Te Miro School Panui

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WE ARE ... CURIOUS CARING CREATIVE AND COURAGEOUS

Te 2 o Pipiri, 2023

Ono



Tech Dates

FOOD TECHNOLOGY: Friday 9th June Wednesday 21st June Friday 30th June

Coming up

Monday 5th June

Monarch's Birthday Public Holiday.

Tumuaki Kōrero

Tēnā koutou katoa, ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa. Greetings parents, whānau, and all members of our school community,

We are now into the second half of the term...hard to believe! With the support of our Enviroschools' facilitator, Alex Daniel, and Caretaker/Parent, Laura Edward, our enviro/Bush studies to do with the 'Living World' are well underway. It's great to be part of this innovative programme with the whole school.

There are so many opportunities and events available to students at Te Miro. I have seen seniors enthusiastically heading to TechArts, the Ahurei leaders' group planning and preparing lunches for fundraising, as well as tie-dying t-shirts and making cupcakes to support antibullying. Many students take advantage of the music lessons that are available at school, and the guitar performances at assembly last week were an absolute pleasure to watch.

Thank-you for supporting your children by attending the parentteacher meetings last week. Staff conscientiously aim to implement the core curricular subjects in a way that is purposeful for students. As competent teachers, I trust their assessments and you can know that any feedback from them is professionally guided. However, we are in partnership with you, as the primary carers, so conversations with you are invaluable for giving us a 'bigger picture'.

Enjoy this last month of term. Keep well.

Ngā mihi nui, Phillippa

Wednesday 7th June

Tree Planting Ceremony

All our new students who have started at Te Miro School within the last 12 months have the opportunity to plant a tree in the school's native area. A reminder to those families involved, please let the school office know what species of tree you will be planting, or if you need a tree to plant, and to also bring something small to contribute to the shared morning tea.

Saturday 10th June

PTA Quiz night More information below.



Monday 12th June BOT Meeting

Friday 16th June

Teacher Only Day School will be closed.

Thursday 29th June Te Ohu Kaiaarahi

Yummy Stickers



This a reminder to bring any yummy stickers into the school office. There is a chart to add to on the school notice board and new charts are available from the office. We have terms 2 and 3 to collect as many as we can for new sports gear for the school!

Please head over to the Skoolloop app to let us know if you can help with transport to and from Cambridge Middle School. We need one 5 seater car to take students to the event and two cars that can fit 4 & 5 children to bring them back.

Friday 30th June

Last day of term 2

Pyjama Day + Bush + TechArts

Get excited because on the last day of Term 2, Pyjama Day is back! Let's work together to raise funds for families with a child in hospital, by heading out in the morning, dressed for bed. Wear your pyjamas to school and bring a gold coin donation. **PLEASE NOTE** this is also a BUSH day and Tech Arts, so please bring clothing and footwear for these.

EVERY FRIDAY

Bush Class

Bush class will be held EVERY Friday, weather permitting. Please remind your children to come along with warm clothing and their gumboots or sensible covered shoes. ANY SPARE children's gumboots or closed-in shoes no longer in use we'd be happy to have. Thank-you.

All dates mentioned above are on the school website google calendar



Highlights

The years 7 & 8 had a fantastic experience at National Young Leaders Day held at the Claudelands Arena, Tuesday 16th May. This was an opportunity for the students to listen to some inspirational speakers who promoted positivity, motivation, and empowerment, to name a few key topics. For example, Brad Smeele – Former Pro Wakeboarder / Quadriplegic / Communicator inspires people worldwide with his tenacity to not only regain movement but also to live a full and action-packed life, despite his debilitating injury. Brad inspires people of all ages through his story of resilience and how he found happiness after his life-changing injury. This was a fantastic experience for our senior students. Thanks to parents who helped with transport and on the day. We really appreciate you.







Pink Shirt Day

Te Miro School was a sea of pink/red on Friday 19th May. On Thursday, the seniors organised tie-dying 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.



Bush and Enviro Schools

Each Friday the school goes down to the bush class. In week 2 of this term students made Mandalas with foraged items that they were going to revisit the following week to note changes. Unfortunately, they had to wait an extra week – high rain had made access to the bush unsafe for a time, so instead, in week 3, students undertook a Leaf Litter search around the school to observe decomposition in nature. The following week they got back to the bush and noted the variety of change – some mandalas had disappeared while others were still intact. We discussed Natural Cycles – that there is no waste in nature- and then searched for plant cycles (seeds, seedlings, tree, and decomposing leaves), followed by an epic fungi hunt! The Enviro group then headed back up to the smaller school bush area to set up their tradescantia eradication experiment. Practising Kaitiakitanga, they are looking at the best way to care for the bush and remove pest plants. This week they marked off two squares – one covered by black plastic and one introduced with Tradescantia yellow spot leaf fungus, a biocontrol agent that they heard about from mahi at other Enviroschools. These are the 'slow' methods they are investigating and next week the 'fast methods' of hand-pulling the weed, and introducing chickens, will get underway. While tackling an environmental issue students are learning about the scientific method – starting with a question, creating a hypothesis and undertaking an experiment.



Information



PTA - Quiz night

Te Miro School is holding an annual Quiz and Auction night on June 10, 2023. This will bring in 120 participants to enjoy a quiz, drinks, dinner and auction afterwards. This year's auction proceeds will raise funds to support Te Miro School and Te Miro Settler's Hall in their strategic goals.

Te Miro Settler's Hall needs to upgrade the bathroom facilities to make the place accessible and modern for overnight stays. Te Miro School's long term strategic goal is to enrich their innovative teaching and learning programmes by embedding and growing the rich local curriculum and creating a local historical resource.

To reach our goal we are asking all families from Te Miro School to source an auction item. This can range from asking your local suppliers, businesses, family and friends for in-kind donations - goods, services, time or expertise.

- Business suppliers (processing, farm supplies, landscape supplies, contracting)
- Local businesses (e.g. sporting items, gift vouchers, beauty products)
- Local businesses to offer up services (photographer, handyman)
- Family and friends if they have time, expertise or experiences they could donate (bach, fishing trip, hunting trip)

Any item is worthy of being in our auction, no matter the value or size. Smaller less valuable items can be made in gift hampers (such as a basket of beauty items, a hamper of party treats etc).

Dinner, drink and ticket \$30/pp Tables of 8

Thank you for your support and generosity; and don't forget to save the date!

For any queries please contact Luke Campion (hopehillfarm@hotmail.com).

Playgroup

Te Miro Playgroup is attended once a week, on Wednesdays 9 am - 1 pm 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. https://www.facebook.com/TeMiroPlaygroup



PTA - First Aid Course

Te Miro School PTA is holding First Aid Courses on June 7th & 8th from 9 am - 1 pm.

Courses are held in the Te Miro Settler's Hall, and run by Kim Timms. The program is 4 hours long and covers essential first aid & first responder topics. Tea/coffee & morning tea provided.

Courses are \$130(+GST) per participant. First Aid Kits are available to pre-purchase (\$50). Limited spaces on each session.

If anyone would like to book a place on the course or order a first aid kit this can be done via the school website.





Newsletters

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

WANTED Parents to train as Ag Day Judges

Going forward, we will be required to supply trained Ag Day judges for our regional schools Ag Day events. If you're serious about your child spending the time caring and training an animal and participating in Ag Day, we'd like you to consider training as a judge.

The commitment would be attending a training session along with 2 or 3 mornings judging per year.

So if you have a younger child and will be involved in Ag Days for the next few years, please consider this opportunity. It's a great way of gaining more knowledge and helping your own child knowing what to do with their animal.

Let's keep this really enjoyable time with our children going!

For more information, please contact Andrea 027 452 1937 bruntwood4@xtra.co.nz

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

Assemblies

We invite parents to come along to our formal assemblies. The next one is **Friday 23rd June 2.15pm.** At these assemblies, we will endeavour to share some of our learning from each class and present any certificates that might need to be presented.

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. Make sure you subscribe to your child/ren's classroom under "settings".



Before School

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 Monday to Thursday. If you'd like to book your child in, please see Jennie in the office. Ideally, 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. Meeka is our lovely carer who is always happy to have more children.

Information



Birthdays

A big happy birthday to the following students who have their birthdays in the month of May and June. Imogen, Malachy, Emilee, Emogen, Evie McP, William, Amelie and Philip.

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 sign up for next year.



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. This year we have separated out the cost of transport to various events throughout the year. This cost of \$25 has been added to your account.

FREE LIGHTBULBS



We still have lightbulbs that we'd love you to have.

Parents, please collect bulbs from the school office.

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 Acting Principal Phillippa Bourke at principal@temiro.school.nz or phone 0273645816.

Polo Shirt and hat Purchase

Te Miro School shirts cost \$35 each and hats are \$25 each. Either pop into the office or email Jennie to place an order office@temiro.school.nz





Parent help request

Thank you to those parents who have already been in to help some of our children with their reading. We value the support of our community, parents, grandparents and others. Simply put your name on the form on the office noticeboard.

Please get in touch with Kate Manion k.beeby@hotmail.com if you can help out in the library on Fridays. Or, add your name to the roster also on the office noticeboard.

Office Hours

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

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



Te Rekamauroa - Learn Te Reo Māori

Are you interested in learning Te Reo Māori, about tikanga and te ao Māori in a supportive environment? If this cost you nothing and allowed a \$500 student support payment to be made to Te Miro School for each term/level you completed (graduated), would you give it a go?

You can choose to start anywhere from level 1 (no previous experience/knowledge) through to level 7. I've (Ricci) just completed Level 3 and very much enjoyed the combination of online learning in Zoom as well as two face-to-face sessions. Most classes are from 6:30-8:30 pm on Tuesday evenings with a couple of 6-hour sessions on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays.

The kaiako/tutors are warm, knowledgeable and welcoming and I very much enjoyed meeting other participants from around the Waikato area.

Imagine how much money we could make for our school (at no financial cost - only time), while also educating ourselves! I'm signing up for Level 4 in Term 2. If you'd like to know more, you're welcome to contact me. Ricci 022 672 8125. More information https://tupuora.co.nz/





Edventure Young Explorers Camp Mon 10th - Thu 13th July (2nd week of the holidays)

We have an amazing week lined up with bush walks, archery, air rifle, rock climbing, fire building and cooking, hut building, tenting (optional), orienteering, team building and confidence activities, & night activities. Based at Aongatete Lodge- near Katikati, BOP

Check out the NEW: <u>Edventure Tauranga Facebook Page</u>; or e-mail: <u>todd@edventure.co.nz</u> for more information.



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



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