



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Kia ora whanau,

This week brings to a close another extremely busy and highly successful school year at Mimi. From success in sport, to continuing to hold on to our rural character through another massive Pet Day we have done our best to provide a wide range of opportunities for our community's children. From surfing to sailing, horse riding to Rainbow's Ending we really have done it all!

As for the core areas, we are also pleased to be able to report that our children have continued to make considerable progress in the '3 Rs'. This year gives me great pleasure to announce that in Reading, Writing and Mathematics at least 80% of all our students achieved or exceeded their expected curriculum levels and particularly pleasing has been the progress of our Māori students and Boys, two groups who were identified by ERO, who have made huge jumps in achievement this year.

Speaking of ERO, our review in September was

very positive. ERO noted that 'positive school conditions support learning. The school's learning and teaching environments are characterised by respect, cooperation and teamwork' and that Mimi school 'is improvement- focused for all students'. ERO made particular note that 'Whānau and community are actively encouraged to be involved in the life and work of the school. School and community work together to resource and enrich learning for students and is reflected in the motto, 'Mimi School is community focused and the community is school focused'. We should all be very proud of our ERO review and to have ERO recognise the positive role that the community plays in our school is fantastic.

As the principal, I would like to acknowledge the work of all of the people who make an amazing contribution to the school. Donna, Andrew, Davis, Greg, Sarah and Sibylle all work tirelessly as members of the Board of Trustees to ensure that we are providing the best opportunities we can for our children,



MIMI SCHOOL



where the country, coast, and classroom meet

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all of the amazing things that our kids are lucky to be able to do here at school stem from their work and guidance. Also supporting us is an amazing group of parents who make up our Home and School. Without their willingness to 'get behind' the school and raise funds to 'turn our dreams into realities' very little of the 'special character' activities that make Mimi the great school it is would happen successfully. A huge thank you to both the Board and Home & School for all their hard work and support to the staff and children throughout the year.

The key to a successful school is a great staff, and in all honesty Mimi School is extremely lucky to have the greatest staff there are. As a Principal I am extremely grateful for all the support that Sibylle, Beverly, Rochelle, Emma, Sally and Karen have provided me during the year. On behalf of our school whanau I would like to acknowledge and thank the staff for all the hard work that they put into providing a huge variety of opportunities and bringing school to life for our kids. The successes that our children experience on a daily basis and the progress they have made academically are due to the relationships they have formed with their teachers and their teachers' dedication to make learning exciting. I am very fortunate to be leading such a dedicated staff, who all have the best for our kids at heart.

Another great year for the Mimi School whanau has been measured by, enjoyed with, and is completely due to the most amazing kids that could fill any school. Our children's attitudes to everything they do is phenomenal. They grab every opportunity with both hands and a smile on their faces. The children and their whanau should be extremely proud of the progress they have made in and out of the classroom this year.

2019 will see a school focus on our involvement in the local environment. We have been lucky enough to have been accepted as

one of 3 Taranaki schools to be involved in 'Experiencing Marine Reserves' programme which will see us involved in some action projects with the 'Finding Little Blue' project and Penguins on our coast as well as estuary work at the Mimi River Mouth. We are also planning the first stages of our gully re-planting and development as well as some work in our gardens and our propagation shed. Watch this space!

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank our Year 6 students who are about to depart and start the next stage of their educations. The role they that have played as leaders this year has been huge. I know that all of the staff will miss their positivity and helpfulness next year and we wish Zsalea, Jade, Kaia, Katia, Tayla, Emily, Shakeal, Aria, Olivia, William' Kialle and Ben all the very best for their futures. I am very privileged and honoured to be able to be one of the people that has the pleasure to spend time with your children every day. I am already looking forward to all of the awesome things we have planned for next year.

Thank you again for all your support and help in this magic little corner of Taranaki. My best wishes to you all for the festive season, rest up and enjoy the break.

Nga mihi nui,

*Jared Holden
Principal*

Classrooms/Staff for 2019

Totara Room (Year 1 and 2):

Teachers Emma O'Sullivan & Karen Gillett

Matai Room (Year 3 and 4):

Teachers Pauline James & Jared Holden

Rimu Room (Year 5 and 6):

Teacher Sally Marsden-Thomas

Teacher Aide: Beverly Wilson

Reading Recovery: Frances Butler

Office: Sibylle Sulzberger

Cleaner: Rochelle Sheddon

End of Year Prizegiving



**Betty Blundell Cup
for Junior Learner**
Ashlee Duxfield

**Radcliffe Trophy for
Leadership and Empathy**
Zsalea Ellis



**Kay Sarten Cup for
Mathematical Achievement**
Kaia Elliott

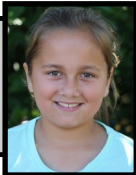


**Whittaker-Phillips
Family Cup for
Sporting Achievement**
Zsalea Ellis



**Baker Family Cup for
Literacy Achievement**
Tayla Ingham

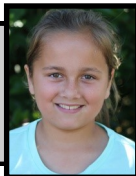
**Baker Family
Environmental Cup**
Katia McClutchie



**Lowe Family Cup for
Academic Achievement**
Emily Hooper

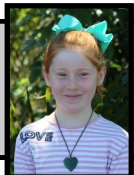


**Evelyn Dryden Cup for
The Arts**
Aria Wallace



**Chris Wise Contracting
Cup for Diligence**
Katia McClutchie

**Major Harry Russell
Memorial Cup for
Junior Conservationist**
Mika Corbett



Swimming

Izzy Lempriere is offering private swimming lessons at our pool this summer. Please contact her on 027 4378878 for more information.

MATAI ROOM

PET DAY

Mimi School Pet Day: So it all began with me waking up then I had to do all my things then I went to school. I registered my lamb, "Zac" and then it was my turn to lead it. He did well on the leading but not so good on the calling. I got highly commended. I also got a second for my 'frog cookie'. It was such a great day.

By Ryan



MATAI ROOM CAMP

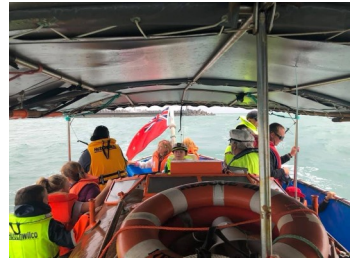
For our camp we went to Debbie Newton's to go horse riding. It was amazing! I got a good horse called 'Charlie'. I had not been horse riding before and I was very nervous. I learnt that we had to lean forwards going up hill and lean back going down hill. I want to go horse riding again.

By Toni



We went on Chaddy's Charters boat. It was really fun. We saw heaps of seals on rocks by little islands. Some babies were hiding in little rock caves while their mums were out trying to find food. There were really big waves which made it heaps of fun, but some people didn't think so! I would like to go again.

By Ashlee



A huge thank you to all the parents who stayed fulltime at camp and helped at camp. Thanks to everyone for making our camp a great success and memorable!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

This week Matai room and Rimu room have been working together to make some amazing Christmas creations like sewing xmas trees, making boxes, writing a wish list, creating a Christmas dinner grocery list and writing Christmas plays. My favourite thing was sewing a Christmas tree. First we made a template of a tree and cut it out. We then had to sew 5-6 buttons on. Then we had to sew the 2 sides together and then stuff them and sew the bottom together. It was really fun.

By Meisha





RIMU

TERM FOUR

Sailing

On the 8th of November half of the Rimu Room went sailing. It was in Waitara at the boat ramp. Before we started we had to set the boats up and learn how to steer the boat. Then we all got fitted into the wetsuits and life jacket. Once we were all dressed we could get the boats in the water. When all the boats were in the water we played a few games and lots of people got stuck in the bushes. It was fun and I would love to do it again.

By Katia McClutchie



Year 6 Leavers

At Mimi we have done lots of incredible things, especially this year because we have had heaps of cool opportunities like our camp at Auckland, sailing in Waitara and much much more. Next year the year 6's will be heading off to intermediate, we are all nervous but very excited!

By Zslea Ellis

Auckland Camp

In Term 4 the Rimu room had their camp with the cluster schools. We had heaps of fun going to Kelly Tarltons, Maritime Museum, Sky tower, MOTAT, the Zoo and Rainbows End! I would like to thank all the parents and teachers who took a week off work so they could come to our camp!

By Kaia Elliott





Pet Day in Totara Class

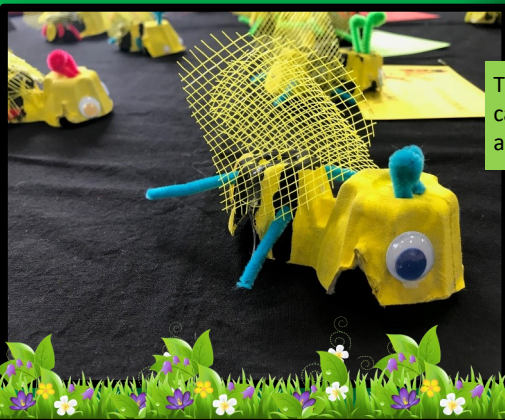


Totara Room children worked really hard to create some wonderful indoor creations for Pet Day. Totara Room had been learning all about bees the previous term so this provided a theme for their crafts.



Best Dressed Bear was a popular category with the Totara students. Bears came to school dressed as anything and everything bee related. We had bears dressed as bee keepers, bees and fairy bees.

Totara Room students worked with Mrs Gillett to create these effective bee art works. The students were asked to think carefully about what bees look like and incorporate these characteristics into their line drawings. The students then created a background for their drawing using dye on tissue paper. They looked fabulous.



Totara Room students worked to transform egg cartons into a swarm of bees. They looked amazing and a little scary too.





Hello Community,
For those of you who know me, you will already know how highly I regard Mimi School. For those of you who don't know me, let me tell you why:

In 2013, our oldest daughter Zsalea started school as a 5 year old at Mimi. She settled in so easily and loved going to school from day one. This was largely due to the B45 programme that she'd attended each Friday from when she was 4. We felt so welcome and comfortable at the school.

In 2017 our youngest daughter started at Mimi. On her first day as we were walking through the gates, all of the seniors sung her happy birthday. Although bashful at that moment, that connection that Amaya had to the school made the start of her schooling so easy and happy.

We are not from Taranaki, but being part of the Mimi community has made us feel so at home and we think this is the best place in the world to raise a family. I shudder to think what would have happened if we hadn't bought on Pukearuhe Road. Imagine if we'd missed out on being part of the Mimi School community.

This year brings the end of Zsalea's schooling at Mimi, and what a successful 6 years it has been.

The experiences she has gained during her time at Mimi are huge;

The friendships that she has made across the whole school are for a lifetime.

The perseverance, courage, respect, integrity and empathy that she has gained while at Mimi School are for a lifetime.

Her pride of going to Mimi School is for a lifetime.

And I haven't even mentioned the academic or sporting achievements!

We've had a few new families to our school this year that have come from other schools. I really enjoy hearing how highly they rate Mimi. Seeing how

well their children have settled in and what they are achieving is such a positive for the staff and community of the school.

Mimi School ROCKS! And we are so lucky to have it on our doorstep.

Thank you to each and every one of you. You are all an important part of the school.

Thanks to our staff, from Jared Holden who has an incredibly busy job as our Principal, our awesome teachers (Emma O'Sullivan, Pauline James, Sally Marsden-Thomas and Karen Gillett), our fantastic teacher aide (Beverly Wilson) and reading recovery teacher (Francis Butler), our wonderful administrator (Sibylle Sulzberger), our amazing cleaner (Rochelle Sheddon) and our fabulous Te Reo Tutor (Whaea Anne-Maree).

To our board, Sarah Blyde, Davis McClutchie, Andrew Holden, Greg Gillett, Sibylle Sulzberger and Jared Holden.

To our Home & School led by Melinda McClutchie, Joely Ham and Karen Honeyfield.

To all of our parents who coach the many sports we take part in.

And to everyone I haven't mentioned above, you all play an important part in Mimi School.

Have a great, safe holiday.

*Donna Ellis
Mimi Board of Trustees
Chairperson*



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.

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

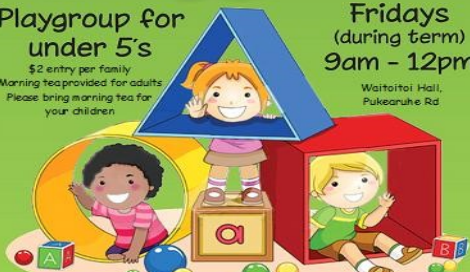
Mimi's Minis Playgroup

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

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TERM 1 CALENDAR

TERM 1 BEGINS	Mon 4 Feb
WAITANGI DAY	Wed 6 Feb
*BEACH EDUCATION	Fri 22 Feb
*SWIM SPORTS	Fri 1 Mar
*JUNIOR CAMP @ BLYDE'S BACHES	Wed 6-Fri 8 Mar
TARANAKI ANNIVERSARY	Mon 11 Mar
*RNZ BALLET	Wed 20 Mar
*TABLOID SPORTS	Fri 5 Apr
LIFE EDUCATION	Mon 8-Tue 9 Apr
LAST DAY OF TERM 1	Fri 12 Apr

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

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further information.

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