



# TE KURA O MIMITANGIATUA

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

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

December 2023

Korihi te manu  
Takiri mai i te ata  
Ka ao, ka ao, ka awatea  
Tihei, mauri ora!

The bird sings  
The morning has dawned  
The day has broken  
Behold there is life

### Te Pepeha o Mimitangiatua

Ko Taranaki te mounga  
Ko Mimitangiatua te awa  
Ko Tokomaru te waka  
Ko Tamaariki te tangata  
Ko Ngati Mutunga te iwi  
Ko Te Kekerewai te 'apu  
Ko Mimitangiatua te kura

Taranaki is the mountain  
Mimitangiatua is the river  
Tokomaru is the canoe  
Tamaariki is the captain  
Ngati Mutunga is the iwi  
Te Kekerewai is the sub-tribe  
Mimitangiatua is the school



*Tēnā koutou ngā tauira, kaiako, kaiaw'ina, te poari, w'ānau, me te 'āpori w'ānui o Te Kura o Mimitangiatua. Nau mai ki te whakamutunga o tenei tau. Tuatahi, he tuku mi'i nu nui ki a koutou mo to manaakitanga, aroha me to awhi hoki hei te timatanga o te tau ki te mutunga o te tau 2023.*

Kia ora students, teachers, support staff, the board, families and the wider community of Mimi School. Welcome to the end of term 4! Firstly, a massive thank you for all the love, kindness, generosity, and support throughout the year! As a kura we are super lucky to have you all (whanau & community) giving up your time to ensure our tamariki have amazing learning experiences.

What an awesome year it has been where our tamariki have been given the opportunity to take part in a range of learning experiences now that COVID restrictions and regulations have been lifted.

Many different kaupapa took place this term which was received with great excitement and positivity! Our annual Pets Day was a prime example, despite the rain we certainly didn't let this dampen the spirit of our day. With voting for the general election available on site it was awesome to see the wider community and all whānau members support our Pets Day. The

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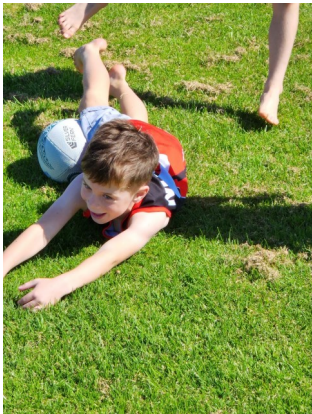
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love, time and dedication that our tamariki put in to showcase their animals is something they should be proud of, not to mention the artistic skills applied to produce such quality art displays. The following week some of our tamariki entered into the Tainu Pet Day, which I know they absolutely enjoyed.



Earlier in the term, four of our senior tamariki represented Mimitangiatua at the annual year 5 & 6 EPro 8 challenge. EPro8 Challenge is an inter-school science and engineering competition. These events are designed to promote science, engineering and problem solving. They should be extremely proud of how they represented our kura through applying our school vision of Think, Ask, Do, Discover, Together and our school values of Ngākau Māhaki - Respect, Kia Maia - Courage and Kia Manawanui - Perseverance



In week 5, Miss Blyde announced that she would finish up with us at the end of the year as she embarks on her OE journey in early May. While the staff and I are gutted to hear this news, we are super excited for Miss Blyde and the next adventure she wishes to embark on.

As a beginning teacher, Tara has grown in so many ways over the last three years as a teacher, learner and person. Tara has successfully adapted and implemented a range of tools and strategies to engage and build positive relationships with each individual. Her willingness to go that extra mile, push learners outside of their comfort zone and connect with each ākonga is evident in everything that she does. Miss Blyde, just know that your tamariki absolutely love you, and our whānau value the dedication you have given to their child in an academic and social aspect.

As we approach this side of the year, our Home and School organised a magnificent Gala. A massive mihi (thanks) to everyone involved in making this day an absolute success! As a kura we are so lucky to have such a dedicated Home and School Committee and whānau who go over and above the call of duty to make these events like gala a possibility. Also, a huge thank you to all sponsors who donated and/or supported our gala, again this contributes to the success of our Home and School fundraisers.

Last week, we had EOTC week, where our tamariki either went away for the week, had a stay over at Blyde's bach or fun activities based at school and in town. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for planning such memorable camps and activities for our tamariki to take part in. Secondly, to our whānau who made these a success. Whether you donated kai, were a parent helper, provided transport, cooked dinners, running a rotation and/or staying the night. Without your support we would not be able to have an EOTC week.



I would like to acknowledge the hard work of all of the people who make an amazing contribution to the school. Andrew, Greg, Anne-Maree, Janine, and Rene who all work tirelessly as members of the Board of Trustees to ensure that we are providing the best opportunities we can for our children, all of the amazing things that our kids are lucky to be able to do here at school stem from their work and guidance.



Our Home and School is another pivotal hard working group for our school. Their willingness to 'get behind' the school and raise funds to 'turn our dreams into realities' and add to the 'special character' of Mimitangiatua School is evident in everything they do.

Lastly, a huge thank you again to our whānau who volunteer their time to coach sport teams, helping behind the scenes and/or running grandparent reading. We are super lucky as a school to have your forever giving support and time to ensure our tamariki are loved, feel valued, cared for, grow and able to do things they are passionate about.

The key to a successful school is dedicated staff and in all honesty Mimi School is extremely lucky to have the greatest staff there are.

On behalf of our school whānau, I would like to acknowledge and thank the staff for all their 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 are due in part to the relationships they have formed with their teachers and their teachers' dedication to make learning exciting. I am very fortunate to have staff who all have the best interest of our tamariki at heart.



Lynda, Dawn and Ginny thank you for working your magic behind the scenes that ensures our classrooms, admin, library, grounds and gardens are maintained and ready for our tamariki to learn, while enjoying our beautiful sanctuary here at Mimitangiatua. We appreciate you!

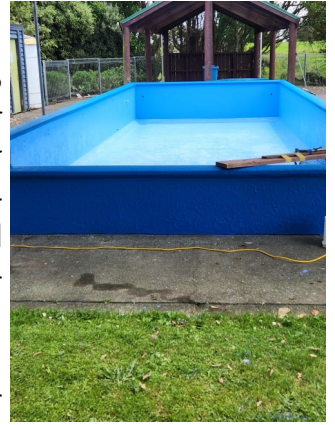
**Poipoia te kakano, kia puawai**  
***Nurture the seed and it will blossom***

Ngā manaakitanga ki a koutou.

**Tiaki Pokere**  
Tumuaki - Principal

## Property Update

Things have been a little quieter this year on the property front. 2023 saw the Ministry of Education come in to carry out assessments on our buildings to develop a report and identify the next projects of work for the next 10 years. Our first 5 year property project will see the under-cover walkway re-roofed, new screws on the staffroom roof replaced and rot on the back wall of the Kowhai class. Well that is the hope anyway.



As you may have been aware, last year we experienced some challenges with our septic system, investigations found that the soak beds have come to the end of their life. The Ministry has approved extra funding over and above our 10 year property funds. I will keep you in the loop around these projects and their start dates.

Lastly, over the last three weeks our school pool has undergone some much needed maintenance and TLC. The last time our pool area had an overhaul was back in 2011. This project has been made possible with funding from the Lottery Grants Board. I would like to thank our whanau who have supported us to ensure we can get the pool up and running.

## Year 6s

For many of our year 6 tamariki they have been part of Mimitangiatua since before they were five years old. I know that past principals and staff will be extremely proud of each individual, their growth, passion and drive to achieve and celebrate success across many aspects both academically and socially. I wish Te Araroa, Barry, Cooper, Eila, Emma, Jamie, Levi, Milan, Neko, Riley, Sarah, Shinaya, and Tyrese all the best as they take the next leap as developing young adolescence. This is not goodbye! We will certainly see you around, so don't be a stranger as you will forever have a place here in the heart of Mimitangiatua!

*Whāia te iti kahurangi ki tūoho koe me he maunga teitei.*

Aim for the highest cloud so that if you miss it, you will hit a lofty mountain.



# Staffing for 2023

Heading into 2023 Kow' ai, Matai and Rimu can operate full time too. This is an exciting position to be in where we can maintain three classes again. By the end of 2024 we will have had three classes operating for three and a half years. This is an awesome position to be in.

## Kowhai - NE & Yr 1

Gaye Osborne and Karen Gillet

## Matai Yr 2 & 3

TBC

## Rimu: Year 4 - 6

Alisha Allen and Tiaki Pokere

## Reading Recovery

Frances Butler

## Support Staff

Beverly Wilson

Lisa McClutchie

Connie O'Brien

Nanny



## Kapa Mahi Toi

### Holiday Fun - Arts and Crafts with Whaea Lisa

Whaea Lisa is looking at running some Arts and Crafts days over the holiday here at school. There will be a small cost, however Lisa will communicate dates, times and cost in the coming week/s. So, keep an eye out on our Facebook page and Hero. **Please note that this is not associated with our school and is independent of us.**

## Pool Keys

Earlier this year we received a 20k grant from the Lottery Grants Board and 2k from Fonterra to sandblast, and repaint the pool/changing sheds. Sandblasting and painting of the pool itself is complete. However, there is still a bit of work to go and then of course getting the pool filled.

We are hoping the pool will be ready to go before Christmas, so we will keep you informed via social media regarding this.

Connie will let you know when keys can be purchased from the office,

Please keep an eye out on our Facebook page for when you can come down to the school and get a key.



# End of Year Prizegiving 2023



**Betty Blundell Cup  
for Junior Learner**  
Oliver Read

**Radcliffe Trophy for  
Leadership and Empathy**  
Barry Darling



**Kay Sarten Cup  
for Mathematical Achievement**  
Cooper Gillett



**Whittaker-Phillips Family Cup  
for Sporting Achievement**  
Tyrese Mattock



**Baker Family Cup  
for Literacy Excellence**  
Sarah Brendon



**George Baker Memorial  
Environmental Cup**  
Te Araroa McKay



**Lowe Family Cup  
for Academic Achievement**  
Sarah Brendon



**Evelyn Dryden Cup  
for The Arts**  
Emma Prouse



**Chris Wise Contracting Cup  
for Diligence**  
Jamie Moller



# 2023 Gala



What an awesome gala day whānau. Firstly, a massive mihi (thanks) to everyone involved in making this day an absolute success! As a kura we are so lucky to have such a dedicated Home and School Committee and whānau who go over and above the call of duty to make these events like gala a possibility. The passion and hard work you put into these events is always appreciated by the board and staff. Thank you for providing the tamariki with extra opportunities and resources to thrive and celebrate success. Despite the rain, families and our local/surrounding communities turned out in force to support this awesome kaupapa. I can only imagine that the numbers would have doubled, even tripled if the sun was on our side. Also, a huge thank you to all sponsors who donated and/or supported our gala, again this contributes to the success of our Home and School fundraisers.

**We raised a massive total of \$16,188.36**

**THANK YOU**



# KOWHAI

## Earthquake safe

On the 19th October there was a National Earthquake Drill. The Kowhai class discussed what to do when there is an earthquake, whether we are in the classroom, at home or outside. We watched short videos of what to do and then Kowhai practiced these 4 important steps.

STOP, DROP, COVER, HOLD



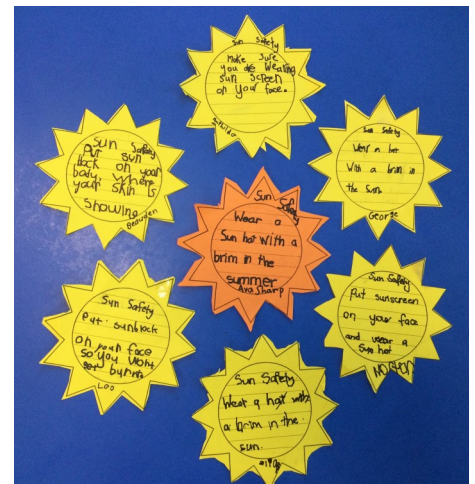
## Sun Safe

The children were able to discuss and share why the sun is so good for us, and why we need it, but also how it can be harmful if we do not take care when we are in the sun. They were able to learn and share ideas as to how to keep safe in the sun, both by keeping cool, and staying protected.

I keep safe at the beach by keeping away from rips - By Ava

## Keeping ourselves safe

Kowhai class has been looking at how we can keep ourselves safe in a variety of situations. Firstly, we focused on "being around water" as it is coming to that time of year where the tamariki spend a lot of time in and around water. The children had great knowledge on what we needed to do at the beach, river and the swimming pool. The most important thing was to have an adult there at all times and actively supervising. Here are some of the other ideas the kids came up with.



I keep safe at the river by wearing a lifejacket when I can't touch the bottom - By Jaxon

I keep safe at the swimming pool by wearing togs and not clothes - By Octavier

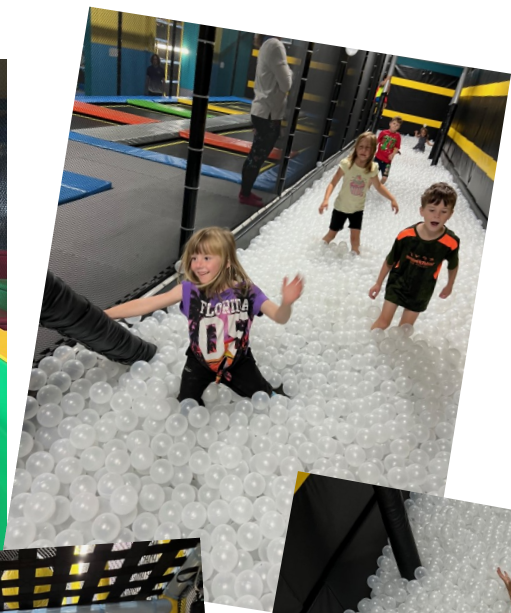
I keep safe at the beach by swimming between the flags and having somebody watch me - By Whakaturi





## Kowhai class outing

The Kowhai class had a town day and visited Puke Ariki Museum. There, they participated in the "Sea Change" education programme. They learned about Taranaki's marine reserves and the special sponges and sea life that live there. After that we went to Kidz Korner indoor play area where the kids bounced and played until they were worn out. They had a great day.



# Kowhai Fun Day

We also had a school-based activity day, where the children came up with ideas of things they would like to do to celebrate their learning and have fun together. One theme that has been threaded throughout our school year, is our Class Garden. As part of our earlier learning about Puanga, we planned and planted out what we wanted to grow. Now, as we come closer to the end of term, many of our crops are ready to harvest, so we used these to make a shared Munch and Crunch for our Fun Day. The tamariki showed *kia maia* - courage by touching, smelling and tasting a variety of different ingredients, from cauliflower to cannellini beans, garlic to cinnamon, and had a great time making cauliflower dip, and carrot cake bliss balls, which they eagerly shared and ate together on our fun day. We also had celery and lettuce leaves from our garden as part of our snack, which the children enjoyed harvesting, preparing and eating. The children showed a lot of pride and eagerness to taste what they had grown and made.





Our fun day kicked off with Coach Mike coming out to run two sessions with Kowai Class. The children really enjoyed using the different equipment, demonstrating their awesome P.E skills, and trying to beat Coach Mike in the range of activities and games he offered!

After morning tea it was activities time! Tamariki had expressed interest in trying some building, creating and painting, so that was what we did! Keeping with our garden theme, the children had a chance to work with cement, making their own mosaic tile from polished stones and beads we had collected. They also took part in a free painting session where they could use the paints and tools in their own way. Lastly it was time to build - the children used saws, hammers and nails, along with a variety of collected materials, to create three mini-scarecrows for our class gardens. Earlier in the year the children had noticed our plants getting eaten by the birds, so this was our chance to remedy the problem! Next time you're going past, stop in to school and check them out - the children have done a fantastic job, and they have already become a much-loved addition to our Kowhai family!

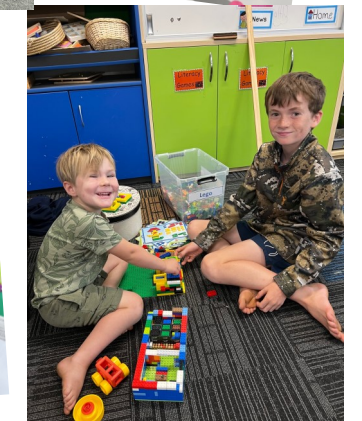
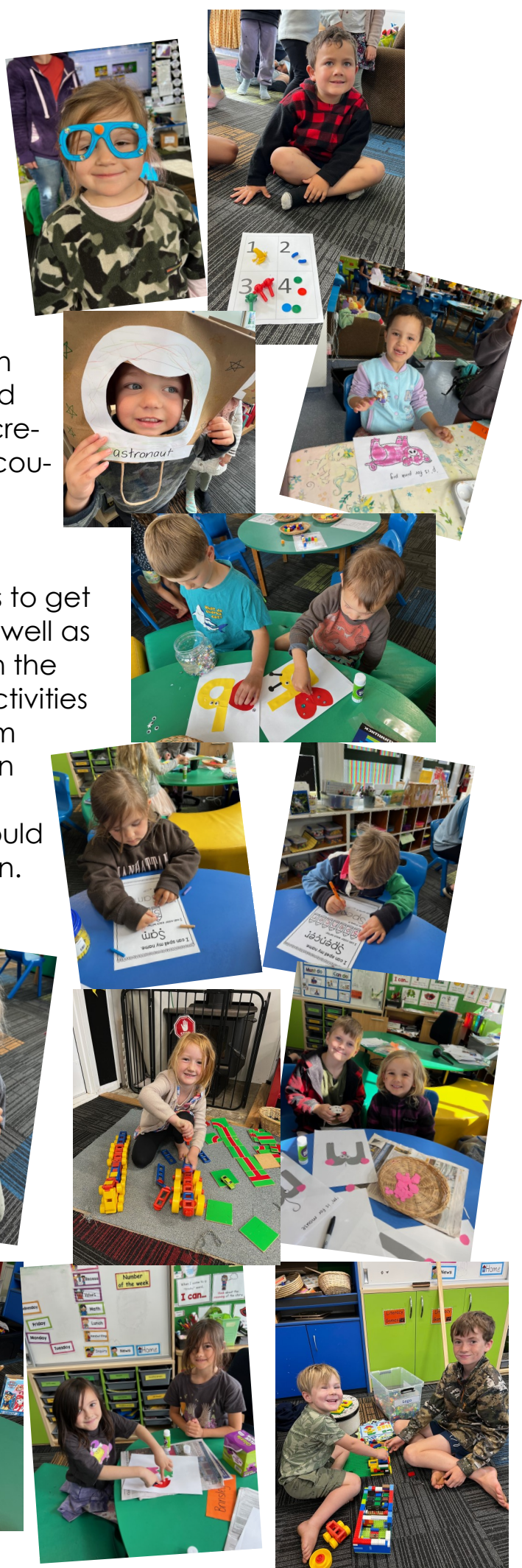
In the afternoon it was waterslide time! Kowhai Class demonstrated once again their courage and sense of adventure, as they not only braved the cold water from the hose, but showed some awesome moves on the slide! A free-play session indoors to warm up, using all our favourite toys from the year, was how we finished the day. A lot of fun was had by all, and it was great to see the children trying new things, working well together and enjoying themselves!



# B45'S

Every Friday from 9am till 11am, during term time, 4 year olds are invited to join our B45's session in the Kowhai Class. Each week we focus on a letter of the week and run a mini phonics lesson and make and create crafts around that letter. We have a couple of students from the senior class who come to join us and help the tamariki with their activities.

It is an awesome opportunity for the B45's to get to know the other students in the class, as well as learn the basic school routines of sitting on the mat, taking turns, joining in, completing activities and becoming comfortable in a classroom environment. This can help in the transition into school life when they turn 5. Please contact the school office if you would like to learn more about these B45's session.



# Touch Rugby

Every Thursday we play touch at Clifton Park and we face a lot of teams. We score a lot of tries. My favorite game was when we played Tikorangi School. We ended up with 6 and the other team ended up with 4. Last Thursday, we played against Urenui and we lost 2 to 4, the player of the day was Oliver Read. We had prize giving, because it was the last game.

By Alec Feather

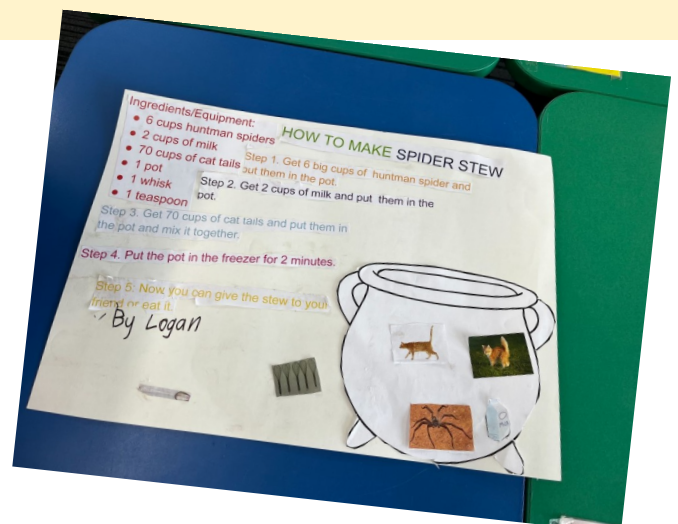
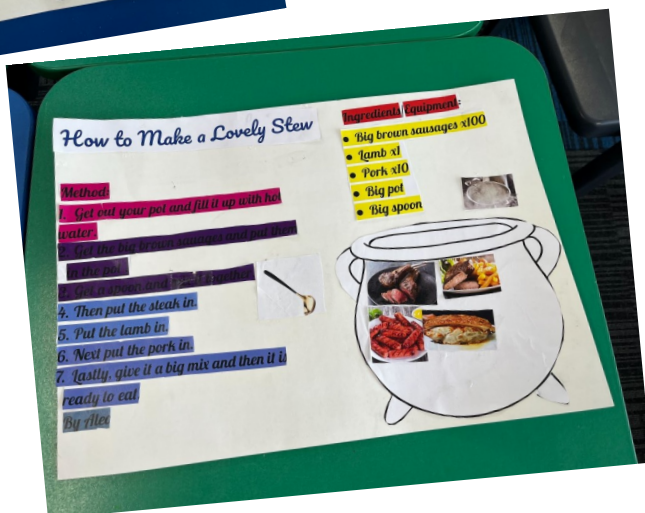
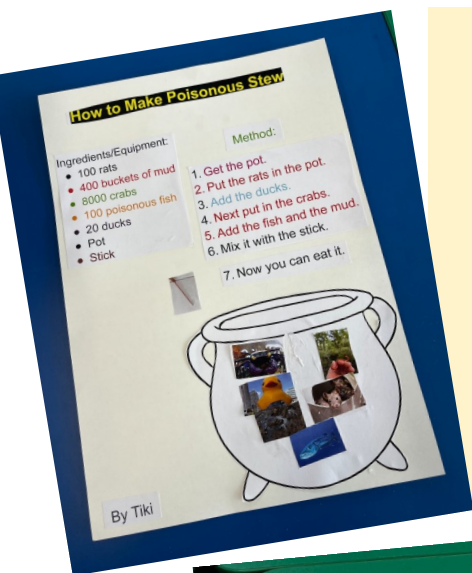


# Matai Class

## Procedural Writing

This term our class learnt how to write a procedure. Procedural means a step by step writing process. First we wrote about how to make a jam sandwich. Then we had to write about an imaginary stew. There are yummy stews and yucky stews. Then we had to publish and put it on a poster. We printed some pictures that relate to the ingredients.

By Reyn Corbett



# CAMP

My favourite thing about camp was the go wild park, because I loved to go on the tramps.

By Harlan

My favourite thing about camp was getting in the long line, because we caught a dinosaur snapper. It was 1 metre long and it was yummy.

By Reyn

My favourite thing about camp was the go wild playground, because I loved going on the tramps.

By Harlan

My favourite thing about camp was laser tag, because it was fun.

By Zaybein

My favourite thing about camp was the go wild playground because we got to go on the playground and tramps.

By Poppy

My favourite thing about camp was laser tag, because it was so good and it was so easy.

By Rose

My favourite thing about camp was the long line because there was a huge fish.

By Angus

My favourite thing about camp was the go wild playground because I played on the playground and the trampolines with my friends.

By Hinetea

My favourite thing about camp was laser tag, because I got the red players and I shot a lot of people. Sadly my team lost.

By Oliver

My favourite thing about camp was laser tag because I came in 4th place.

By Cooper

My favourite thing about camp was laser tag because I came 5th place and our team lost and the other team won.

By Alec

My favourite thing about camp was laser tag and the go wild playground, because it was heaps of fun.

By Tiki

My favourite thing about camp was laser tag, because I came second in the ice team.

By Logan



# Gala/Pet Day



On Saturday the 18th, our school had a gala. There was a magic carpet ride, waterslide, little digger, fish the duck, tic tac toe, white elephant and pony rides. There was also a hit with a golf stick and if you got it in you won \$10.

On the first Saturday of term four, we had our school pet day. There was a farmers competition. Alec won the farmers competition. There was lots of food and lots of calves and lambs. The calves were well brushed and the lamb's were cute.

By Logan Brendon and Alec Feather



Well what a year we have had! I can't believe how fast time has gone by and what we have achieved. I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Matai classroom over the last two years and in the Rimu class for my very first year of teaching. It has been a crazy ride of new learnings, tough days, but most of all it has been very rewarding. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has been part of my journey here at Mimi School and who has helped me to become the teacher that I am now! This community is such an awesome place to be part of and I am thankful that I got to begin my career at such a cool little school. I am grateful to have met so many awesome teachers, colleagues, parents and whānau and I feel very lucky to call Mimi home. I hope you all enjoy your christmas break and have a safe and happy new year.

Miss Blyde

# Rimu Class



## Tainui Pet Day

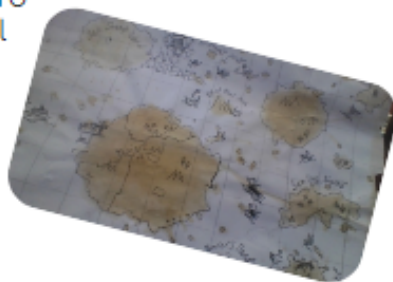
On the 23rd of October my little brother and I went to the Tainui pet day. We had to get up early in the morning to get the calves Stormy and Mocca onto the trailer. When the calves were on the trailer, we arrived we got the calves off the trailer and did some soft brushing. Devy and I were in the same group. When it was our turn we went to the ring. First, we did leading, then we did rearing and then dairy type. I won all of them and it was like I was cleaning it with a broom. Then we had the walk of three. The walk of three is when there are three people in one line and they have to stay right next to each other. My group came in second place. At the end of the day we had prize giving. I received three trophies, and six ribbons. Stormy did a really good job and I am very proud of her.

By Neko

## How To create your own Fantasy Map

### Materials:

- 1. A piece of A3 Card
- 2. A grey led pencil
- 3. 2-3 Tea bags
- 4. A small bowl
- 5. Artline pen
- 6. Jug
- 7. Rice
- 8. Ruler (optional)
- 9. News paper
- 10. Paintbrush



### Steps:

Lets Start crafting!

1. Grab your piece of A3 Card. If you would like a grid map (optional) grab your ruler, pencil and ruler too.
2. Rule 3cm by 3cm squares until you map is filled with cubes.
3. Draw a compass in the left or right top corner (search up a compass on google for reference).
4. Pour your rice onto the paper. Shape your islands.
5. Trace the rice with your pencil. Make sure you get every little detail.
6. Go over the pencil with an artline pen.
7. Make the tea. Boil your jug. Put teabags in a bowl. Pour the boiling water into the bowl.
8. Once the tea has cooled, put a newspaper under your card and apply the tea inside of the islands. Let it dry.
9. Add smaller details onto your map. Add places names, sea creatures, boats, villages and trees.
10. Congratulations you've completed your fantasy map!

By Jamie





# CURIOUS MINDS

HE HIHIRI I TE MAHARA



## Rimu's Curious minds trip

On Friday the 10th of November, Rimu class went on a curious minds trip. First, we went to the Mount messenger bypass to talk about eco sourcing. They told us what they are doing and why. Then we had some crackers, yoghurt, a nut bar and some water for morning tea.

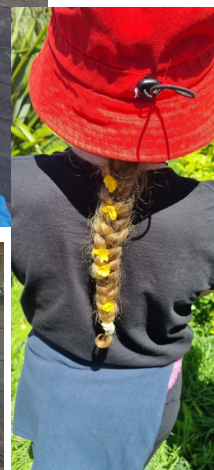
After that we went down to their riparian site and talked about the different types of riparian plants and why they put fences around the manga (stream). We saw harakeke, kanuka and different types of grasses surrounding their manga.

Then we headed off to Greg's farm to look at the waterways to test the pH, temperature, flow and water clarity. At the first stream the pH was 6.5. This was good, as neutral is 7. The clarity was 100 and the temperature was 13 degrees. We could not do the flow test, because there was moss on the top of the water and it wasn't flowing.

Next, we headed back to the sheds and had domino's pizza, tropical juice and cookies. Once everyone was finished we walked over to the next stream. We thought that the temperature might have been higher, because there were less riparian plants. However, the temperature was 13.5 degrees. We believe it was the same temperature, because this manga was fast flowing and had riparian plants planted upstream. The pH was the same at 6.5, and the clarity was 80. We then put down a 10 meter rope to test the flow along the manga. We dropped the ball to see how fast it would flow. However, there was too much grass and shrubs over the stream so the ball kept getting stuck, so we couldn't do the test.

Next year Rimu, will continue to explore nga manga and develop our knowledge of eco-sourcing.

Written by Te Araroa



# Rimu's Stall at the Gala

On the 18th of November we had the Mimi school gala. The Rimu class had a stall at the Gala. We sold Paper Christmas Trees, Christmas Cards and Piñatas made by the Rimu class. Jamie brought some pots that he had spray painted different colours. He brought cuttings to school of his succulents to put into the pots. There were four different types of succulent plants, and they were different shapes and sizes.

We had the christmas cards priced at 50c, the pinatas were priced at \$10 and the plants were \$2-\$3 a pot. Altogether, our stall made close to \$170.

We had a class roster, but on the day we just joined the stall when we wanted to. We enjoyed being on the stall and talking to customers and the community.

Most of the Rimu class went on the magic carpet ride and were covered in mud and some brown and black cow poo. It was all over their clothes and in their mouth! The day was Awesome.

By Emma and Eila



## 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.



# 2024 Calendar

<b>PARTNERSHIP HUI WITH KAIAKO</b>	<i>Wed 31st Jan (9am-3pm)</i>
<b>FIRST DAY OF TERM</b>	<i>Thurs 01st Feb</i>
<b>TEACHERS ONLY DAY</b>	<i>Mon 05th Feb</i>
<b>WAITANGI DAY</b>	<i>Tues 06th Feb</i>
<b>SCHOOL PICNIC</b>	<i>Thurs 08th Feb (6pm)</i>
<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>	<i>Fri 12th Apr</i>

Please contact Tiaki or Connie for further information.

**HAVE A HAPPY AND  
SAFE HOLIDAY  
EVERYONE, FROM  
THE TEAM AT  
MIMITANGIATUA**

