## Te Miro School Panui

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### 26th Here-turi-kōkā 2022

26th August 2022

13 Tekau mā toru





## **DIARY DATES**

**Wednesday 31st August 6pm** - School Community Consultation (Come along, mix and mingle and have your say)

**Friday 2nd September** - Kapa Haka Festival (for Kapahaka group)

Monday 5th September 6pm - BOT meeting Wednesday 7th September - School Speech finals (Te Miro Hall 1:15 pm)

**Wednesday 7th September** - BOT Election day closes at 4pm

**Thursday 8th September** - PTA Meeting 3:15 pm **Friday 9th September** - Rural Schools Cross Country at Kapapiro (whole school)

Monday 12th September - GymSports Competition Thursday 13th September - Rotary Speech Contest 6 pm (for the winner of our school competition at Cambridge East School)

**Thursday 15th September** - Te Ohu Kaiaarahi o te Kapua Iti

**Saturday 17th September** - Soaked in Adventure Race (PTA fundraiser event - help needed)

Friday 23rd September - School finishes early 12:00 pm Saturday 24th September - Agricultural Day

Monday 26th - Friday 30th September - Book Week Friday 30th September - Term 3 finishes

TBC - School disco next term

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.

Having been able to spend some much-appreciated quality time with colleagues over the last few weeks, I am appreciating the wonderful learning space we have here at Te Miro. With an overwhelming response of nominees for our new Board, I am sure all of you realise it too.

A number of events that have needed to be cancelled due to COVID over the past two years will be making welcome returns. These include sports and cultural events.

For some of you, these events will be a first for your children. Whenever we can, we try to have our tamariki dressed in uniform when representing the school. This is usually a jade coloured polo shirt (which can be purchased from the office) or our limited number of sports shirts that we loan out for the day.

Our Community Consultation evening was an annual event until Covid came, and the outgoing BoT looks forward to hosting you here at school next Wednesday. Come along to celebrate these Dad's who have served 3 years on the Board during some of the most challenging times. They deserve our gratitude and we need to hear your aspirations for the incoming Board to work with. You will be provided with some yummy snacks and drinks, good company and open honest banter.

### **TECH ARTS Year 7 & 8**

ELECTIVES FOR REST OF SCHOOL
Wednesday 31st August
Thursday 8th September
Friday 16th September
Monday 26th September

### News

## Ski Camp

We are so proud of these courageous young ones who persevered and represented our school so well. Ski camp will now be a bi-annual camp for Year 7 & 8's. Great akōnga, great kaitiaki and a great experience for us all.

















# Agricultural Day and Spring Festival 2022

Ag Day will be held on Saturday 24th September.

All competitors have registered and now it's time to prepare for the big day. The PTA will be looking for volunteers for background work and on the day and will be in touch with more information soon.

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

The day will include, coffee, native plants, sausage sizzle, raffles, bake sale, old tractor, pony rides, quad bike sleigh, face painting, music and market stalls. Bring a picnic and picnic rug.

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



### Information and Students Work



### Rata Class

### **Teeth**

Rata Classroom have been learning all about teeth. A few children have missing teeth at the moment. Here is some of their wonderful artwork and writing about their tooth fairies.

















# Trust Waikato Symphony Orchestra Trip

Te Miro students were taken on a musical journey last week at the Trust Waikato Symphony Orchestra Concert "Stories of our place - Ō Tātou Wāhi Mana ā Tātou Kōrero". Highlights were traditional Māori instruments, bird whistles, legends and local history.



## Kapa Haka Festival

A group of students will be representing Te Miro School at the local Kapa Haka Festival at Don Rowlands centre, Karapiro on 2nd September 9.30am - 12pm. Please complete the Skoolloop online permission form by this Friday 26th August if your child is involved.



## **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. 4 to 6 successful students from Kowhai and Rimu and poetry recitals from Kowhai and Rata will present to a community audience including parents 1.15pm onwards, 7th September. The winner will represent the school at the Rotary Speech Competition at Cambridge East Primary Tuesday, 13th September @ 6pm. Parents are welcome to come and watch speeches taking place in classrooms as well as the event on the 7th September in the hall.



### 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.

### **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





### 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 <u>all</u> learners & contributors receive and achieve <u>their</u> 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





Return your voting papers via post or into the lock box in the school office by **4pm, Wednesday 7th** 

**September** 





### 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





## **New Signs**

Our wonderful Jennie has created these beautiful signs for our classrooms. There is one for each room and she is almost done with the last. We are so lucky to have such talented staff.

Miro is the new name for our old school room now being used as a shared community space. If you need somewhere to hold a meeting or a club, give us a call and we will see if it is available.





## **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** 

### **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 Term 4

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.

# Returning to School Following Illness

The Ministry of Health has confirmed that the guidance for returning to schools following vomiting or diarrhoea has not changed. If a child is free of those symptoms for 48 hours, they can attend school again.

- If a child has been unwell with a respiratory illness other than COVID-19, they can return to school 24 hours after they have significantly improved and are behaving/eating normally.
- Following vomiting or diarrhoea, a child should be symptom free for 48 hours before they can return.
- If they still have a runny nose or dry cough without any other symptoms such as a fever, vomiting or diarrhoea, then they are unlikely to be infectious and can be considered well enough to attend school.
- In general, a doctor's certificate or clearance should not have to be provided for a child to go back to school after being unwell.

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# 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

### **Bush Class**

Bush class next Monday. Bring your gumboots and wet weather gear if you have it.



### **Polo Shirt Purchase**

Shirts cost \$35 each. Either pop into the office or email Jennie to place an order office@temiro.school.nz





Saturday 17 September 2022

Enter your awesome team of 2-5 friends, whānau, school or work mates for a fabulous adventure!

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

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The PTA would like to say a MASSIVE thank you to the helpers at the Frazzled Kiwi adventure race on August 14th! It was incredible to see so many families getting out there, enjoying the opportunity to find clues and race against other family teams across beautiful farmland on a stunning winters day. Flo Tonks, Aleesha Winter and Linda Mulvihill, thanks for arriving in the frost and helping with car parking, with over 300 people entered in the race there were a lot of cars to direct! Thanks to Kelly McIntyre for assisting the race organisers with registrations and timing results, a huge job. Thank you to Linda Mulvihill, Byron McIntyre and Judy Norris (Kelly McIntyre's mum) who helped supervise the mystery activities, making it super fun for the racers. Thanks to Luke Campion and Paul Manion who barbequed a tonne of sausages and thank you to Kate Manion (with James and Amelia in tow) who assembled hundreds of sausages in bread for the hungry finishers, serving them at top speed! Thanks to Janie Taylor, Paul Manion and Tracey Campion for helping to sell the sausages and other treats and to Carwyn Mellow, Ryan McIntyre and Tracey Campion for leading the teams of Te Miro kids that participated - we know that Addisyn, Max, Nash, Finn, Tom, Charlie, Rupert, William and Kate all had a blast getting their first taste of adventure racing. It was a mammoth effort by some school families that got in behind this event, helping to raise over \$1600 for our school. We also very much appreciate the behind the scenes jobs from Kate Manion and Kelly McIntyre who chopped piles of onions for the sausage sizzle and Flo Tonks and Rachel Axcell for making delicious brownies that were a huge hit. Lastly, another enormous thanks to Luke and Tracey Campion for letting the race take place on their farm, and doing all of the work that goes into having hundreds of people access your paddocks at a very busy time of year. Without our helpers we would not be able to raise the funds that buy so many things that Ministry of Education funding does not cover.





The Camo Cats Charlie, Rupert, William, Tom and Tracey



Team McHUDOLO

Ryan with Finn, Max and Nash

Carwyn, Francey, Kate, Mackenzie



Linda, Kate, Janie, Paul, Luke and Amelia

### **Oxford Pies**

Aleesha, Flo and Linda.

with parking

braving the cold to help

An amazing effort on our Oxford Pies fundraiser this year - thanks to all of you that bought pies, lamingtons and other goodies - the PTA is now \$770 richer as a result! A huge thank you to Neena Truscott who did an incredible job of managing the orders (creating spreadsheets until her eyes crossed) - thanks so much Neena. Kelly, Janie and Neena packed up the orders with the help of Meeka, Neena's daughter. We'll be back again with this tasty fundraiser next year, thanks again to everyone involved.

### **RAT** kits available

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.

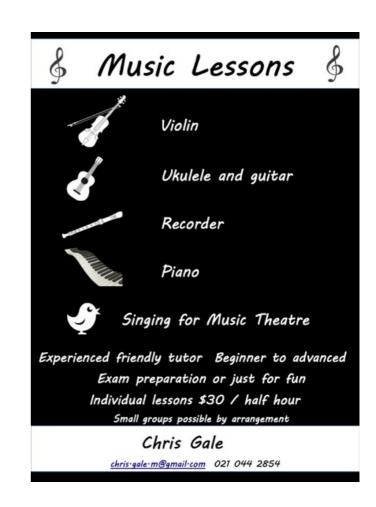
It's a mid-2017 model. The cost is now \$600.

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.

### **Enrolments for 2023**

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**

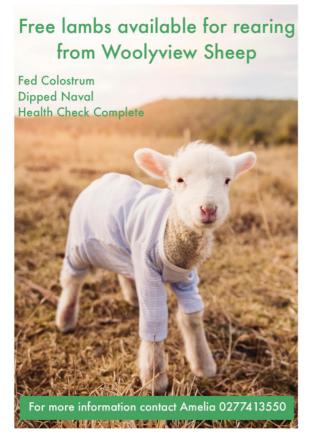
After school care is available. If you'd like to book your child in, please see Jennie in the office. We need to know the Friday prior to the week you require care. However, phone the school if you need to make a last minute booking and we'll see what we can do.



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



## **Community Noticeboard**







### Life Skills

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