for a fun day that supports our school.

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

Waitaiti Hall,
Pukearuhe Rd

MIMI SCHOOL

'OLD SCHOOL' GALA

Saturday 16 November, 10am

Come enjoy the atmosphere of a real gala of old with all the trimmings!

- Magic Carpet
- Paintball
- Drive a digger
- Horse & Pony Rides
- Water slide
- Face Painting
- Bouncy Castle
- Raffles & Auctions
- Food Stalls
- ... and much much more!

Mimi School, Pukearuhe Road
BE THERE!

HEY KIDS... BRING YOUR TOGS!

RIMU ROOM



Term three has flown by for the Rimu Room. The students have all worked very hard training for Cross Country, writing speeches, putting together science fair projects, planting gardens, preparing for Pet Day and completing a variety of statistic investigations. Both the children and teachers are now ready for a holiday! Take it away Rimu Reporters...

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nom!



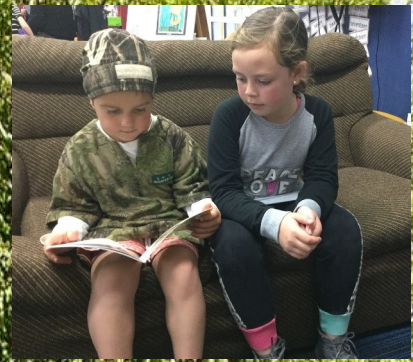
Seniors Fun Day Out

Splash went Jade as she jumped into the pool. The Rimu Room finally saved enough dojos in class to 'buy' a trip to the Aquatic Centre! So, on Monday we first went to the pools then had Domino's for Lunch. I couldn't swim but was given the job as chief photographer. It was cool watching everyone having a smile on their faces. Next, we went to Puke Ariki. My favourite part was probably the scavenger hunt. Thank you to all the parents who came and helped and to Mrs Baldwin.
By Tayla Ingham



Buddy Reading

Every day the whole school does buddy reading just after morning tea. The senior kids have a junior buddy and we meet in the same place every day. The juniors have to read their book to us first. I like buddy reading because I get to read books to the juniors and I like to listen to the juniors read their stories. They are new books I haven't heard before.



Pet Day Preparations

In class we have been busy preparing and making metal creations for display at our annual Pet Day. We have also been planning our miniature scenes and have taken some interesting photos showing forced perspective. We have all been busy at home getting our animals ready too. We are all looking forward to Pet Day on the 18th October. Please come along and have a fun day with us Mimi kids.

Magic Show with a Message

On Wednesday the 30th of August, Mimi and Urenui went to Waitoitoi Hall and saw an amazing magic show. The magicians were Elgregoe and Sue. My favourite bit was when he made the birds disappear and when he made the big blue parrot appear. I also enjoyed when I helped the magician clean up after the show, I got to carry all the animals into the truck. The little bird tried to bite my finger. The magic show had a message that all schools should be bully free.



Speeches

This year there were so many great speeches that it would have been extremely hard for the judges to choose a winner. All of the seniors had fun writing their speeches even though only one person from each year group went to Tainui. Everyone is a winner in their own way. Three seniors (Tayla Ingham, James Hill and Jordan Little) went to Tainui speeches along with three Juniors (Ryan Sarten, Shāni McClutchie and Jonathan Hoke). The best thing about the Tainui speech finals is that everyone from Mimi that went, got a place. Jonathan got third, Shāni got third, James got second, Ryan got first, Jordan got first and Tayla got first. Well done everyone.

By Amy Honeyfield and Olivia Sarten



TOTARA CLASS



What do we want to know?

Come to Egypt and see the amazing pyramids

Some have pointy tops and some don't. They are built from lime stone and granite. The step pyramids you can climb up. To build a pyramid it takes over one million bricks. It takes 20 to 30 long years to build one pyramid. The granite is floated down the Nile River on rafts. The granite is from Aswan. Aswan is 1000km away. The pyramids of Giza are the oldest and tallest pyramids. It takes over 100 people to build one pyramid. I know you will have an extraordinary time in Egypt. You won't forget it!

By Millie Elliott

Last week Harold the Giraffe came to our school He taught us about being nice to other people. He talked about filling other people's buckets with happiness by saying nice things to them or giving them a hug. When we say mean things to people or we empty their bucket which makes them feel sad. I like my bucket to be filled so I feel happy.

By
Ceejay Hill &
Ryan Sarten

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In the TOTARA Class we've been learning about Egypt this term



Seahorses

Seahorses are not good swimmers. They have to hold on to seaweed so they can't get washed away by the current.

By Toni Wallace & Jonathan Hoke



Seahorses have excellent eyesight because their eyes work independently so they can look for food and predators at the same time

By Tane Smith
& Rhianna
Darling



Hello Community,

Yet again another term is over, and what a great term it was (except for the rain!).

When talking to Zsalea (my 9 year old daughter) the other day, she asked if I would have rather gone to my primary school or to Mimi School. Well that was easy – Mimi by far. The experiences these children get are amazing. Their resilience, empathy, fellowship, self-motivation and love of school is great to watch. I encourage you all to spend time at school to see them in action. They're such a great bunch of children.

A huge thanks must go out to our great staff who go the extra mile for our children. Thanks Jared, Emma, Helen, Frances, Karen, Sibylle, Abbey and Rochelle. And to Anne-Maree, Raymond, Rosemary and Karen D. for your time on Fridays. You're all awesome!

Jared Holden started as our Principal at the beginning of the term; I've really enjoyed working with Jared and enjoy seeing the direction he is taking our school in. I hope you've all met him, but if not call in next term to say hi.

At the last Board of Trustees meeting we discussed student achievement outside of National Standards (National Standards covers Mathematics, Reading and Writing). Without repeating myself too much, it was great to hear how the children are achieving. There's a lot going on, and we're really happy with the progress.

While we're on the subject of National Standards – now might be the time to

mention the General Election. You may be sick of hearing about it, but we've got an interesting couple of weeks ahead of us. There are certainly different views on education held by National and Labour. Among other things, Labour has promised to abolish National Standards. Whilst I am only familiar with the current National led education system, it will be interesting to see what may happen. I do know that our teachers will make sure our children are not negatively affected by any changes that may occur and I'm sure we're all in favour of making their jobs simpler, so watch this space.

Enjoy the school holidays. I'm hoping we get some sun!

*Donna Ellis
Mimi Board of Trustees
Chairperson*

Carissa McKay

Pilates Instructor

MIMI PILATES—TERM 4
Mondays 6:30pm
Thursdays 7pm
at Waitoitoi Hall

Contact Carissa on 021 02981185

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Summer Opening Hours from 6th October 2017:

Friday & Saturday 10am—late
Sunday 10am—4pm

Weekday bookings available
 Contact Karen on 7523174

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Dance Movement
TAHARAHI NZ
I AM BECAUSE WE ARE

Launch Class 18th October
 Wednesday 5.45pm
 Community Hall, Urenui
 \$5 per class, first class free
 Bring water, a towel and your smile!!!
 Contact: Alex 021 034 2371

Alex Team Azucar Zumba

Gardening

Thanks to Lisa McClutchie for doing gardening with our children. It's looking great! A big thank you to Bunnings for donating 10 pairs of kids gardening gloves to our school and to Gaewyn Jury for donating strawberry plants. Fantastic!



Can anyone donate bags of potting mix, unused pot plants, seedlings etc.? Anything we can use for our propagation shed would be greatly appreciated!



**Friday,
3rd November
9 - 11 am
(weather
permitting)**

Mimi B45's Athletics & Sports Carnival

Morning tea for parents provided.

Mimi's Minis kids and other under 5's in the wider community are invited to come along!

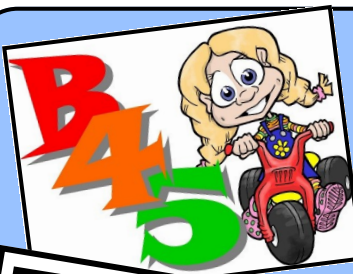
Our School Roll Is Growing

If you are thinking about sending your child/children to Mimi School, give us a ring or call in for a chat and a cup of coffee. We'd love to hear from you!

**BUNNINGS
warehouse**

TERM 4 CALENDAR

TERM 4 STARTS	Mon 16 Oct
BOT MEETING	Tue 17 Oct
MIMI PET DAY	Wed 18 Oct
* TAINUI PET DAY	Thur 19 Oct
WAITARA TOUCH BEGINS	Thur 19 Oct
LABOUR DAY	Mon 23 Oct
* SENIOR CAMP WAITOMO	Wed 25 - Fri 27 Oct
MIMI OLD SCHOOL GALA	Sat 11 Nov
BOT MEETING	Wed 15 Nov
* TAINUI ATHLETICS	Fri 17 Nov
HOME&SCHOOL MEETING	Mon 20 Nov
* SENIOR SAILING	Tue 21 - Wed 22 Nov
* TOUGH KID	Fri 1 Dec
ICON SPORTS TABLOIDS	Wed 6 Dec
LAST DAY/ SANTA/PRIZEGIVING	Thur 14 Dec
* LEAVERS' DAY	Fri 15 Dec
* Trips out of school grounds, (transport may be needed)	
Please contact Jared or Sibylle at school for further information.	



**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.

