



MIMI SCHOOL

“WHERE THE COUNTRY, COAST, AND CLASSROOM MEET”

6 April 2017

Dear parents and caregivers,

The kids have all been out of the school over the last two days with the juniors heading into see the ‘Bugs’ exhibition at Puke Ariki and the senior children heading into New Plymouth for the Science Roadshow. These kinds of trips are great, and provide the teachers with some valuable experiences to build our children’s learning on.

While on the topic of experiences there have been a couple of things brought to my attention that need clearing up.

1. **CAMP** There was a senior camp planned for Term 1. However, with Mr Birchler leaving and having planned the camp another alternative needed to be planned. Miss Megaw is working with me on devising an alternative camp. Clearly this will not be happening in term 1. We are looking at a couple of alternatives and I will keep you posted as well as ask for some feedback. Rest assured, I think you all know me well enough to know that this is an area of priority for me.

2. THE TOILET BLOCK

Every five years, the BoT are granted funds to spend on property improvements in the school. This funding can only be spent on property development, nothing else. The Board has been working on a project for several years that develops the area between the two original classrooms to open up the space and draw the new classroom into the rest of the school. This classroom was put in the place it is as it was unused at the time, but the planned developments needed to be carried out as part of the

whole project. At the same time, we will be developing new toilets that are easier to maintain, keep clean, and safe for our children to use. In the ten years that I was here at Mimi, these toilets were always an issue for our children. They were never user friendly for small children, and were always difficult for our cleaners to keep clean.

I have been asked if this funding can be used to employ a teacher or fund learning resources. The answer is no, and I need to reiterate that the BoT cannot spend this money on anything else but bricks and mortar, and that furthermore, they will lose a considerable amount of this funding if it is not used this year.

At the last BoT meeting, the BoT reaffirmed its desire to see this project completed. The funds being used are sitting in a fund that the Ministry of Education holds on our behalf. From my perspective, having returned and seeing this incomplete, I have encouraged the BoT to progress this with some urgency.

Next year, the BoT will be coming into the school’s next property funding entitlement Funding. At this time the BoT has identified several property developments that will see upgrades to the original classrooms that we all look forward to enjoying.

***John Elliott
Acting Principal***

Home & School Meeting

We'll have a Home & School Meeting **on Monday 10th April at 7:30pm** at school. H&S will provide coffee and cake.

This will be a meeting to discuss what we have coming up this year, fundraising ideas for the year, is the Gala going ahead/is there anyone wanting to co-ordinate the Gala, etc.

Bring new ideas!

Bring new members!

Bring an appetite!

BUGS!



Speaking of bugs: 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.

Absences

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

Lost Property from Tabloids at Uruti

Please contact the school office if you recognise any of these items.



Students of the week

Due to Tabloids last week there was no assembly and therefore no Student of the Week Awards.

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.

Snapshots from Tabloid Sports at Uruti

Thanks David Hoke for the awesome photos!



Basketball

If you child would like to play basketball this winter, please let the school office know ASAP. Registrations close on **Thursday, 13th April**.

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.

TERM 1 CALENDAR

HOME & SCHOOL MEETING *Mon 10 Apr*

**TERM 1 ENDS
SHARED LUNCH** *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, 7th April: Rochelle Sheddon

Shared Lunch

Thursday, 13th April is the last day of term. We will be having a shared lunch at 12:30. Please bring along a plate to share.

Shared lunches are always a nice way to finish the term and allow families the opportunity to mix outside of the usual sports events or fundraisers.

You are welcome to take your children home afterwards, however, the bus will be running as usual for families unable to attend.



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.

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