

# Te Miro School Community Newsletter

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TUPU TAHI TATOU - TOGETHER WE GROW

5 Paenga-whāwhā 2023

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## DIARY DATES

**Thursday 6th April** - LAST DAY OF TERM 3 pm finish

TERM 2 DATES 2023

**Monday 24th April** - Teacher-only Day

**Tuesday 25th April** - Anzac Day

**Wednesday 26th April** - Mihi whakatau First day back for students

**Friday 28th April** - Autumn Festival

**Monday 1st May** - Tech Arts recommences

**Monday 8th May** - BOT meeting

**Thursday 11th May** - Te Ohu Kaiaarahi o te Kapua Iti

**Thursday 11th May** - PTA meeting

**Tuesday 16th May** - NYLD for years 7 & 8

**Friday 19th May** - Pink Shirt Day

**Wednesday 7th June** - Tree Planting Ceremony

**Monday 12th June** - BOT meeting

**Friday 16th June** - Teacher-only Day

**Friday 30th June** - End of term 2



## Tumuaki Kōrero

Nga mihi kia koutou katoa,

Term 1 has come to an end in such a hurry. As usual, we have packed a lot in. Te Miro is so fortunate to be surrounded by talented and supportive parents and community members that unselfishly lend their time and expertise to us.

Teaching swimming, science, IT skills, policy making, marketing, fundraising, biking and building. I don't think we could do it on our own, so please know you are appreciated.

Next term, I am on sabbatical and I confidently hand over the reins to Phillipa Bourke, an experienced principal who will hold and care for this place while I am gone. I will be spending my time with family, in my garden, and visiting other schools with similar philosophies to ours.

Take care of your loved ones and I will see you in Term 3.

Michaela Phillips

## Haere rā

Farewell to Elijah Burd. The Burd family have been a part of our school for a long time. We will miss them but wish them well in the South Island.

Haere rā to the Tautuku-Jones whānau Kymanii, Ana-Maria and Atarau. Kymanii was instrumental in helping to develop a keen group for kapahaka and his mana will be remembered for a long time.

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# News

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## Summer Celebration and Community BBQ

The Summer hasn't been quite what we'd hoped for but Te Miro School managed to enjoy a sunny day in the school pool celebrating the season. The senior students created wonderful signs for their houses and the juniors had a chance to display the skills they've learned this term in the pool after an intensive daily swimming programme.

Continuing on from the school's Summer Celebration, the BBQs were wheeled out and folks from within the area were welcomed onto the school grounds to enjoy a community BBQ. This is a great way for our community to connect. If you haven't been before, look out for next year's event. We'd love to have you join us.

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## Rural Schools Swimming Sports

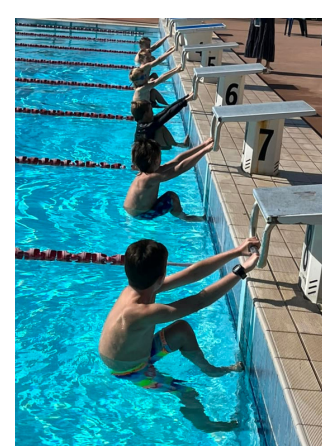
Te Miro School students, along with Roto-o-Rangi, Kaipaki, Karapiro, and Horohora schools had a fantastic day competing at the Rural Schools Swimming Sports. Congratulations to all the Te Miro School students that swam and gave it 100%. We are so proud of your drive and determination in the water.

Thank you to everyone who supported us with transport, timekeeping, and supervision for this great annual rural schools swimming event.



## WFPS & Inter-schools Swimming Sports

On Friday 31st March Byron McIntyre, Taylor Boyd and Emogen Renshaw represented Te Miro School in the Waikato Full Primary Schools Swimming Sports. Monday 3rd April Kate Mellow, Leo Tonks, Aleisha Ashton, Max, Finn, and Addisyn McIntyre, Rory McParland and Rupert Manion competed in the Cambridge Inter-schools Swimming Sports. Well done tamariki.



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## BMX Successes

Aleisha went to the biggest BMX race in NZ, Nationals. This year it was held over 3 days in Tauranga. Aleisha was racing against a group of 11 other 8 Yr old girls, and came 7th overall, giving her the ranking of NZ 7 for the year.





# Term 1 Highlights



## Rata

The juniors have had a wonderful term 1. Highlights were, welcoming new students Ludo, Iris, Layla and Harper into the classroom and the start of school visits for students starting in term 2. We are looking forward to Poppy, Angus, Ned, Aubree, and their families joining our school community in term 2. The Teddy Bears Picnic was a wonderful day where children within the community came along for morning tea. Despite the weather, the cupcake decorating was a hit! There was even a special drama put on by our youngest learners.



## Surfing Big Tunnels

I start to paddle. The sickest wave ever is rolling toward me. I take a big breath of air and dive under the salty water. As I come up, I swallow a big gulp of water. It makes me cough and splutter. The next set of big waves barrel towards me. I turn my board around, and start paddling. I feel hopeful that I will catch a good wave this time. The wave catches my board, and I jump up onto my haunches. I stand up quickly and calmly. I put my arms out to help me balance. We're off! I'm gliding across the water. The barrel of the wave is a tunnel forming all around me. I swoop out the tunnel. The sun is blazing down on me. I jump into the fresh blue water. I feel alive! By Tom



## Rimu

The classroom is looking very colourful with a wonderful display of students' Keith Haring-inspired bold artwork on the wall. These paintings were designed by the students with a focus on whanaungatanga, Ka pai.



## Kowhai

Kowhai class have been doing some wonderful writing.

## Sky High

I'm revving the Suzuki on the start line. The race is about to start. I feel nervous. My hands are shaking. The buzzer goes off and I take off. I'm in the lead. Green, black and blue blur all around me. There is a jump ahead. I feel excited. I hit the jump and I'm flying through the air like a rocket in space. Call me Armstrong!

By Max McIntyre



# Information

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## Te Miro School Board

It has been another busy term for the Board, as we have been finalising and updating policies, working through the end of year audited accounts and developing a list of building requirements and upgrades for Ministry of Education funding.

We have also been interviewing an array of fantastic candidates for the role of Acting Principal, to fill Michaela's shoes while she is on sabbatical leave in Term 2. We have employed Phillippa Bourke to be our Acting Principal next term and she will bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the role. Phillippa is looking forward to getting to know all of our school families after the holidays.

There is also a new strategic plan to share, which is now on the school website – more to come on this as we bring it to life this year.

Wishing everyone a happy Easter. We hope you enjoy a great break over the holidays – with hopefully some sunny weather before the Autumn term kicks in!

Your Board of Trustees - Michaela, Fiona, George, Adam, Janie and Kelly

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## Te Miro School PTA

Our school PTA members have been busy assisting with the community BBQ and school lunches. These fundraisers raise little bits of money often and help bring down the cost of camps for our families. The rural schools swimming sports bbq raised \$400, and the community bbq raised \$200. Keep an eye out for the next Friday school lunch initiative.

Thank you to all the library helpers this term, as well as all those parents that have read with children. The school PE shed has had a clean out and tidy up - new ply lining installed, shelving and boxes utilised to maximize storage.

Our upcoming fundraisers include Oxford Pie orders - these forms should have made their way home with your children, if not please email [pta@temiro.school.nz](mailto:pta@temiro.school.nz) or make contact with the office if you'd like to order pies. Spring bulb orders will be just around the corner, and the First Aid Course is coming up in the second week of June. Save the date for the upcoming Te Miro Quiz and Auction night - 10th June - we look forward to having some fun and friendly competition! Next meeting date 11th May 2023 3:15pm in the Staff Room.

## 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.

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## WANTED Ag Day Judges

Are you interested in becoming an Agricultural Day Judge?

For more information, please contact Andrea 027 452 1937 [bruntwood4@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bruntwood4@xtra.co.nz)

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## RD4 Cambridge Courier

RD4 Cambridge are looking for a parttime employee. For more information please contact Sukhdev 021 135 8969

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## 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.

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## Newsletters

If you have anything you'd like to include in our newsletters please send them to [office@temiro.school.nz](mailto:office@temiro.school.nz)

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## 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](mailto:office@temiro.school.nz)

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