

Tumuaki Korero

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

With this windy and rainy start to the year, we are all doing our best to be upbeat and carry on as usual. Please continue to send your tamariki to school with their swimming gear as we will try each day to run our swimming programme, no matter the weather. Please see a list of events coming up below.

Ngaa mihi nui, Michaela

Mihi Whakatau

We would like to welcome our new akonga (learners) and their whanau formerly to our school. The Mihi whakatau is a traditional Māori welcome ceremony. The purpose of the Mihi whakatau is for Manuhiri (new students or family) and the Tangata Whenua (Te Miro School Community) coming together. Thank you for joining us here today for this lovely event that our sudents managed beautifully.

Waitangi Day

School will be closed **Monday 6th February** for Waitangi Day.

Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons start for years 4-8 from **Tuesday 7th February**. If you are having lessons, this is a reminder to bring your guitars and music books. This year lessons are optional but are still held during school hours and organised through Crystal. Contact details below.

Community BBQ

We look forward to seeing everyone at our community BBQ Thursday 9th March from 5pm (weather dependent). Come along and enjoy this informal get together. The pool will be open for swimming too! More details to come.

Coming up continued

BOT Meeting

The next BOT meeting will be held **Monday 13th February 6 pm** at the school. Anyone is able to attend a Board meeting without speaking rights.

Year 4-8 Camp

In week 3 our year 4-8 students will be attending camp in Pirongia from **15 - 17th February**. Students received a paper copy of the gear list and the information about the camp and a digital copy has been sent out too.

PLEASE HEAD OVER TO SKOOLLOOP TO GIVE PERMISSION FOR YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND before Tuesday 8th February. Please donate any excess food you might have like, fruit, vegetables etc.

Teddy Bears Picnic

On **Wednesday 15th February**, years 1 to 3 will also be doing something special with their Teddy Bears Picnic. We had to cancel this last year due to either so let's hope summer will have arrived by then.

Rata Class Parent Information Meeting

We would like to share with our Rata families what we are doing and how you can support your child. These will be held in week 4 on **Tuesday 21st February at 3 pm and 5.30 pm**. Please pop over to the **SKOOLLOOP** app to select the time that suits you best.

Rimu and Kowhai Goal Setting Meetings

Rimu and Kowhai will have individual parent and teacher meetings (students are encouraged to attend too) on **Tuesday** 21st and Wednesday 22nd February 3.15- 5.45 pm. Please pop over to the SKOOLLOOP app to book your time.

ERO Visit

ERO is the Education Review Office. Our evaluative partner, Lee Marchioni, will be coming to our school on **Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd of February.** She would love to meet as many parents as she can on Wednesday afternoon. Lee is spending two days with us and would like to observe as much of the natural and normal daily routine as possible. Lee has been working with us behind the scenes on compliance and strategic direction. If you would like to be a part of a small group of parents that she could speak with, please let the office know and we will let you know a time and place that this will take place.

Summer Celebration

Friday, 3rd March from 12.30pm. Our summer celebration is also our school swimming sports. Our older students get to have swimming races and show you how they have improved. Our junior students will show you how amazing they are in the pool. Parents and whanau are encouraged to come along to watch and participate in swimming races with the students.

Rural Schools Tryathlon at Te Miro School

Friday, 24th March (date to be confirmed). Te Miro School will be hosting the rural Schools Tryathlon for the Cambridge Rural Schools. We will need all hands on deck for the day so we can run an exceptional event for our fellow schools. It has been a few years since we ran the last one here and we are all very keen to see this become an annual event again.

Information

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.

Assemblies

School formal assemblies that we invite parents to come and be a part of will be on **Friday 10th of March and Thursday 6th April**. 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.

Newsletters

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

Tech Art Dates

VISUAL ART: Suzy Reid Friday 10th February Tuesday 21st February Thursday 2nd March Monday 13th March Wednesday 22nd March Friday 31st March Monday 1st May Wednesday 10th May



Te Miro Schools Mihi Whakatau today.



Nau mai, haere mai to all new families.



Haka.

Website google calendar

All dates mentioned above are on the school website google calendar

AgriKids Club

Running alongside FMG Young Farmer of the Year, the AgriKidsNZ Competition is for primary school students with the aim to excite children about the food and fibre sector while having some fun with friends. Te Miro School will start an AgriKids club and students aged between 8-13 years are invited to be a member. Fun activities will take place one lunch time per week during the months of February and March. If your child would like to join the club, then please fill out the google document by **February 7th**. Form: <u>AgriKids Club</u>

There is an upcoming contest series taking place around the country over the next few months. Luckily for us the Waikato/BOP Regional competition day is in Morrinsville at the A&P Show on **Saturday 4th March 2023**. Students enter in teams of three and require a parent supervisor for the morning/day. Entry is free and each participant and supporting adult will receive a free ticket to the A&P show. If your child would like to enter this contest please indicate this on the google document. To find out more information please visit the website, or view videos from the archives - Facebook or youtube.

Information

PTA Meetings

PTA meetings will be held **3.30pm Thursdays every 2nd and 6th week of every term** in the Miro room.

Firewood Fundraiser

Hopehill Farm has pine logs for a firewood fundraiser. The logs need to be ringed, then split soon. Then in the autumn cubes of firewood will be advertised and sold. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be earmarked for future school camps. Splitting will take place on **Sunday 26th February**. If you can help please contact Luke Campion (0272456320) for more details.

New entrant visits for term 2 2023

New entrant visits for children starting in term 2 start **Wednesday 15th March 9am - 12.30pm**. Please bring a hat and morning tea.

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

Guitar lessons



Our fabulous guitar teacher Crystal is now taking bookings for guitar lessons at school (during school hours) for 2023. Please phone Crystal 027 281 3956.

Hay Pick Up



The Pool Committee is the group that maintains our beautiful school pool complex and there are many costs they have to cover throughout the year including pool chemicals, running and repairing the pumps, regularly repainting the pools and maintaining the infrastructure like the sheds, fences and the electronic gate.

One of the main ways they raise funds is by picking up hay bales over the summer. They're always looking for volunteers to join the group, so if you like the sound of meeting some locals, seeing beautiful parts of Te Miro farmland, and getting hot and sweaty every so often to help raise money for this amazing community asset, the Pool Committee want to hear from you! If you're interested in being added to the list of volunteers for hay pick-ups, please text Carwyn Mellow on 021 484 225.

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. 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. Meeka is our lovely carer who is always happy to have more children.

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.

Information



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. Next year we will be separating out the cost of transport to various event throughout the year. This cost will be \$25 and will be added to your account.

FREE LIGHTBULBS



PLEASE COME AND COLLECT YOUR SHARE OF THESE ENERGY-EFFICIENT LIGHT BULBS FROM SCHOOL. WE WANT TO GIVE THEM AWAY

Parents please collect bulbs from the school office.

Hats - change to wide brimmed hats only!!!

HATS **must** be worn for terms 1 and 4. Next year, we will be expecting everyone to have a wide-brimmed hat. If you want to buy one of our school hats, please order now so we can get them in over the holidays

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





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".

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

Noho ora mai.

Annie, Fiona, Jen, Claire, Jennie, Kim, Laura and Michaela



Community Notices





Cricket

Friday night cricket in Cambridge started 4th November.

Years 0-2 Fun skills based sessions 5.30pm - 6.15pm. This is a great introduction to cricket.

Years 3-4 Introduction to games $5.30\,\mathrm{pm}$ - $7.30\,\mathrm{pm}$ played with plastic equipment.

Years 4-5 Friday night cricket. Transition to Saturday cricket formats - batting pads, gloves and helmets.

Years 5-8 SISTA smash. Modified games for girls, using a softball.

If you're interested please head over to this link to register: Register for cricket

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/



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