

# Te Miro School Panui

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## DIARY DATES



**28th February** - Meet the Teachers (Rata) zoom meeting at 3.30pm

**28th February** - New entrant information morning 9am

**1st March**- Meet the Teachers (Kowhai and Rimu) zoom meeting at 3.30pm

**2nd March** - Te Miro School Swimming Sports

### TECH ARTS

Thursday 24th February  
Friday 4th March  
Tuesday 15th March  
Wednesday 23rd March  
Thursday 31st March  
Friday 8th April

## Kōrero from the Tumuaki/Principal

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

We have had an absolutely fantastic start to the year. Camp, Beach Ed and the Year 7 & 8's WILSS Looking 2 Lead day are the highlights so far. Check out our posts on Facebook and please comment. Creating a positive online environment is important and we love to read them.

You will be hearing from me quite often this year, but I will try to keep these newsletters free from any Covid-19 information. This information will be sent to you via email. We hope you enjoy our first Panui for the year.

Ngā mihi nui koutou, Michaela (Principal)



# News



## Finlay Park Camp

The first few days of school were started with our annual Finlay Park Camp. We were lucky to go with all the restrictions in place. Children and adults had a great time. A huge thank you to the fabulous parent helpers. Our focus was challenging yourself, facing your fears and growing bravery.



## Beach Education 2022

The weather didn't stop us from diving into the waves. Children learnt a lot about identifying rips and being beach smart from 3 wonderful life savers. Big thank you to the awesome parents who got into the water with our tamariki.





# Students Work

## Leadership Day -

### Developing great student leaders

We walked into the hall, met by the smile of the lady standing at the end of the room. "Good morning everyone, my name is Paula." We all acknowledged her and then stood awkwardly, wondering what to do. "Sit down and make a circle" Paula exclaimed. We made a circle and stared at each other, confused and excited, wandering the air. She asked us about what we thought leadership was then said that we were going to dance! Two people started squealing in glee, but the other eleven of us sat there stony faced. She laughed at us, stating that most of us were not as enthusiastic when it came to making a fool of ourselves. As we later found out that was only a test of confidence and the only dance moves we would be doing today would be the disco move. While we were sitting in our circle we went around, stood up and introduced ourselves when we felt like we could. After that we were given an orange lego brick drawn on paper and had to write what we thought leadership was.

The activity that we did next was where she would pick someone to walk a weird way and then everyone followed. Then she added on an extra bit. When she called a number we had to get into groups of that number as quickly as we could. But some of the numbers were uneven and we had to solve the problem. So some groups were kind and took the extra person with them. Sometimes we had to make the groups even, because friends would get into groups and there would be too many or too little in a group. After that people were beginning to work as a team and not individually.

The next thing that she said surprised us all. "Okay. Now we are going to throw a chicken around. Some people laughed and some people murmured, and when a rubber chicken was pulled out, I think that a lot of people were relieved.

Confused, we threw the chicken around and were asked to remember who we received it from and who we passed it to. After tossing to the same people over and over again, a toy frog, pig and turtle were thrown in without warning! Surprised, it turned to chaos with people not knowing that there were more animals thrown around. Toys crashed into each other and people squealed. After we were told to stop, she explained that we were not aware. She said that we were not expecting the other toys so we panicked and something that we were going to need in leadership is to expect the unexpected and be aware. Some of us were still confused so we tried throwing them around a few times, adjusting the way we did things until we finally were working as a team and got the hang of it.

After that, we were all pretty knackered, so we were let out for lunch break. When we came back in, there were little sheets spread out on the ground. They had 4 columns with 5 questions in each. She instructed us to sit down. After that she read out all the questions and we had to pick one for each row. At the end of the questions, we had to add up all the answers and circle the column that had the most ticks in them. We got split into groups depending on which one we circled. The four groups were the beavers, the lions, the retrievers and the monkeys. Our groups each got given playdough that we had to make into what we thought leadership was. There were so many different sculptures like mazes, one big leader, a king with advisers and someone helping someone hurt. To finish off the day we wrote what we now thought was leadership on a lego brick coloured blue. We all enjoyed it and really appreciated Paula's help.

By Ari Suter





# Information

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## Welcome new tamariki

We have the pleasure of welcoming Brooklyn, Octavia, Charlotte, Elliott, Eloise and Ashton to Te Miro School. We hope you've all settled in nicely and are enjoying being part of our wonderful community all ready.

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## Meet the Teachers

This year Meet the Teachers will be done via Zoom meetings. You will be sent a link to join the meeting. If you can't make it, the meeting will be recorded so you can watch it at a later date.

3.30pm 28th Feb - Rimu - Annie Gould

3.30pm 1st March Rata - Fiona and Kowhai - Jen.

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## 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 subsidises lessons by paying for term 2.

Lessons started this week and it was a great day to have them outdoors.

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## Swimming lessons

Swimming lessons are held every day. The children will be receiving a set of 10 formal lessons (a whole terms worth). Attendance is essential for them to complete the 10 lessons.

## Ngāhere/Bush Class

The kaitiaki (caretakers) of our trapping round in the Hall's bush this are years 5 and 6. They will be venturing off on the same afternoons that the year 7 & 8's go to tech. From week 6 the rest of the school will resume their visits to the bush on Friday's.

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## New entrants visits and information morning

New entrants visits will take place every Wednesday 9.30am - 12.30pm.

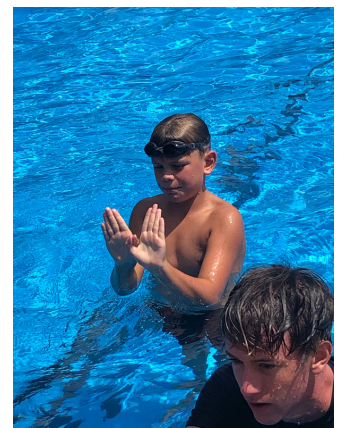
We will be holding an information morning for all those with children looking at starting throughout the year, 9am, 28th February. Please let us know if you'll be joining us.

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## Playgroup

Te Miro Playgroup is now operating 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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Swimming lessons



# Information

## PTA Group Centenary merchandise for sale

This year the PTA are arranging a fundraising horse trek to be held on Saturday March 5th. If you are a rider and would like to attend, please see all of the relevant information in the below image. If you know anyone that might be interested in attending, please let them know so they can register.



## Better Start

Rata teacher Fiona Ruthven will be implementing the "Better Start - literacy approach".

This is a wonderful opportunity for Rata to participate in a ministry literacy initiative.

Continuing our journey in structured literacy.

For more information head over to their website:  
<https://www.betterstartapproach.com/>

## Open Door Policy

If you or anybody to know are looking at coming to Te Miro School come and see us! You're welcome anytime. Or, 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.

## Life Skills

A counselling free service for children here in Cambridge

If you feel that your child or a child you know needs someone to talk with, then let us know so we can make a referral or contact them directly. Cambridge is so lucky to have this not for profit service. Aroha nui.

<https://www.cambridgelifeskills.co.nz/>



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



# Community Noticeboard



THE NEW SEASON IS GETTING UNDERWAY!

## CAMBRIDGE BMX CLUB

NEW RIDERS - COME ALONG AND TRY BMX, LEARN BIKE SKILLS AND HAVE SOME FUN. FREE INTRODUCTION SESSIONS BRING A BIKE AND HELMET WEAR LONG SLEEVES, LONG PANTS, COVERED SHOES AND GLOVES

THURSDAYS  
4:30 - 5:30PM

CLUB NIGHT RACING  
THURSDAY  
SIGN IN 5:30, RACING AT 6:00

SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES!  
HIRE BIKES AVAILABLE (LEVEL1)  
FOR MORE INFORMATION FIND US ON  



## CAMBRIDGE JUNIOR CRICKET

**FRIDAY NIGHTS**  
Starting 18<sup>th</sup> February @ 5:30pm  
Years 0 to 5  
Fun, action packed cricket for all abilities. All players learn to bat, bowl & field. All gear provided. Great fun for the whole family!

**SATURDAY MORNINGS**  
Starting 19<sup>th</sup> February @ 9:00am  
Years 5 to 8  
Junior Cricket against teams from across the Waikato

**REGISTER NOW!**  
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