

Te Miro School Community Newsletter

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TUPU TAHI TATOU - TOGETHER WE GROW

30 Pipiri 2023

30th June 2023



DIARY DATES

TERM 3

Thursday 20th July - Winter Festival

28th - 31st July - Life Education Trust

Friday 1st September - Kapahaka Festival

Tuesday 5th September - Rural Schools Cross
Country

Friday 8th September - Rural Schools Cross
Country postponement date

Monday 11th September - School photos

Wednesday 20th September - Open Day

18th - 22nd September - Book Week

TERM 4

First week back (day TBC) - Agricultural Day

Electives Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers within our community with expertise in a particular area who would like to facilitate a series of specialist classes for a group of students at school for possibly 4 consecutive weeks either in term 3 or 4.

Tumuaki Kōrero

Ngaa mihi kia koutou katoa,

It's hard to believe that my term at Te Miro School is about to end. I've thoroughly enjoyed my time here; it's been a privilege to 'look after' the school in Michaela's absence.

I've enjoyed the polite and happy students who work hard to do their best, who create innovative and fun games in the playground, and who appreciate and respect each other, with all their differences;

I've enjoyed working with a highly competent staff who made me feel welcome from day one, teachers who create inspiring learning programmes, who treat all children as special, and who are passionate about their work;

I've enjoyed working with a Board who've been extremely welcoming and supportive, who is clearly committed to the school and its students, and who wants Te Miro to be the best teaching and learning environment that it can be.

I've appreciated Michaela's confident handover to me for this term, parents and whaanau who are clearly committed to their children and want to be the best parents they can and a PTA group whose passion ensures considerable, ongoing support.

You have it all here!
Sustain it, Treasure it!

THANK-YOU!!
Phillippa



Photos from the PTA Quiz Night



Thank you to all the generous sponsors mentioned in the flyer enclosed in this newsletter.

Highlights from the term



Rural Winter Sports

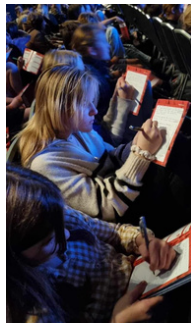
Years 5-8 had the opportunity to compete in the Rural Schools Winter Sports Festival. The weather wasn't cooperating so the day was cut short. However, the students showed their resilience and determination in all they competed in.



NYLD

Earlier in the term, years 7 & 8 had a fantastic experience at National Young Leaders Day held at Claudelands event centre.

The objectives of NYLD are to inspire, connect, empower, promote positivity, motivate, and educate.



Bush and Enviroschools

Each Friday the school goes down to the bush class on the Hall's farm. At the start of term 2, students made Mandalas with foraged items which they revisited the following week to note changes. The students discussed natural cycles with Enviroschools representative Alex and that there is no waste in nature. The students searched for plant cycles (seeds, seedlings, trees, and decomposing leaves), followed by an epic fungi hunt! The Enviro group has been working on how to eradicate Tradescantia with various experiments such as introducing Tradescantia yellow spot leaf fungus. Great learning for all!



Pink Shirt Day

Te Miro School was a sea of pink/red on Friday 19th May. On Thursday, the seniors organised tie-dyeing tops pink or red and, on Friday, the students got to enjoy decorating pink cupcakes. Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued, and respected.



Tree planting

Te Miro School's traditional annual tree-planting ceremony took place this term. Each new student has the opportunity to plant a native tree in the school's bush. This year we welcomed trees from Evie, Jimmy, Iris, Leo, Harper, Imogen, Layla, Ludo, Poppy, Angus, Ned, Ashton, and Aubree.



Classroom highlights



Rata

Rata class has adorned their classroom with Matariki stars made out of paper plates, wool and crayons. Here are a few:



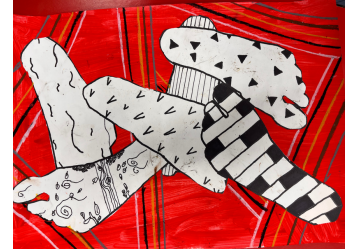
by Charlie



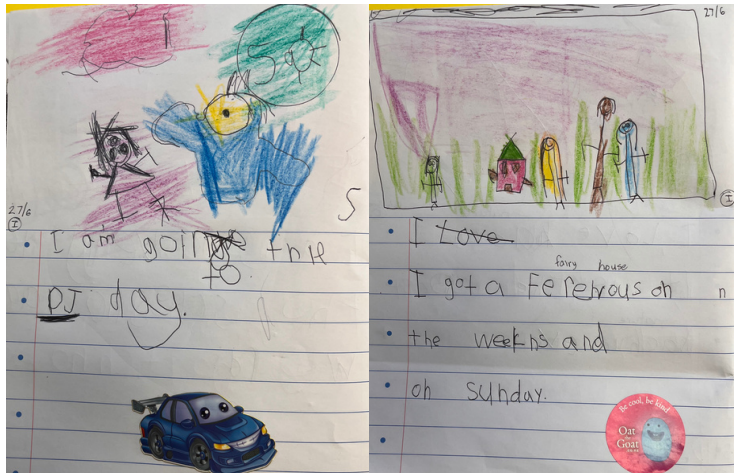
by Ashton



by Rowan



by Jimmy



Layla and Harper N who have only had two terms at school so far, have been writing some wonderful stories independently.



Rimu



Autumn

Waking up I open my bedroom curtains and view the crisp Autumn morning. I watch the leaves break dancing in the sunlight while their other leaf mates are caught in a whirlwind. I hear the knocking on the door – it is Winter calling "I'm here!"

By Malachy William Slaughter

The Shoes

Now! No one in the world has better footwear than my flexible charcoal and creamy white shoes. They can handle anything, like a sheet of nails. Maybe they're worn down from the countless miles they have covered rushing to sports and school but I still love them like family.

They're just so comfortable and make me feel as snug as a bug in a rug. I dream about them nightly. They're like a blanket made for my feet. Some people moan and groan that their shoes are seriously stinky but not mine. Mine always smell like fresh new rose-scented candles.

Now I have become so connected to my New Balance sneakers that they cry whenever I wear my light green white speckled sandals, even though they have all winter to be hugged by my comforting feet.



By Addisyn



Kowhai

Kowhai class has explored Aboriginal corroboree which is a traditional Aboriginal dance that tells a story. The class has produced artwork that reflects this dance using patterns and colours from nature. The students also had an opportunity to choreograph their own dance.



by Millie



by Nico



Information

Te Miro School Board

The Board of Trustees wishes to thank Phillippa Bourke for the huge amount of time and energy she has put into our school as Acting Principal while Michaela has been on sabbatical. Phillippa has stepped into the role effortlessly, ensuring that the school's day-to-day processes have been efficiently run, while supporting the staff and children with her professionalism, calm energy, and excellent organisational skills. We have appreciated Phillippa's strong leadership, warm smile, and ability to manage the many tasks required of a teaching Principal. Phillippa has worked with Fiona in Rata class where the children enjoyed her kind and gentle manner. Phillippa, we really hope you have enjoyed your term at Te Miro School, we have loved having you as part of our community and we wish you all the very best for the future. We hope you will come back and visit us again.

We are looking forward to welcoming Michaela 'home' again and hearing about her sabbatical adventures!

Te Miro School PTA

What a fabulous term we've had supporting our school and community with many events and fundraising activities. Thank you to PTA volunteers and friends of the PTA including community members that supported these events and therefore support the educational experiences for our children. Thank you to Laura and Luke who organised a freezer filler with the Oxford Pie fundraiser - this raised \$480. Mel has been helping Rimu classroom fundraise for their Wilderness Camp with Friday lunches at school - so far these initiatives have raised \$747. Sarah organised and sold some First Aid kits alongside our First Aid Course (which had to be cancelled, but we can try again if there is more interest in this). Last weekend Wallace Hall and other tractor enthusiasts held a district tractor rally and stopped in at the Te Miro Settlers Hall for lunch. Thanks to Tracey, Sarah, Peta, Carwyn, Laura, Flo, Jordan and Sally for catering lunch and refreshments for the group. Lastly our big fundraiser and community social event was the quiz and auction night held at the beginning of June. Over 80 people attended, chatted, ate pizza and partook in the quiz, followed by an auction. Thank you to Quizmaster Linda and barman Gerard for an enjoyable evening. The clear champions of the evening were team Illegal Tegals. Men in Black won best dressed. This event raised \$17,000 for our community. The PTA will donate a portion of this amount to the Te Miro Settlers Hall. Thank you to all the sponsors and donors for this event - we could not have raised as much as we did without their support.

Playgroup

Te Miro Playgroup is held once a week, on **Wednesdays from 10am-1pm** on the Te Miro School grounds during term time only. Come and join our super friendly group of caregivers who regularly meet. Check out their facebook page for more information or to make contact.

Second hand goods

If you have any unwanted duplo, or other educational toys, Rata classroom would love them. We could do with some spare gumboots for children too. Thank you.

Friday After School Care Assistant

We are still looking for someone kind and imaginative (ideally over the age of 18) to look after some of our students after school on Friday afternoons. If you are interested, please email Principal Michaela Phillips at principal@temiro.school.nz or phone 0273645816.

Open Door Policy

If you or anybody you know are looking at coming to Te Miro School, come and see us! You're welcome anytime. In order to help us put organisation in place for new students and make the transition to school as smooth as possible, please let us know if you have someone starting school by contacting Jennie in the office.

Newsletters

If you have anything you'd like to include in our newsletters please send them to office@temiro.school.nz

Office Hours

Our office administrator Jennie is in the office Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30am-2pm. **Not Thursday.** Phone 8278146. Email office@temiro.school.nz

Noho ora mai,
Jen, Lindsay, Emma, Fiona, Claire, Jennie, Kim,
Laura and Michaela