Te Miro School Panui

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11th Here-turi-kōkā 2022

11th August 2022

12 Tekau mā rua





DIARY DATES

Sunday 14th - Tuesday 16th August - Year 7 & 8 Ski Camp Wednesday 17th August 12pm- Waikato Symphony Orchestra trip

Wednesday 31st August 6pm - School Community
Consultation

Thursday 1st September - Te Miro School Speech Final **Friday 2nd September** - Kapa Haka Festival (for Kapahaka group)

Monday 5th September 6pm - BOT meeting Wednesday 7th September - School speeches Wednesday 7th September - BOT Election day closes at 4pm

Thursday 8th September - Te Ohu Kaiaarahi o te Kapua

Thursday 8th September - PTA Meeting
Friday 9th September - Rural Schools Cross Country at
Kapapiro

Monday 12th September - GymSports Competition Thursday 13th September - Rotary Speech Contest Thursday 15th September - Te Ohu Kaiaarahi o te Kapua

Saturday 17th September - Adventure Race Friday 23rd September - Junior Cross Country Friday 23rd September - School finishes early 12:00 pm Saturday 24th September - Ag Day Friday 30th September - Term 3 finishes TBC - School disco

Please note, some of these dates may change. Please continue to check our website calendar, Facebook page, emails and text messages for any updates.



Tena koutou katoa, nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa. Greetings parents, whanau, and members of our school community.

Isn't it nice to feel the days becoming warmer as the season moves towards Spring? We are seeing lots of baby animals frollicking in paddocks as we drive to school. Soon our Spring Festival, Agricultural Day, will be here!

With celebrations in mind, this week we celebrated Maths Week. Maths Week is an annual event, started in 1998 by the NZ Association of Mathematics Teachers (NZAMT). Our tamariki have been enjoying the daily maths challenge. These challenges have opened their world to estimation - a very important skill they will continue to use throughout their lives.

We have been experiencing a large number of absences with sick children. This is a timely reminder to keep your precious tamariki at home if they are unwell; and when they are back at school - perhaps consider wearing a mask to keep their coughs, sneezes and runny noses contained.

Our tamariki are well underway with x-country training, so suitable footwear at school everyday is recommended. We are mindful of the sickness that is around at the moment, so these training sessions are a combination of endurance and games-based, allowing for periods of rest.

Enjoy the remainder of your week! The Te Miro Team

TECH ARTS Year 7 & 8

Monday 22nd August Wednesday 31st August Thursday 8th September Friday 16th September Monday 26th September

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Leadership Day

Developing our seniors as leaders is an integral part of Te Miro School culture. Our aim is to equip and grow students to become people who positively influence the world around them. As a kura we invest in opportunities to help our akonga with the development of their leadership skills and abilities.

Last Tuesday they got to work with Paula (WILSS) developing their confidence in public speaking. They learned to work and support each other by helping each other to find their inner courage through different games and challenges.









Waikato Symphony Orchestra Trip

A reminder to please fill out the permission form on Skoolloop for next week's Waikato Symphony Orchestra concert at the Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts, Waikato University, 17th August. The cost of the concert is \$10 per student and we will be going on the bus. This has been added to your account. Please complete the form by this **Friday 12th August**.

Kapa Haka Festival

A group of students will be representing Te Miro School at the local Kapa Haka Festival at Don Rollands centre, Karapiro on 2nd September 9.30am - 2.30pm.

Agricultural Day 2022

Ag Day will be held on Saturday 24th September.

By now your child would have brought home a form for participants to fill out. These forms are due back this **Friday 12th August**. A reminder, other pets other than farm animals are welcome to participate. However, no dogs or cats.

For those of you who have Ag Day cups, please return them to the school office before **Friday 2nd September**.

Watch this space for more information about other craft activities, cake baking, vegetable art etc.

For information on how to raise an animal for Ag Day, ask Jennie to print you out information sheets for rearing.





Maths Week

So far we've had iceblock eating competitions, how many letter A's in all students first names, guessing the total length of all students arm span together, and there are more fun activities to come!







to the families who donated baking ingredients or supermarket vouchers.

- Kate & Tom Mellow
- Joubert, Philip & Amelie Lombard
- Charlie Campion
- Clara Thompson
- Cody & Milly Orr
- Jimmy and Evie Watt
- Jen Cutler

Survey

On Wednesday 31st August from 6pm until 7pm, Te Miro School Board of Trustees invites you to our annual Community Consultation evening. Below are links to a survey for you to complete. Te Miro School is committed to providing equity and excellence for all learners and their whānau, and by completing this survey, you can contribute to that. There is a survey for students and teachers that will be completed at school and one for parents. See link below. An organisation called Potama Pounamu will assist us in unpacking the results which will inform the topics for our consultation evening. Please assist us by completing the survey by **Friday**, **12th August**. The more community voice we have the better experience your children will have at school.

Thank you for the great response to our survey regarding the implementation of our Health Curriculum. Comments and results will be shared with you at the Community Consultation evening.

Link

Te Miro School Whanau Survey 2022

Te Miro School Parents Facebook Group

We have a parents' Facebook private group should you wish to join. It is a place for parents to connect, share and learn about what's going on behind the scenes at school. It is a private group for only school parents/caregivers so that we can ask questions, find lost belongings, get reminders on fundraisers & school activities and volunteer our help. Please click on the link to check it out, and join our school parent community.

Link: Facebook Page

Speeches

Term 3 is when students participate and practise speaking in front of an audience. Years 1 - 3 will recite a poem they have chosen and years 4 - 8 will write a persuasive speech and present it in front of their class. 3 - 4 successful students from Kowhai and Rimu will present to a community audience including parents 1st September. The winner will represent the school at the Rotary Speech Competition at Cambridge East Primary Tuesday, 13th September @ 6pm. All welcome.

Board of Trustees Candidates



Candidate Statement of Janie Taylor

I'm Janie Taylor and I live at the southern end of Te Miro on our family drystock farm, with my partner and our two children, both of whom are junior students at Te Miro School.

I have an arts degree from the University of Auckland and my career was previously in the advertising industry, with roles in Auckland, Australia and the UK. I moved home to Te Miro in 2009 to focus on my family and our farming business and I have held a variety of voluntary positions in the community since having children.

These positions have included being co-president of Cambridge Playcentre (during which time I was jointly responsible for our centre's ERO review), secretary and co-treasurer for the Te Miro Centenary Committee and chairperson of the Te Miro School PTA, of which I am currently secretary. I am involved in coaching and management roles with my children's sports teams and am also working with neighbouring landowners and the council to drive a protection framework for the Maungakawa Scenic Reserve.

The happy memories of my childhood at Te Miro School informed our decision to choose it as the school for our children, as I think Te Miro School offers the unique experience of being part of a small country school and a tight knit rural community in which individualism can flourish. Te Miro School's many attributes means it is in a position to grow with our community, while retaining the special qualities that set it apart.

I am passionate about ensuring all children have the opportunity to shine at Te Miro School and I would like to contribute to the school as it continues to grow and progress.

Candidate Statement of Jessica Ahern

My name is Jessica Ahern, and I am a mother of two great boys, Aidan who attends Te Miro Primary and Noah who is 2. We moved out here last year and have loved the wonderful community that Te Miro is with lots of friendly people.

I have done many things before having our boys from studying a Bachelor of Interior Architecture to 7 years as a personal trainer. I joined the army and have worked in various building industry related roles. I am currently dedicating my time to the boys, building our own home and working with a few Interior Design clients. Being on the Board would be a great opportunity to be more involved in the local community and school.

Jessica

Candidate Statement of Adam Thompson

I live just down the hill on Aspin Road. Our daughter Clara is at school now and her brother Maverick will join her in 2024. I'm a big believer in a strong community providing a safe and rewarding upbringing for our kids which is the thing I love most about Te Miro School.

I'm involved in leadership with a number of businesses and those skills would be the key things I bring to this role, along with my experience from 15 years involved in finance and property.

I'm keen to contribute to the success of the school and not worried if the best way I can serve the school is through being on the BOT or through the other things I have been doing and will continue to do to help. You can decide!

Candidate Statement of Cristal Bader

I'm a solo parent to Aleisha. She is my only child at Te Miro School. I'd like to be part of the board to give back to the school because they've given so much to her.

The skills I have, come from owing my own business before I became a Mum.

I'm a scientist and involved in various communities through Aleisha's sports interests.

Board of Trustees Candidates

Candidate Statement of Tracey Campion

Hello my name is Tracey Campion,

My son is in his 3rd year at Te Miro School. We live locally on a working farm that is run by my husband. We have lived in Te Miro for over 10 years now & think it is a great community.

I work full time as an Export administrator for a business in Cambridge. My job mainly involves communicating with foreign customers, product enquiries & orders, invoicing & logistics. I am also a member of the Health & Safety Committee.

I am qualified as a 'Veterinary nurse', have a 'Certificate in Adult Teaching', & 'Accounts Administration'. I have working experience in these occupations.

I enjoy spending my spare time on the farm with my family, riding my horse, pottering in the vege garden, and cooking. As a family when we are not too busy on the farm, we enjoy spending time with friends/family at the beach, fishing, and exploring our beautiful country.

I would like to see the school communicate more efficiently with school families, & involve families more with decision making. I feel the school would benefit with requesting more regular feedback from families in multiple areas

Candidate Statement of Paul Manion



Hi my name is Paul Manion.

I am a dairy farmer and live on our farm north of Te Miro at the base of Ruru, with my wife Kate and our four children. Three of our children attend Te Miro School, with the fourth due to start in 2024.

I am a current Te Miro School Board member and I am standing for re-election.

I have a B. Com in Agriculture and have also completed a Board of Directors' Governance program through the Institute of Directors. I have knowledge o how a board can run effectively to increase the productivity of a management team.

As a team member of the school's governing body my focus is o increasing student achievement by setting and monitoring our strategic plan, employing quality teachers, setting policy, managing finances, maintaining property and providing a safe environment for all.

Candidate Statement of Ryan McParland

I am the father to Evie(11) and Rory(9) who are both in Rimu attending Te Miro School since late last year. I am standing for the BOT to help support the school in the areas that drew us to enroll our children there. Previously, our children were homeschooled, primarily by my wife Emma who in a past life was a primary school teacher. We live down in Cambridge but were drawn to Te Miro, due to its size making it a more social environment and children of mixed ages and abilities working together.

We believe Te Miro provides the right pathways to prepare children as they grow, not just into further education but as individuals.

I work in information technology providing technology to support contact centers working for a financial organization in the United States. Though far removed from education in New Zealand, I am sure some of the skills and attributes gained through my career will provide a different perspective to the BOT. Evolving technology is something our children will confront in the future and something we should be preparing them for.

Prior to Te Miro we spent 18 months living in Ireland, where I worked in the same role and the kids continued their homeschooling. We all had quite an adventure, and were fortunate enough to immerse ourselves in the community and different cultures through traveling, before returning to New Zealand prior to the pandemic.

Outside of school, I enjoy coaching hockey (including a few of our Te Miro kids in a mixed team for the Hautapu club. I also enjoy mountain biking, and try and encourage the rest of the family (and dog) along for a ride. I was pleased to see the bike track and bike club at Te Miro. I would love to extend this to some mountain biking out at the Te Miro mountain bike which we are fortunate to have on our back doorstep.

I want to be part of the board to continue the focus on the outdoors - maintain a connection with the environment through the bush school and the wilderness camp and continue to foster leadership to develop the senior children but mostly make sure our children maintain their individuality. A lot has changed since our generations were at school - I want to help continue to drive our children to be prepared for whatever their futures hold.

Regards, Ryan

Board of Trustees Candidates



Candidate Statement of Kelly McIntyre

Hello! My name is Kelly McIntyre.

I am standing for the Board of Trustees for Te Miro School.

A little about my background.

Ryan and I are dairy farmers in Whitehall and have a small kiwifruit orchard in Waihi (our active getaway place IoI).

All our children attend Te Miro. Byron Year 7, Addisyn Year 4, Max Year 3, Nash Year 3, and Finn Year 3.

My main roles are Mum - P.A to all, taxi driver, nurse, chef, referee, life coach, and of course psychic as well.... I also help on the farm, in the orchard and run the office. Gardening (mine and others) and beaching are 2 of my passions. I love coffee and/or gin with family & friends, and a good laugh. We are a sports loving family and encourage healthy active involvement.

I value and passionately support an encouraging committed team environment that will share a common purpose of moving the school forward. A team (children, teachers, management, parents, community) ensuring all learners & contributors receive and achieve their best potential in all aspects of education and other school experiences.

With my personal experience I believe I would bring an energetic, resilient, understanding positive attitude with a diverse range of practical and interpersonal skills of value to the board. I am eager to help and be involved in supporting our unique and growing Te Miro school now and planning for the future.

Kia Ora. Thank you for your consideration. Kelly



Candidate Statement of George Taylor

I have served on Te Miro School Board of Trustees (BoT) since August of 2017 initially looking after school Property administration and then from

2019 as Chairman of the School Board.

I have 4 children, all currently at Te Miro School. Calum, Isla, Henry, Rowan and a 5th child due to be born end of August. With the school being such a central part of our family life I feel it is my duty to offer my time and experience to help keep the school running to the very highest standards.

At least one member of the current board should stay on for continuity. The Principal and I have had a good professional working relationship. I have enjoyed supporting her in my role and hope to continue doing so if re-elected, with the approval of the new board.

I am an experienced professional who has worked at senior management levels in several companies. I have a BSc (Hons) in Information Engineering and an MBA from The University of Edinburgh Business School.

George M. Taylor

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Candidate Statement of Peta Vassalini

Tena koutou katoa,

I am Peta Vassalini, and together with my partner Johann we have three children Nico (6), Ludovico (4) and Mila (3). Currently Nico attends

Te Miro School, with the other two joining him in the next few years. We are a busy whānau, but when we're not at work or kura we love spending time together outdoors. You will find us enjoying the local Mountain Bike tracks on our back doorstep. Our whānau are active members of the Te Miro Community, being part of the Te Miro Hall Committee and the MTB club, and this year I have joined the PTA.

I'm passionate about the power of education to enable young people to achieve their potential, in whatever path they choose. I have 15 years' experience in education, spanning all sectors. Within the roles I have held within education and have supported strategic developments in innovative teaching, infrastructure, resourcing, and partnerships, while addressing the variety of challenges (e.g., roll growth, zone changes, disciplinary matters) that all schools continue to navigate. My knowledge of the education sector, abilities in critical thinking, skills in strategic planning, should assist the Board of Trustees and Principal to navigate the challenges and opportunities that face our school. Most importantly, I hope to be able to contribute to raising achievement levels for all tamariki, and further developing the safe and inclusive learning environment that our children enjoy.

I have previous governance experience in the educational, not-for-profit sector, working with the Board of Trustees of Playcentre Aotearoa, as well as having held elected positions at Tamahere Playcentre. My time serving in these positions has given me an understanding of the importance of good governance within our education sector, and a sound understanding of the difference between the role of governance and management.

I would love to serve on Te Miro School BOT and contribute to the development of our tamariki. I will use my education experience to ensure your voice as parents, to ensure that the operations of the board are clear and transparent, to strengthen communication channels and to keep our school community included at all levels of decision making and to support the school to connect with and make use of our unique environment and local community.

I would like to acknowledge the Board members who are not seeking re-election for their contribution and commitment to our school and its community.

Ngā mihi nui



We wish to advise you that there are actually only 4 positions available on the Te Miro School Board of Trustees. Due to an unforeseen error.

Please note, a voter can vote for fewer than the number of vacant positions available, but they cannot vote for more candidates than the number of vacancies to be filled.

For example, there are 4 vacant positions on the election. The voter can therefore vote up to 4 candidates.

There will be envelopes provided for the return of the voting forms. You should expect to receive them in the mail this week. There will be a locked ballot box at the school office until 7th September at 4pm when voting closes.

Voting papers received after this date and time will be noted as invalid. If posting, (with a post stamped date 7th September or before) we will accept these postal votes five days after 7th September.

GymSports Competition

Te Miro School is entering a team in the Cambridge GymSports Competition. The team comprises of those students whom have returned a completed entry form (please return a completed form ASAP if your child is desperate to compete). Practice takes place on Friday afternoons at 2:15-3pm in the hall. Please make sure your child is wearing appropriate clothing on these afternoons. Competition day is Monday 12th September at 9am at Cambridge Gymnastics on Shakespeare Street, Cambridge. There is a \$5 entry fee which will be charged to your child's school account. We will be asking for parent help with transport.

Entertainment Book

The PTA are still selling Entertainment books this year – there are lots of good deals available via this membership – and 20% of this goes back to our fundraising efforts.

Could be a good option for Fathers Day next month! Please use this link to purchase:

Link

Entertainment Book



Guitar lessons

Our children all learn guitar from Year 4 upwards. Crystal Campbell comes to our school once a week and the children learn in groups of 5 to 10 and every term they present a little recital of all they learnt over the term. The children love Crystal and they love learning the guitar. Playing together takes the pressure off and those who really want to improve put in the time and effort at home. The school will subsidise lessons by paying for term 2.

Lessons are on Tuesday during School time and there is a fee to attend these lessons.

Library Parent Help

School library day is every Friday at 9am in our library (between Kowhai and Rata classes). We'd like some parent helpers to assist the children and the teacher every Friday morning. Duties would include helping children find suitable books, issuing & returning books, using the library laptop and software, shelving returns and generally being an extra pair of hands for the teacher. It would take around 1 hour each Friday. Parents can sign up to a roster. If you'd like to add your name to the roster, please contact Kate Manion on k.beeby@hotmail.com or 0276161038.

School Disco

This term we are planning on holding a school disco in the Te Miro Hall. This is event is for all students. There will be an entry fee and food and drinks available to purchase. Date and time to come.



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Navigate the secret 3HR or 6HR course by mountain bike and foot to collect checkpoints and complete fun mystery activities.

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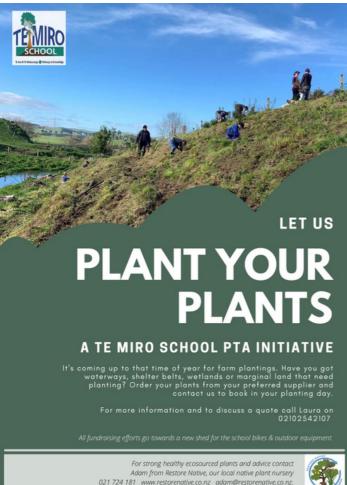




Bush class

Last week we were back in the bush. The juniors had fun exploring the stream. We're back down there Monday 29th August and then Monday 19th September. Children will need to bring gumboots on these days.





PTA - Frazzled Adventure Kiwi Race

On Sunday the 14th of August at Hopehill farm (66 Hope Hill Lane), Luke and the PTA are hosting the Frazzled Kiwi adventure race. These races are designed for families and students which are done on-foot where you use your map & clue sheet to find checkpoints and complete fun mystery activities.

It would be great to enter some teams – you can enter as a team of 2-5 people made up of your family or with friends. Register you team here: Frazzled Kiwi Cambridge | Soaked in Adventure

The PTA is also looking for volunteers to assist with running this event – we will circulate a roster with jobs that we need helpers for. Thanks in advance for your support for this fun event!



RAT kits available

We have another massive box of RAT kits. Please let the office know if you'd like any.



Playgroup

Te Miro Playgroup is attended 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.

Skoolloop App



How to subscribe to classroom, how to turn on app. Permissions are always followed up with an email so you know to head over to the app and fill them out.

MacBook Laptop for sale

We have a lease MacBook Pro for sale. It has the latest MacOS (Monterey 12.3).

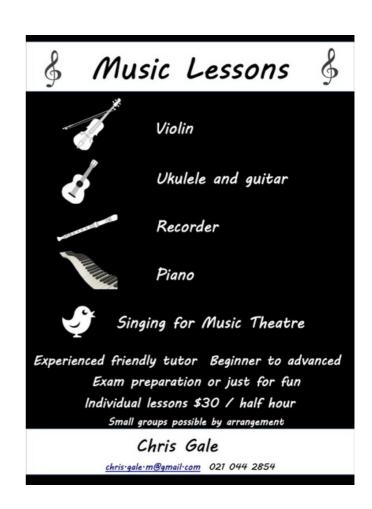
Works perfectly. There's just some damage to the screen housing bottom right but the screen is fine. It's a mid-2017 model. **The cost is \$750+GST.**

We will throwing in a magnetic power cable to make it trip over proof. If you're interested please contact the school office.



Itinerate Music Lessons

We now have a local music teacher, Chris Gale, who is teaching private itinerate music lessons at Te Miro school. Please contact Chris direct if you'd like to know more.



New entrants visits

New entrant visits will take place every Wednesday 9.00am - 12.30pm.

Office Hours

Our office administrator Jennie is in the office Tuesdays to Fridays 9am - 2pm and is happy to be of assistance to families and visitors.

Accounts

Any extracurricular costs or stationery accrued during the term will be added to your invoice that is sent out at the end of each month.



Yummy Stickers



The Yummy sticker promotion is set to go again for 2022, time to get crunching and collecting stickers. 2022 is the 25th anniversary of running this promotion for schools.

Everything is basically the same as previous years, sticker charts are the same and available on our website. One thing you may find, is some Hailstone Hero apple bags. We had a wild spring storm hit us in Hawkes Bay, damaging a significant amount of our apple crop with hail. Although these look funny, they still taste yummy. The official cut-out is not on these bags, but you can collect the round bar-code sticker as 10 points. These are Yummy apples but branded Hailstone Heroes and available in both New World and Pak'n Saves. Please drop sticker charts to the school office.

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. Or, do you know of anyone that is beginning school in 2022/2023? 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.

School Donations

A reminder that school donations are voluntary. The amount we ask for is \$25 per student per term and \$10 per sibling per term. From now on, to make things a bit easier, we'll be adding the families full amount to the eldest siblings account. To reiterate, it is a voluntary payment.

Before School

We have always been fairly flexible with what time children start school at Te Miro. Between 8am and 9am but it is our planning and preparation time.

The school bus students arrive at 8am and some families have arranged with us to drop off their children at this time too so that they can get to work on time. We can not guarantee supervision of children who arrive at school early unarranged.

If you need to drop off earlier than **8.30am**, then please get in touch with the office to see if this can be arranged for you unless you have done so already. For all other children, please drop them off at school no earlier than 8.30am.

After School Care

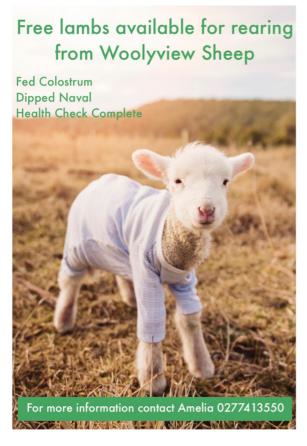
After school care is now available. If you'd like to book your child in, please see Jennie in the office. We need to know the Friday prior to the week you require care. However, phone the school if you need to make a last minute booking and we'll see what we can do.



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



Community Noticeboard







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