

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Kia ora whanau,

Term Three has come to end and all of the students and staff deserve a wee rest after the past ten weeks of craziness. This term we have managed to do everything from the Tainui and Taranaki Cross Country's, and speeches, to a visit from the Education Review Office, from a trip to the Gillett's Farm and the Brendon's Orchard to the Jump Jam competition at Highlands. Yet again we have managed to cram as much as possible into the term. A huge thank you to all of the whanau who have coached teams, provided transport and supported us in a huge variety of ways during the term. In regards to our ERO visit in week 9, the Mimi students and community did us proud. The ERO team acknowledged openly how wonderful our students are and how supportive and involved in our school the community is. They noted that the role that the community plays in our school is a real strength, so thank you again for all that you do for us!

Next term we will be having a huge school-wide focus on increasing our reading mileage. We know that the more we read at school and at home the easier and more enjoyable reading becomes. All of our Year 1 to 4 students

come home each night with a home reader. The Year 1 and 2 students are expected to read this with someone at home every night. Our aim is for all our students from Year 3 up to be reading for twenty minutes a day. For Year 3 and 4 students at least ten minutes of this should be reading aloud to a grown up or older sibling and the other ten minutes could be independent. For Year 5 and 6 this should be independent reading but should involve some chatting with someone else about what they are reading. Twenty minutes of reading a day might sound like a lot but it certainly makes a huge difference in the development of reading skills and reading confidence.

WHY CAN'T WE SKIP READING TONIGHT?

Student A	Student B	Student C
reads 20 minutes each day. This equals 3600 minutes a school year. Student A will read approximately 1,800,000 words.	reads 5 minutes each day. This equals 900 minutes in a school year. Student B will read approximately 282,000 words.	reads 1 minute each day. This equals 180 minutes a school year. Student C will read approximately 8,000 words.
		
<p>By the end of the school year, Student A will have read the equivalent of 60 school days. Student B will have read only 12 school days. Which student do you expect to be the better reader? (Nagy & Herman, 1987)</p>		



MIMI SCHOOL



Mimi School Pet Day Wed 17 Oct From 9:30 am

"Can we drag you there?"



As you know the great Mimi School Pet Day is fast approaching. Our Pet Day will take place on Wednesday October 17th with the Tainui Pet day taking place the following day. The main reason for our Pet Day being held midweek this year is because it is a requirement of entry into the Tainui Pet Day, that all animals are shown at their school day first. By having our day on the Wednesday this gives those students and families who wish take their animals to the Tainui day the chance to qualify. This year is the 86th enactment of the Tainui Pet Day and it is great to know that our school and community's involvement is helping keeping it alive but also that some of our students will have their names engraved on trophies that are treasured by so many in the wider Tainui cluster community. With the exclusion of calves at this years Pet Days things will look a little different. This year we are adding a 'Young Farmers Challenge' component to the day with some activities for the students to compete in teams. Ahititi are also organising for there to be some 'Young Farmers Challenges' at the Tainui Pet Day as well. More specific information about Pet Day should have come

home in the last week of school. If you have not received it, it is available on the school website.

Some of the other big things to look forward to in term four are our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Camps, Tainui Athletics, Sailing and a variety of other great things the teachers have planned.

Enjoy the holiday break, rest up and we'll see all on October 15th for the start of Term 4.

Nga mihi nui,

*Jared Holden
Principal*

Tainui Cross Country



We enjoyed a very successful Cross Country Event this term. The children all ran well and showed good sportsmanship.

Thank you to all those who made this day such a success. The marshals from Waitara Highschool and

Manukorihi Intermediate did a great job keeping all the runners on track. Graeme Reid was very generous again this year in letting us use his farm for the course. Our first responder Johnny Oxenham was on hand in case of an accident.

A big thanks to all the parents who helped out on the day with setting up, on the BBQ, serving food, selling raffle tickets, doing dishes and cleaning up.



Taranaki Cross Country

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

Here are the results:

10year old girls:
Zsalea Ellis 36th
Jade Lunn 85th
Tayla Ingham 90th

10 year old boys:
Kialle Roper 76th

9 year old girls:
Sophie Bettington 148th
Amy Honeyfield 149th
Serenity Goldsmith-Hine 152nd

9 year old boys:
Emmet O'Sullivan-Lobb 110th
Jordan Little 111th

Great effort, kids!

Zirka Circus



We were lucky this term to have Zirka Circus come out to Mimi School for a special performance.

LEAD Conference

Our year 6 students went to the LEAD Conference in New Plymouth earlier this term and enjoyed listening to some very motivational guest speakers.



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Waitara Tennis Club

Coaching with Randall & David, starts Monday 29th October till 10th December from 4 to 4:45pm for ages 13 and under. Over 13 is available straight after. Cost is \$3 per session or \$20 for 7 weeks

Touch Rugby at Mimi

We are looking at running a social Touch Competition here at Mimi, starting in Term 4 . This is open to all ages and everyone in our community. Contact Donna on 0272336662 for more information.



@ MIMI
Fridays from 6pm

On Friday 21st of September Mimi school's Jump Jam team went to a competition at Highlands Intermediate. Everyday for the last two weeks the Mimi school Jump Jam team worked hard and practiced every lunch and morning tea. There were eight other schools to compete against, so on the day of the competition everyone was very nervous. When the students got to Highlands Intermediate we met Brett Fairweather (the Jump Jam inventor) and he let all the schools take photos with him. After that it was finally time to go on stage and dance. When the Mimi Jump Jam team was about to go on stage the entire audience clapped and cheered, and then the music had started and the Mimi Jump Jam team were dancing. Then, as suddenly as it had started it ended. Everybody cheered and clapped and we took our bow. It was such an amazing night.

By Emily.



The senior class went to the Gillett's farm to learn about dairy farms and Dawn's to learn about orchard farming. We went so we could learn more about our inquiry topic 'From The Land.' At the dairy farm they had a big tank full of milk from the cows at the farm. The Gillett's drink the cows milk from the tank every day. The seniors went on the rotary, it spins very slow. We also saw a big poo pond that gets taken out and sprayed over the paddocks. At the orchard Dawn grows avocados and passionfruit. We were lucky enough to take some avocados home.

By Arya.



RIMU

At the end of term 3 we had speeches and poems. First the whole school spoke in front of two judges and then they said who the winners were for each year group. Mimi School then went to Whareorino School to compete against the rest of the cluster. All the Mimi kids got a placing. Jordan Little, Tayla Ingham, Ryan Sarten and Sarah Brendon came first, Amaya Ellis came second and Sophie Bettington came third. All our speeches were very interesting. The speech topics were very funny, interesting, goofy and some were even serious. It was such a long drive to Whareorino but speaking was a great experience. Speeches are my favourite.

By Jordan.





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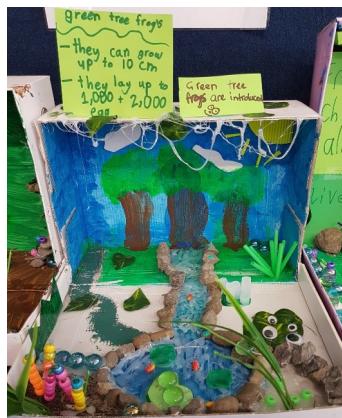
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In conjunction with Taranaki Regional Council and Ngati Mutunga, Matai room 's inquiry has focused on the Project—Kimihiia Kermit. The purpose has been to educate and involve our communities about the importance of both native and introduced frog populations to our environment by encouraging people to report sightings and sounds of frogs.



In class, students have undertaken research in response to a number of questions they raised and created either a habitat or lifecycle Diorama . Students also wrote an informational report including facts about our Kimihiia Kermit Inquiry.



Kimihiia Kermit

Matai room are learning about frogs because Ngati Mutunga and the Taranaki Regional Council asked if Matai students can help them to find out if the frog population is growing or not in the area were we live. Kimihiia Kermit means looking for frogs, in maori. So yesterday we walked in the wetlands. I got saturated! We learned that native frogs are called pepeketua. We are also learning about the population of frogs and learned how rare they are becoming. The frogs will start mating around September. Introduced frogs are called poraka, and the life cycle is called metamorphosis. The native frogs are called Hochstetter, Maud Island frog and Archkeys frog. Introduced frogs are the Golden Bell frog, Brown Tree frog, and Southern Bell frog. Frog predators are stoats, rats, eels, kiwi and possums.

by Tane



Bees

What's the Buzz?

Totara Room have been learning all about bees. We have discovered that bees make honey which they store in hexagon wax honey comb. We learnt that bees are insects and that they are very important as they pollinate plants.



Lucy Elliott shared with the class her knowledge of bee hives. She talked about all the different components that are needed to make honey.



The class worked together to make a replica bee hive from cardboard. Akira te Araroa McKay and Emma Prouse are holding one of the honey comb 'frames'.



Bees are important because they pollinate plants. If we did not have bees we would not have food. Bees fly from flower to flower and they do something called pollination. I think this is a pretty cool bee word. Another point is that bees are one of the most important animals on the entire planet.

We did a pollen transfer experiment in class.





Hello Community,

Another busy term passes us by. A massive thanks to everyone involved in the Education Review Office visit. It's always a slightly nerve racking time leading up to being audited, but an great chance to review everything and ensure we're on track for the benefit of our children.

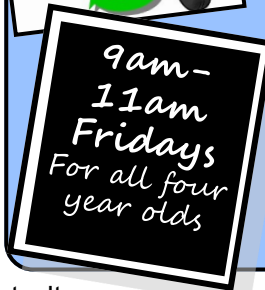
Leading up to the review, us as board members ensured we had everything Mimi School at the forefront of our mind. We refreshed ourselves on the Charter and went over mottos, values etc. It got me thinking, how many parents know what our values are at Mimi. They came about after lots of consultation with you and I'm sure you've all read them but do you know what they are? I have an acronym to help me remember them;

P - perseverance (kia manawanui),
I - independence (mana motuhake)

R - respect (ngākau māhaki),
C - courage (kia maia)

I personally think this is a perfect description of the values our Mimi kids hold.

The other thing we discussed coming up to the ERO visit was equity and what that meant at Mimi. This picture is a great explanation. It's about giving children everything they need to learn, and as each child



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.



is different, their needs are different. I commend Jared and our teachers for all the time they put in to get to know our children and ensuring they can support them in their learning.

I'm so proud of Mimi School. We have an awesome bunch of staff, children and parents. Thanks for everything you do to uphold the values of our school and to raise children who will succeed in life. What an awesome start to life we are giving them - PIRC.

*Donna Ellis
Mimi Board of Trustees
Chairperson*



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Great work ladies! We love your work!**

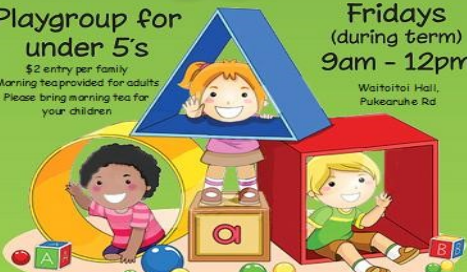
Mimi's Minis Playgroup

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under 5's

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TERM 4 CALENDAR

TERM 4 BEGINS	Mon 15 Oct
MIMI PET DAY	Wed 17 Oct
*TAINUI PET DAY	Thur 18 Oct
LABOUR DAY	Mon 22 Oct
*SAILING	Thur 8— Fri 9 Nov
*TAINUI ATHLETICS	Fri 16 Nov
*AUCKLAND CAMP (Seniors)	Mon 19— Thur 22 Nov
HOME & SCHOOL MEET	Wed 28 Nov
*TOUGH KIDS	Fri 30 Nov
LEAVERS' DAY	Tue 11 Dec
LAST DAY PRIZEGIVING/SANTA	Thur 13 Dec

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

Please contact Jared or Sibylle at school for
further information.

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