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Kimi Ora School

November, Term 4, 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER

Teacher Strike (all sites closed)

Friday the 16th of November

Kimi Ora School Quiz Night

Friday the 23rd of November @7pm @
the Berhampore Golf Club

End of year date

Thursday 20th December @ 3pm

2019 Dates

Term One 2019:

Monday 4 February - Friday 12 April

Term Two 2019:

Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July

Term Three 2019:

Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September

Term Four 2019:

Monday 14 October - Wednesday 18
December



Welcome to Term 4....Where has the year gone?!

Kia ora koutou to all our families and friends. We cannot believe it is Term 4 already, the weather is getting better (kind of) and we are already getting that Christmasy feeling around Kimi Ora!

This term all our students are focussed on the topic of: The Rocky Shore. Wonderful experiences are happening around the school such as sensory stories around the Rocky Shore and touching and smelling items that are related to it. Students are studying the different organisms found around the Rocky Shore. Some classes are planning beach trips and museum visits.

Our Key Competency focus for this term is 'Thinking'. We are focussing on Geometry and Measurement in Maths and Speaking, Writing and Presenting in Literacy.



The great Kimi Ora School Quiz night!

For those of you who have been to a Kimi quiz before you will know it is an event you do not want to miss! This year quiz night is on Friday the 23rd of November at 7pm @ the Berhampore Golf Club. There are some amazing prizes that have been generously donated including amazing hampers, restaurant, bar, cafe and clothing vouchers and brand new bikes! These are just to name a few! You've gotta be in to win, there are still some tables available so if you are keen please email Jess on: jessh@kimiora.school.nz.

Camp 2019

Excitement is building already for Camp 2019, many of our students are coming in to school most days and asking if it is camp day already! Camp is from Tuesday the 8th to Friday the 12th of March 2019 for our students from Year 11 and above. More information will be sent home about camp at the start of the next school term. In the meantime we wanted to let our families know about camp payments. We ask our families for 4 carer support days or the equivalent value in payment. Payment is voluntary and we appreciate that some families may be unable to bear this cost, however all our fundraising efforts and grant applications ensure all our students get to camp. If you have any questions about camp or would like to chat about how it can work best for your child then please do not hesitate to contact Jess at base or on jessh@kimiora.school.nz. If you would like to discuss payments etc then you can give Jo a call in the office at base.

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2019 Public Holidays

- *Waitangi Day – Wednesday 6 February*
- *Good Friday – 19 April (during school holidays)*
- *Easter Monday – 22 April (during school holidays)*
- *Easter Tuesday – 23 April (during school holidays)*
- *Anzac Day – Thursday 25 April (during school holidays)*
- *Queen's Birthday – Monday 3 June*
- *Labour Day – Monday, 28 October*

Kimi Ora School Parent/Caregiver meet up in the Hutt

Michelle Pram (Adam's mum) and Emily Barnes (Aerin's mum) thought it would be nice to try and meet some of the other Kimi Ora parents/caregivers etc over a coffee one morning during the week for those that are able to.

They plan to meet somewhere in the Hutt and anyone who would like to join is more than welcome.

They are wanting to gauge interest and then can progress from there.

If you would like to email Michelle on: michellep.mail@gmail.com

Education Conversation - We need your thoughts and ideas!

Did you know - The New Zealand education system is undergoing the biggest shakeup since 1947. You can help shape the future of education.

The Honourable Chris Hipkins the Minister of Education is a Wellington local and the member for Upper Hutt. The Honourable Tracey Martin is the Associate Minister of Education and has the portfolios of disability and of children. Both of these Ministers are committed to change and improvement in education. They are listening to what people say. They particularly want to hear from families, from educators and from young people.

We need to let those making the decisions know what matters in our student's education. What Kimi Ora Students need to learn, why Kimi Ora works for your child and how their education may lead to their successes. We need to tell them what our students need and what the future students of Kimi Ora need - what is inclusivity in our world?!

There are three key questions:

1. If you were the boss of education in NZ, what would you do first?
2. Students are successful when....
3. What do students need so they can learn?

We would really appreciate getting a voice from our parents, caregivers, whānau and those involved with your child. We have attached a form that you can fill out and return to school. If this does not work for you, and it is easier to talk over the phone, or you would like an online form to fill out could you please let Jess know on: jessh@kimiora.school.nz or call her at base 5675834. We will collate all your thoughts and ideas and make a submission.

Kia Ora and Ka Kite!

Welcome to Dallin and his whanau! Dallin turned 5 years old and joined our Pomare satellite team at the end of Term Three. We are so happy to have you at Kimi Ora Dallin - you are doing so well in your first few weeks at school!



A big Welcome to Trishna, who is working as a Teacher Aide at our Pomare satellite.

Another big Welcome to Julie McCann who has joined the Naenae teaching team and is relieving throughout the three Lower Hutt sites. Julie joins us from Tawa school and has a lot of experience and passion in teaching students with special needs. Also, welcome to Nick Lord who has joined the Naenae team as our new Physiotherapist. Nick has a lot of experience working with awesome students such as ours. Some of you may have already met him as he has come from Wellington Hospital Paeds ICU team.

Ka Kite to Lola, who has left Kimi Ora after many years of teacher aiding, starting as a reliever back in the day and working permanently three days a week over the last couple of years. Lola's sunny disposition, fantastic sense of humor and sense of fun will be sorely missed by students and staff alike. Lola is making the move back to her papa kāinga (home land,) of Ōtautahi (Christchurch.)

Congratulations!

To the following students for their hard work and perseverance at school so far this term!



Marie for fabulous vocalising using Intensive Interaction.



Mitchell for engagement and awesome dancing at Laughalots.



Malaya for consistently using a nod of her head to say 'Yes.'



Ya for sustained attention on her individual workbox and consistent use of her 'first and then' prompts.



Keelan for amazing communication using her PODD to discuss personal cares and make decisions about herself.



Vinny for sitting at his workstation to focus and sustain his attention in reading not just one, but two books in a row from start to finish



Reuben for brilliant physical work and consistent and clear communication.



Tane for independently front floating holding a aqua dumb bell with arms



Lily for amazing self regulation with changes in timetable and sessions for

Zaxton for concentration, maturity and confidence at Pak n Save on a busy rainy day

Teacher Strike - Friday November the 16th

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The NZEI has advised the Kimi Ora School Board of Trustees that the principal and teachers at our school will be taking strike action from 7am to 7pm on Friday the 16th of November.



We are mindful of the pressure any industrial action puts on families, however after careful consideration The Board has decided that we can't provide the normal teaching services during the strike, nor can we safely supervise the children. Accordingly, the school will be closed on Friday the 16th of November. You will need to make alternative arrangements for the care of your child or children on the day of the strike.

As a Board, we support the Teachers' calls for better support for children with additional learning needs, more Teachers, and improved salaries to ensure that great people continue to want to be teachers, and remain in the teaching profession.

Thank you for your understanding. Please contact me if you have any queries relating to this decision.

Yours sincerely,

Philippa Wood
Chair, on behalf of the Kimi Ora School Board of Trustees

New Bike Track at Evans Bay Intermediate

Evans Bay Intermediate now have a bike track in their grounds. Kimi Ora students and staff were invited to the opening ceremony with speeches and cutting of the ribbon. They then had representatives from the staff, council, students and Kimi Ora to open the track with an inaugural ride around the track.

A group of five Kimi Ora students took off and enjoyed being the first to bike, scoot, and walk around the track. The track is a fantastic asset for Kimi Ora to use for biking, scooting, walking in walkers and without to build fitness. It is open to the public to use after school and in the weekends so feel free to come down and try it yourself!



Board Talk

Board meetings were held on 11 September, at Evans Bay site and 30 October at Naenae Base at 6.30pm.

Current board membership is Karina Best, Peter McDermott, Lynn Andrews, Richard Michael, Philippa Wood, Shirley Jones (Principal), and Dave Speden (Staff representative). Jo Walker is Board Secretary. There will be Board elections next year. The Board has just lost a board member, Lina Stowers due to a conflict of interest. We have really appreciated Lina's contribution over the past two years.

While it is now old news, we would like to congratulate Sue Irwin on her promotion to Deputy Principal.

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Our school received an excellent review in August which is on our website. It is a reflection of the extraordinary dedication of our staff. We met the ERO standard of being culturally response which is something all staff work towards and will continue to do so.

Business

- Our student roll is now at 71 over the four sites; Naenae, Evan's Bay, Pomare and Manaaki Ability Trust. Feedback from the Pomare school and the CEO of Manaaki has been very positive about the establishment of these new classrooms and the relationship that is being built with Kimi Ora staff.
- We are about to sign a three year memorandum of understanding with Manaaki which will enable a pathway for our senior students from NaeNae base school. In future, if transport could be arranged senior students from Evans Bay could attend as well.
- The new classroom at NaeNae is completed and a shade shelter has been built and electronic whiteboard installed.
- Our budget is on track for they year and last year's accounts are with the auditors, with all requested additional information provided.

- Novopay, which through the years has created many a headline have now asked for our administration staff to be involving in trialling new developments. This is important because our accounting system is more complicated than most schools with the employment of therapists.

Transport

We have had continuing issues with the provision of transport for our students. Emails, meetings, phone conversations are ongoing and require great perseverance from members of the school leadership team.

We had a visit from the Disability Rights Commissioner, Paula Tesoriero (who was Acting Human Rights Commissioner at the time) and Shirley and I discussed with her how important transport was for access to education. Going forward it will be this issue of access that the Board will focus on.

We (both school management and the Board) will continue to address this issue using a range of strategies.

Camp 2019 for Senior Students

Every two years a school camp is held for senior students. Health and safety protocols are detailed with on-site visits to El Rancho by Jess Hall (Deputy Principal). Jess will be presenting to the February board meeting next year on these.

Raising funds for Camp is underway. Donations have been coming in. We received \$2000.00 from St Johns Op Shop in Karori and \$1000.00 for swimming nappies.

Quiz night, always a successful fundraising event, is coming up on the 23rd November.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is on the 20th November 2018 at the Evan's Bay site. You are welcome to attend.

The Board is responsible for school governance and the Principal for school management. If you have any issues you think are governance issues, contact Shirley or myself, pwood.nz@gmail.com or 021 1655329.

Nga Mihi,
Philippa

Education Conversation

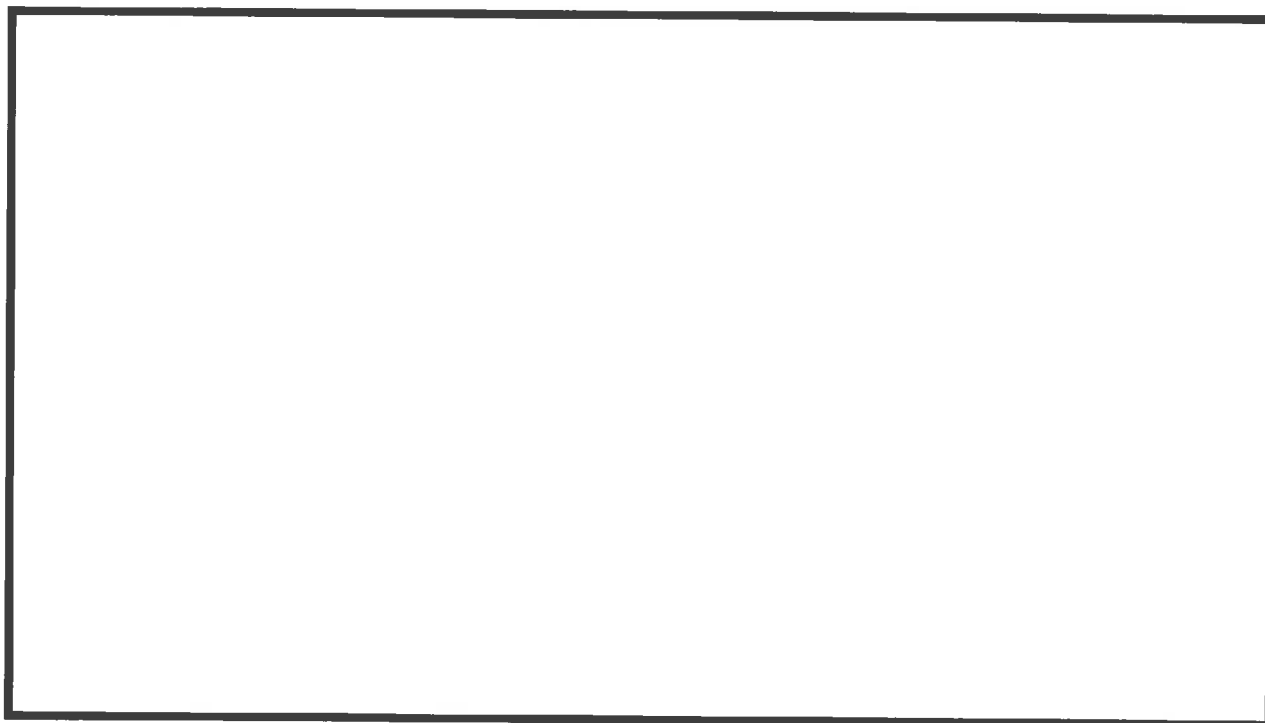
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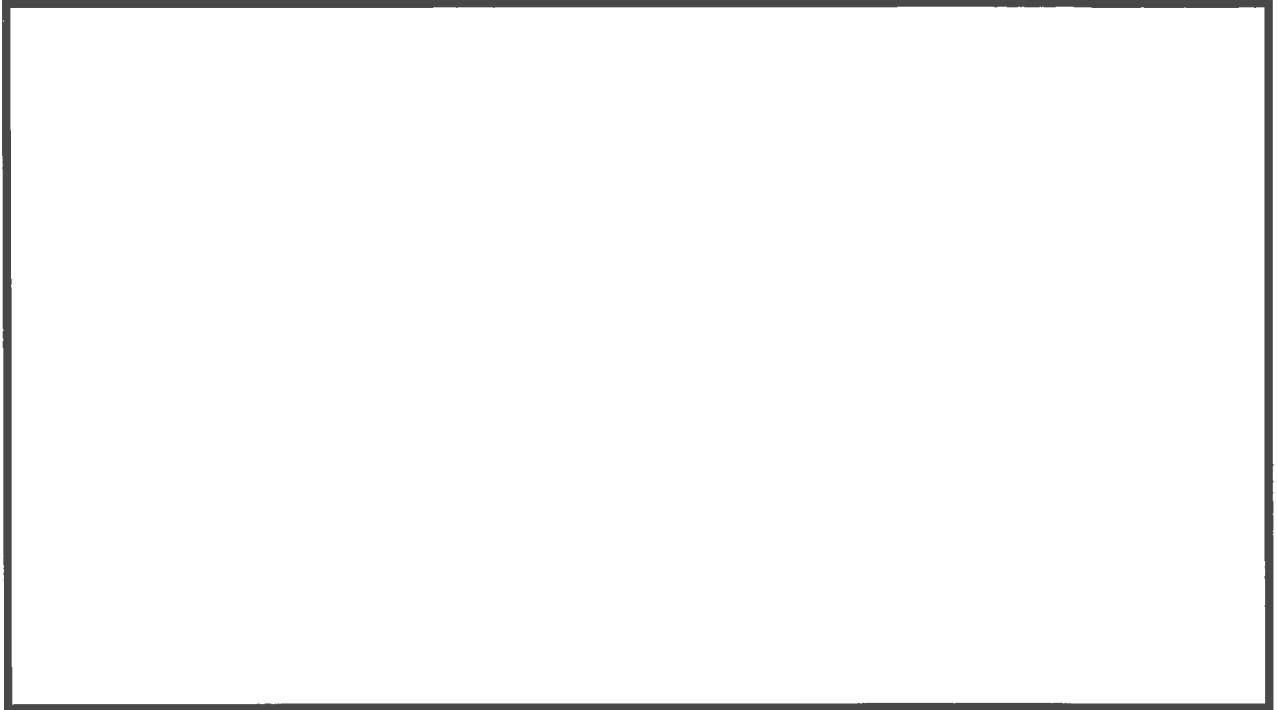
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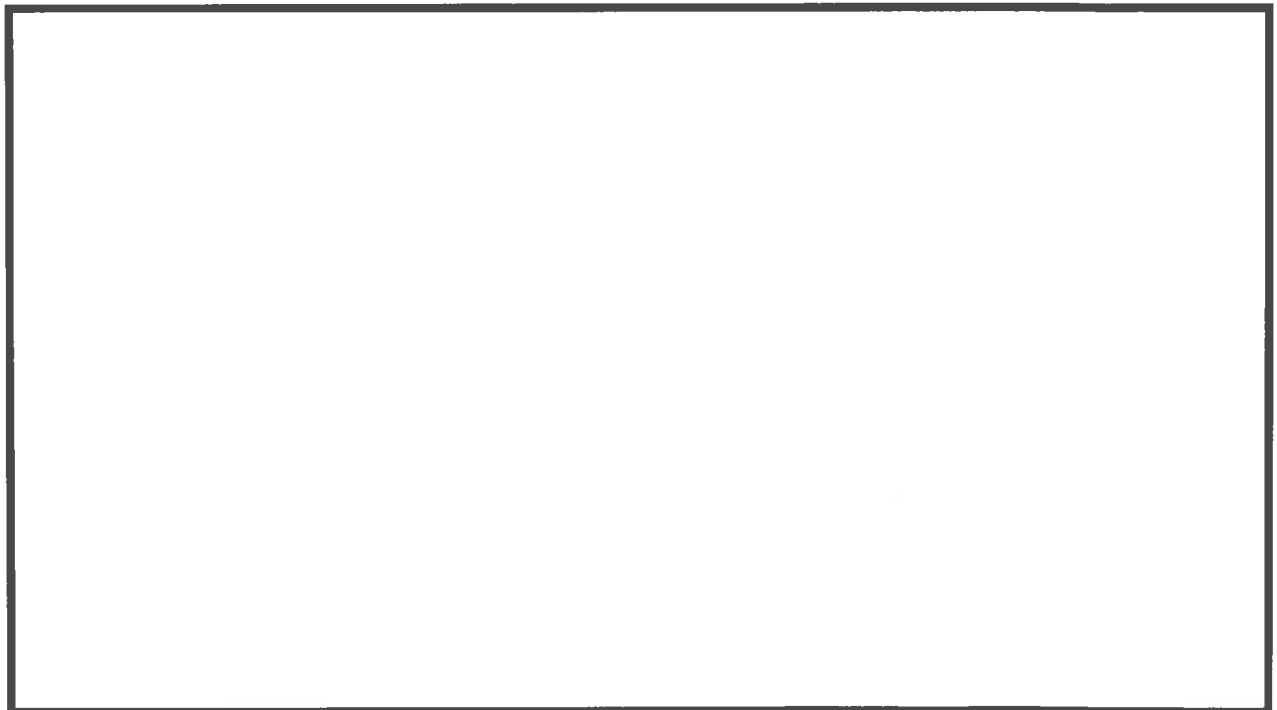
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3. *What do students need so that they can learn?*

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