



TE KURA O MIMITANGIATUA

**Where the Country,
Coast and Classroom meet we Think,
Ask, Do, Discover Together.**

03 May 2024



Tēnā koutou ngā wānau, ākongā me te hāpori w'ānui o Te Kura o Mimitangiatua, nau mai hoki mai ki rāro i te korowai o Mounga Taranaki. Kei te tino harikoa mātou ngā kaiako, me ngā kaimahi hoki ki te kite i a koutou e tēnei wāhanga.

Kia ora families, learners and the wider community, welcome back! The staff are super happy to see you all this term!

Hopefully, our tamariki made the most of the stunning weather we had from time to time throughout the holidays. The staff and I have loved having the kids back at kura, sharing their highlights and bringing life to our school environment with chatter and laughter. For another term.



Like every term, this will be another busy one. We began the term with Ice Skating, which tamariki absolutely enjoyed! Coming up we have Cluster Athletics (keep those fingers crossed for fine weather), School Tabloids, Duffy Theatre Show, School Photos, Yr 5 & 6 Rippa Rugby Tournament, Rippa skill sessions, Vision & Hearing Testing, Conferences, Teacher Only Day, Matariki Cluster Event, Matariki Public Holiday and an open afternoon to showcase our inquiry around Turangawaewae. The Home and School are al-

so in the midst of planning a school disco and a quiz night during the term too.

This term, the board and leadership team will begin working with ERO (Education Review Office). The way ERO works with schools is a lot different today. About 4 years ago, ERO would base themselves at a school for 2 - 3 days, write up a report and then you wouldn't see or hear from them for another 3 years. The new model is based on a partnership where a school works alongside their partner over a 3 year period at different times. Working alongside our partner will help us as a kura to identify areas we can celebrate/things we are doing well and where to next as a kura. As an education institution, our job is never done and there is always room for further development and growth.



As mentioned in term 1, our junior and middle class kaiako (teachers) and kaiawhina (TAs) are developing their pedagogical knowledge and practices through a **Structured Literacy** approach called **Better Start Literacy**, which aligns itself with the government's priority to raise student achievement in literacy. We are lucky to



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have Mrs Butler leading this and supporting our kaiako and kaiawhina. Our awesome team of kaiako have been busy over the holidays preparing their Better Start Literacy Programme for targeted learners. They will use this term to get their head around the

believe that instilling our children with these cornerstones will provide them strong foundations to live by.

To acknowledge our tamariki who are uplifting these qualities during break times kaimahi (staff) will continue to give out 'Ka mau te wehi' cards where a weekly draw will take place at assemblies. Students drawn will receive a juicy or a prize from the prize box. A major draw takes place in weeks 3, 6 & 10 of each term. All 'Ka mau te wehi' cards are put into a box and two names are drawn. Students will either win lunch on Matua to the value of \$10 or a sports ball.

programme and make adjustments where necessary to ensure it is effective and tamariki get the most out of Better Start Literacy.

Our kaiako are planning a literacy afternoon to provide you with an insight into how this programme will run and what it entails. Following this, all kaiako will run mini workshops/sessions providing resources/tips around how you can support your child in reading at home (not just in Better Start Literacy). We are planning to run this in week 4, a date and time is yet to be determined.

Our focus for the term:

Week 1 - 3: Mana Motuhake - Independence

Week 4 - 6: Ngākau Māhaki - Kindness: Being Bucket Fillers

Week 7 - 8: Kia Manawanui - Perseverance

Week 9 - 10: Class to decide based on needs

Kia pai te mutunga wiki
Enjoy your weekend

Waiho i te toipoto, kua i te toiroa
Let us keep close together, not far apart

Ngā manaakitanga ki a koutou.

Tiaki Pokere

Tumuaki - Principal

Mimi School Values

This year we will continue to unpack and develop our understanding further in relation to our school values, while explicitly teaching these daily. The hope is for our tamariki to apply these in everything that they do around our kura, at home and our community.

Our school values **Ngākau Mahaki - Respect**, **Kia Maia - Courage**, **Mana Motuhake - Independence** and **Kia Manawanui - Perseverance** are the four cornerstones to the Mimi School curriculum. As a school whānau we

Nau mai haere mai ki te kura o Mimitangiatua

Welcome to Mimi School

This week we welcomed Harry Newton and we are super excited to have him part of our kura full time. Next week, Lilly Gardner will join us too, and we cannot wait for you to start Lilly.



Acknowledgements - Thank you!!!

Over the school holidays the construction of an undercover walkway between Rimu, Matai, Kowhai and our new toilet block took place, along with the felling of a tree at the front of our school, as it was becoming a safety hazard with the power lines.

Therefore, on behalf of Mimi School, I would like to acknowledge Greg Gillett and Geoffrey Newton for building the bones of the undercover walkway and Nathan Mattock and

his whānau for felling the tree at the front gate.

Cellphone/Smart Watches Ban Policy

As part of the government's priorities to lift student achievement, all schools across Aotearoa/New Zealand are expected to implement a school wide cellphone ban policy from term 2.

While we do not have this issue here at Mimi School, we are still required to have a policy, which is worded as follows:

Cellphones/ Smart watches Policy

Mimi School does not allow students to have cellphones or smart wearables (smart watches etc) at school.

If a student brings a phone/smart wearable to school they must hand it in to the office before school, and pick it up again after school. If a student is observed with a phone/smart wearable, they will be asked to take it to the office.

If possible, students should lock their phone/smart wearable before handing it to staff. Cellphones may not be taken on EOTC events.

Please note that smart watches are included as part of this policy

Any feedback regarding this policy please email: principal@mimi.school.nz

CONFERENCES and TEACHER ONLY DAY

Just a heads up regarding early school closure or full closure for **conferences** and a planned **MOE Teacher Only Day** later this term.

Conferences are planned for week 6 of this term on:

- *Wednesday 5th June (Kowhai) ONLY - 3.30pm - 5pm*
- **School operates as normal**
- *Thursday 6th June (Whole School) - 3pm - 7pm*

- **Closed for instruction from 2pm - Supervision available**
- *Friday 7th June (Matai & Rimu ONLY) - 9am - 3pm*
- **School closed for instruction - No supervision available**

As part of the curriculum redevelopment, the **Ministry of Education** has also allocated **two Teacher Only Days**, with our first one in week 9 of this term on **Monday 24th June**. *School will be closed for instruction*. Our kaiako will spend the day working with our Professional Development Officer, Donna Davies to continue unpacking the new **Draft Literacy and Numeracy curriculum**, which we will need to ensure is implemented from the beginning of 2025.

Pool Keys

Please get these back asap as the pool season has now closed.

Absences

If your child is absent from school, please make sure you let the school office know **before 9am**, or notify us through the HERO app.

PLEASE NOTE:

Front Gate Area - School Bus

Whānau, we ask that from **3.20pm - 3.40pm each school day** that you park or do pick up from the wood shed up or the lamp post down towards the soccer field. This allows the bus to safely drop off our tamariki in the afternoon.

The pahi (bus) is rather large and when you park close to the front gate it is a struggle to pull in to ensure our tamariki enter and exit the bus safely.

Sign Out Sheet

If you need to pick your child/ren up before 3pm for any reason, please sign them out in the office.

Photolife School photos

Tuesday the 14th May is school photos. Please see attached flyer and if you would like your tamariki to have a dibbling photo please fill in the form on the reverse side and return it to the school office.

Adults Kenpo

Adults Kenpo 5.0 Martial Arts with Sensei Shane.
Fridays 5pm
at the Urenui Community centre
For more info please call 027 268 0141

School Lunch orders:

Fridays are lunch order days.

Please place your orders at the school office before 9am.

FRIDAY LUNCH

Place your orders at school office before 9am

New Price List 2024

Bridge Pie	\$1.50	GF option \$1.80
Mince Pie	\$4.00	
Sausage Roll (GF)	\$1.80	
Sandwich	\$5.50 (Ham & Egg, Egg or B.L.T)	
Chicken Wrap	\$6.50	
Bread Roll - full size only	\$5.50 (Ham or Chicken)	
Hot Chips & 1 Breast Strip	\$4.00	
Hot Chips & 2 Breast Strips	\$6.00	
Hot Chips	\$2.00	
Yoghurt	\$2.00	
Large Muffin	\$3.80	
Cookie	\$2.00	GF option \$2.50
Brownie (GF)	\$2.00	
Popcorn (GF)	\$2.00	
Lolly Cake	\$3.00 (bought from school)	
Milk Drink/Juice	\$1.50 (bought from school)	

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On behalf of Mimi School I would like to acknowledge Toi Foundation, Pelorus, Aotearoa Gaming Trust, Lottery Grants Board, Pub Charity and NZCT for their generosity and continued support with grants.



Term 2 Calendar

CLUSTER ATHELETICS *	Fri 10th May
DUFFY THEATRE	Tues 14th May
PHOTOLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS	Tues 14th May
YR 5 & 6 RIPPA TOURNAMENT*	Tues 21st May
KINGS BIRTHDAY	Mon 03rd Jun
CONFERENCES (School closed from 2pm)	Thurs 06th Jun
CONFERENCES (School closed all day)	Fri 07th Jun
MUSIC WORKSHOP AT URENUI SCHOOL*	Mon 17th Jun
TEACHER ONLY DAY	Mon 24th Jun
CLUSTER MATARIKI EVENT *	Thurs 27th Jun
MATARIKI - SCHOOL CLOSED	Fri 28th Jun
LAST DAY OF THE TERM	Fri 05th July

* Trips that require parent transport

Please contact Tiaki or Connie for further information.

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