



# TE KURA O MIMITANGIATUA

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

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

September 2023

Ko Taranaki te mounga  
Ko Mimitangiatua te awa  
Ko Tokomaru te waka  
Ko Ngāti Mutunga te iwi  
Ko Urenui te Marae  
Ko Mimitangiatua (Mimi) te kura

*The above pēpeha refers to the rohe  
in which our kura Mimitangiatua  
(Mimi) resides in.*

*Tēnā koutou ngā taura, kaiako,  
kaiawhina, te poari, whānau, me te  
hāpori whānui o Te Kura o Mimi-  
tangiatua. Nau mai ki te wiki whaka-  
mutunga o tenei wāhanga. Tuarua,  
he tuku mihi nu nui kia koutou mō to  
awhi, manaaki me tō aroha hoki i  
tenei wāhanga.*



Kia ora learn-  
ers, teachers,  
support staff,  
the board, fami-  
lies and the  
wider commu-  
nity of Mimi  
School. Firstly,  
I would like to acknowledge you all  
for the help, support, and kindness

you continue to provide our tamariki  
and staff.

Daylight savings is knocking on our  
doors! I am certainly looking forward  
to the extended daylight. Don't forget  
to turn those clocks forward, and  
send the kids off to bed an hour ear-  
lier. Luckily they have the holidays to  
adjust their sleeping patterns.



While our calendar hasn't been jam  
packed with events and trips outside  
of kura, the term has certainly flown  
by! Unfortunately, like many other  
schools; the flu, colds, and viruses  
have plagued our kura where staff  
and tamariki have been out. I would  
like to thank you, our whānau, for  
your understanding where we have

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had different kaiako in front of our tamariki throughout the term.



This term has seen our tamariki develop their knowledge and skill set

in both netball and rugby. They have certainly enjoyed these sessions and we are super lucky to have had such dedicated Development Officers work with our tamariki and staff.

As the end of term has approached our classes

have been very busy partaking in arts and crafts to draft, design, and create their exhibits for Pet Day. They are starting to look



awesome! Remember, Pets Day for 2023 will be on Saturday 14th October.

Earlier in the term, with the support of our staff tamariki planned, drafted and presented their poems and speeches in front of their peers and whānau. It is never an easy task to stand in front of an audience to speak, but our tamariki did it!

Last Friday saw Mimi host our Tainui Cluster Cross Country event, and what a great atmosphere it was. The sun was shining and people were beaming with smiles. Our kura was a hive of activity. Tamariki and whānau from each kura were able to

connect, reconnect, and develop positive relationships with others outside of their respective kura. Our tamariki who participated should be extremely proud of themselves and the determination they displayed on the day. Whether that was starting their race, setting personal goals or crossing the finish line.



To our Staff and Board, I am extremely grateful to be surrounded by such wonderful, dedicated and professional individuals who strive to ensure our tamariki get the best teaching and learning that our parents could ask for. You all have a positive impact on our tamariki to ensure they can strive for excellence and celebrate their own achievements.

Lastly, to our W'ānau and Home and School, a massive thank you on behalf of our staff for always supporting our kaiako and tamariki in everything that we do here at Mimitangiatua. No job, task or ask is ever too big, for that we are truly thankful.

To our tamariki, have a well deserved holiday. The staff look forward to seeing you back on Monday 9th October.

*Poipoia te kaḡano, kia puawai*  
**Nurture the seed and it will blossom**

Ngā manaakitanga ki a koutou.

## Tiaki Pokere

Tumuaki - Principal

## Mimi School Values

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

## Basketball

Our Mimi Cliff Bombers have had an amazing basketball season where Murray Blyde has worked extremely hard with our tamariki to develop their skills, guide them and support the tamariki to work together. At prize giving last Tuesday, our basketball team came second and were the recipients of the 'Runners Up' trophy. Ka mau te wehi Mimi Cliff Bombers. Once again, thank you Murray for your continued support, dedication and time you give up to coach our kura and basketball teams year after year.



## Football Exchange against Urenui School

Last week, our senior class faced Urenui School in a highly contested game of football at Mimi School. For our tamariki, this was something a little different for them. But, they should be extremely chuffed with their efforts and willingness to give something new a go outside of rugby, netball and/or basketball. A massive thank you to Alan Morton for taking the time to coach, ref and support our seniors. To Connie and Haare O'Brien, ngā mihi nu nui ki a korua for marking our field for this event, we appreciate you all! To Urenui, we love our termly exchanges and cannot wait for the last one in term 4.

## Congratulations Matthew

Matthew made a wish at the Taranaki Bulls game he attended, his wish was for a Taranaki Bulls hoodie and for some players to visit his class. His wish was granted!



# Rimu Class

## Cross country

On Friday the 8th of September we had our cluster cross-country at Mimitangiata. When I got to school I was very nervous. When it was my time to race I had butterflies in my stomach and sweaty hands. As I lined up I felt scared and nervous. The whistle went and I took off. Barry was in first place from the start to half way. Then I zipped past him on the straight. I was encouraging and telling myself that I can do it and don't stop no matter what. It worked! I kept running and I came first.

There were four schools that joined us. They were Uruti, Ahititi, Mokau and Whareorino.

### Here are the results from Rimu:

**11 year old boys:** Neko 1st, Levi 2nd

**11 year old girls:** Akira 3rd

**10 year old girls:** Eila 2nd

**10 year old boys:** Cooper 1st, Barry 2nd

**9 year old boys:** Behr 1st

**9 year old girls:** Charlotte 2nd

I am proud of everybody that participated in the cross country. It was a great day.

By Cooper



# Year 6's Visit to Manukorihi



On the 30th of August the year 6s from Mimitangiatua kura went to Manukorihi intermediate for orientation day. Everyone was split up into their schools. First, we went to Food Tech and made Hawaiian melts. We put spaghetti, pineapple, ham and cheese on a bun. Then we put them into the oven.

They were in the oven for 5 minutes.

“Finished, yum!”

In Wood Tech we made little cute name tags. First, we went to a girl who helped us drill the holes into the tags. Then we tied the string onto ourselves. After that we got to draw pictures on the wood and sanded the edges.

The next room we went to was Drama. We played some fun games. In one of the rooms there was a fluffy golden retriever named Luno. It was the class pet. We were able to pat him.

When we went to the hall and met the Te Reo Māori teacher. We played te reo games like following Māori commands and a game with sticks where you couldn't let them fall over.

After seeing all of the classes, we went out and played a huge game of jail then we went back into the hall. If you were good you were given a yellow SOAR card. At the end of the day the cards were drawn out of a box. If your name was drawn you received an ice block and the last person to be drawn got a hoodie. It was a fun day and we are all excited to start our journey at Manukorihi next year.

Written by Te Araroa and Jamie



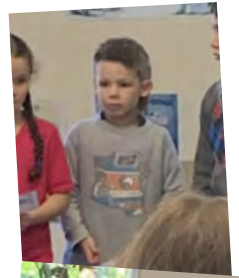
# Speeches

This term, week 4 we had our school speeches. We all worked hard to write and present our speech. There were three stages of presenting our speeches. On the 7th of August we had the first stage and everybody from Rimu presented their speech in front of two classes and some parents. Whaea Alisha and Miss Blyde chose two to three people from each year group that they thought presented the best.

In the second stage of speeches the people who made it, presented their speeches in front of the school. Eila, Sarah, Cooper, Danielle, Mackenzie, Behr and Charlotte were chosen. It was a hard competition, but everybody tried their best.

The people who made it through to the finals were Eila, Danielle and Charlotte. These lucky people got to go to the finals against the other schools, and deserved to go. They all showed Kia Maia (Courage) throughout speeches.

By Sarah



## Speech Finals

When I got out of the car at the speech finals I felt butterflies. I couldn't believe I was at the finals. The bell went and I was really nervous. The Juniors went first. Some of their poems were funny and all of them sounded great. Then the big kids went, counting me. I could tell that everyone's face looked nervous. It was a hard competition, because all of them were really good. Charlotte came second in the 8 year old section. I came fourth in the ten-year-olds section and Danielle came fourth in the 9-year-old section. At the end of the day everyone came first, because they all tried their hardest.

By Eila

# Soccer Exchange

On the 12th of September, Rimu had a Soccer exchange against Urenui School. Taylor, Akira, Milan, Emma, Eila, Behr, Charlotte, Arlo, Sarah, Neko, Levi and Cooper were in the team.

I asked Akira how she felt before the game and she said  
"I feel nervous and excited, that is all."

To start the game, Behr kicked the ball to Neko and the pressure was on not just for Neko, but for the whole team. People were tackling each other, stealing the ball and getting competitive. Cooper scored the first try for Mimitangiatua and then Behr scored the second. At the end of the game Urenui had 10 and Mimi 6. We did incredibly well considering it was the first time we had played soccer.

By Emma



# Matai Class

## Scratch Art

This term we did art around Puanga. We made scratch art stars and wrote three goals to go with it. We coloured a piece of paper in with lots of coloured pastels, then we painted over it with black paint. When the paint was dry, we scratched it with kebab sticks and made different designs and patterns.

My goals that I wrote were:

1. I want to learn my times tables
2. I want to get better at measurement.
3. I want to get better at running for cross country.

By Alec Feather



## Netball and Rippa Rugby Skills

This term my class and I had netball skills.

My class warmed up first and we ran around. Why do we need to warm up? Because it's important for our muscles. My favourite part was playing netball and getting goals. This term we also did rippa rugby with Te Waiti. My favourite part was playing sharks and trying to get other people's rips. We learnt how to pass the ball and work together as a team.

By Matthew Newson





# Fractions

This term we learnt about fractions. We talked about different size fractions and what they look like. We played a game called fraction bingo. Oliver called bingo twice and won two lollipops. We also made pizza and talked about slicing the pizza in half and quarters. Some of our pizzas were flat and some were massive, like my one. Another activity that we did was when we were in groups and we had to cut apples into halves, thirds, quarters and fifths. We went out on the court and drew fractions with chalk for our buddies to guess. We talked about how we can split our name into fractions and what unit fractions showed each letter of our name. We also made fraction circles with Mrs Gillett. It was really cool.

By Reyn Corbett



## Chocolate Writing

Yesterday we did chocolate writing as a whole class where we had to describe a piece of chocolate using our senses. The chocolate was lumpy and bumpy on the top and on the bottom of my piece of chocolate it had a flat bottom. Inside, the chocolate had caramel fillings and was sticky. It tasted amazing. Miss Blyde cut the chocolate up into little rectangle pieces.

By Angus Newton

## Cross Country

On Friday the 8th of September our cluster schools came to Mimitangiata for Cross Country. At Cross Country, I was very nervous at first, but when I got to run I started to calm down a little bit. Afterwards, people started to buy sausages and drinks. The sausages and drinks were delicious. The last part of the day was prize giving. Angus and Rose came 1st place in their races. It was a great day.

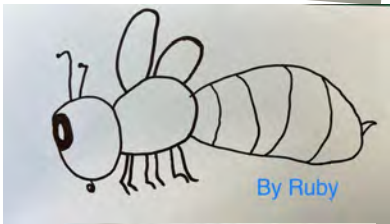
By Poppy Gardner



# KOWHAI Bees



By Leo

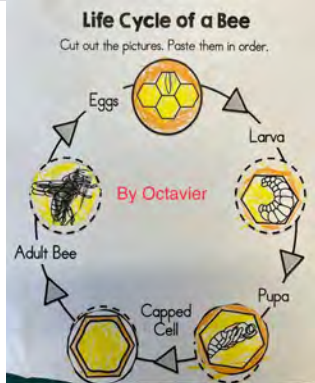


By Ruby

This term the Kowhai class have been learning about bees. They knew a few facts about bees, but asked a lot of questions. We have been working through this list of questions. We looked at their life cycle and body parts.

Bees have stingers - Amelia  
 Bees have antennae. They use them to smell and to tell the distance - Iva  
 They have 6 legs because they are insects. They join onto the thorax - George  
 They have extra eyes that you can't see for seeing in the dark hive - Jaxon  
 They have 3 body parts - the head, thorax and abdomen - Dodge

The life cycle of a bee - it starts as an egg, then hatches into a larva, turns into a pupa and gets covered in bees wax. Then metamorphosis happens and they turn into an adult bee and then they lay an egg. - Frankie



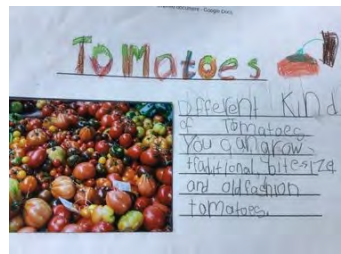
# STARS

As part of our Puanga unit the Kowhai class wanted to learn more about Stars. We watched lots of little video clips about stars that they were really interested in. We found out lots of interesting information - eg the different colours of stars, why they looked so little, why they twinkled, how they were formed, the difference between a star and planet, and even some different names of stars.



## **GARDENING**

Also, as part of Puanga, Kowhai Class got together to plan what we wanted to grow in our class garden this new Spring season. We came up with a wishlist of fruits, vegetables and flowers, then revisited the things plants needed to grow, like space and sunlight, and investigated what fruit or vegetables might be ready to harvest before the summer holidays. We have experimented with planting out seedlings, growing our own seeds, and sprouting potatoes, with varying levels of success! The children also chose a vegetable to research and wrote their own information page about, looking at how non-fiction writing is different than stories, and using photos and diagrams to illustrate their facts.



## **P.E**

We have been lucky enough this term to be able to participate in various skills sessions, led by visiting coaches, in both netball and rippa rugby. The children in Kowhai class have really impressed us with their positive, give-it-a-go attitudes, their competitive spirits, and their ability to listen to instructions first, and give their maximum effort. We have been learning to work together as a team, and support and encourage each other in our efforts to do our best.

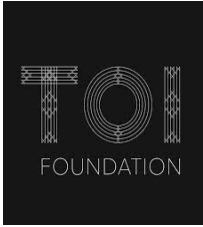


## **Spring**

This year our theme for our Mimitangiata School Pet Day is Spring. The children have already begun working away at their art projects, really enjoying using the paint and variety of art materials, as well as planning how they can make their masterpiece look just the way they want it to! Keep up the amazing work, Kowhai Class!

# Funding Grant Acknowledgements

On behalf of Mimi School I would like to acknowledge Toi Foundation, Pelorus and NZCT for their generosity and support with Grants received this year.



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## TERM 3 CALENDAR

<b>FIRST DAY OF TERM 4</b>	Mon 09th Oct
<b>PET DAY</b>	Sat 14th Oct
<b>LABOUR DAY</b>	Mon 23rd Oct
<b>GUMBOOT FRIDAY</b>	Fri 03rd Nov
<b>TEACHER ONLY DAY</b>	Mon 20th Nov
<b>CAMP / ACTIVITY WEEK</b>	Mon 04th Dec-Thur 07th Dec
<b>PRIZE GIVING</b>	Tues 12th Dec
<b>YR 6 LEAVERS DAY</b>	Wed 13th Dec
<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (Close at 12pm)</b>	Thurs 14th Dec

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

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# MIMI SCHOOL PETS DAY

Come along to our annual Pets Day where our tamariki will showcase their calves, lambs or goats!

**SATURDAY 14th October**

9am - Registration opens

9.30am - Judging begins

## HOME AND SCHOOL

Bring some cash along as there will be food, drinks, and ice blocks for sale.



## MUMS VS DADS

Highly contested cake  
AUCTION. Who will take  
it out for 2023!

