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# Kimi Ora School

Term 1, Week 7, 2019

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### 2019 School Terms

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

### 2019 Public Holidays

Queen's Birthday – Monday 3 June

Labour Day – Monday, 28 October

### Cool shoes bro!

Greg from Orthotics told us about these awesome, reasonably priced shoes that are awesome for AFO's - They ship to NZ! Check them out here: <https://billyfootwear.com>

## Kia ora koutou katoa,

What amazing weather we are having this week! It is lovely to get out to all our sites and see the students enjoying the last of these summer days - Long may it continue!

Before we get into all the highlights of camp, we would like to acknowledge what is on everybody's minds at the moment - the tragic events that unfolded in Christchurch last Friday the 15th of March. Our hearts are with all of the muslim community at the moment, in the words of our country's leader 'This is not us.' We would especially like to extend our love and appreciation to our amazing Muslim staff and students. We love you all and are very thankful to have you all as a part of the big Kimi whanau. We would like to share the words of Philippa Wood, our BOT chairperson, who posted this on our Facebook page after the terrible events had unfolded:

*' Tonight I am thinking of our amazing school community with all its diversity and the compassion, integrity and sheer commitment that takes our students and us as parents and caregivers forward. To see community's in christchurch torn apart brutally is heartbreaking. And is as Jacinda says..not who we are. My thoughts are with our Muslim families including our staff. I hope all your loved ones are safe.'*

Today we are participating in the nationwide 'Show your Colour' day to raise money to send to those affected by this event. Students and staff are wearing bright colours and are donating money. We will also be having a minute of silence at 1:32pm to acknowledge the lives lost and those still fighting for their lives in hospital.



Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti  
aroha o tātou mahi

Let the uniqueness of the child  
guide our work

He aroha whakato,  
he aroha puta mai.  
If kindness is sown  
then kindness you shall receive.

# Camp 2019

We cannot believe it has been two weeks since we got back from camp.

Camp was an amazing time, students made the most of their week and enjoyed all the activities they did. We had beautiful weather, apart from a very wet pack up on the last day - perfectly timed though!

Thank you to all the amazing staff that took part in camp this year. Without the tireless efforts of our teachers, teacher aides, interns, physio therapists, occupational therapists and speech and language therapists, camp would not have been the success it was.

Also a huge thanks to the amazing team back at Base, Evans Bay and Pomare who kept the good ship Kimi running for the students who were back at school.

Thank you also for all our parents and caregivers for entrusting us with your amazing tamariki. We know for some of you this was the first time you may have been apart from your child and you were probably quite anxious - we were honoured to take them all to camp. We hope camp gave you some time to yourself and a bit of a break, it was lovely to see some of you there but equally lovely to know that you were having some time to yourself!

Our staff get the opportunity to form relationships and bonds with students that they are unable to do in a school setting. This then aid's the work our staff do with your children back at school.

Lastly we would like to thank the amazing sponsors who supported our camp quiz night and helped us get there. We would also like to acknowledge the grants we received from the Lion Foundation and the Pelorus trust. Also, thanks to Philippa for her wonderful photography skills!



## Congratulations to all our campers for the following amazing achievements on camp....



**Billie** - For sleeping well in an unfamiliar environment on her first camp and for being the only team member to make it on the stage for the start of their item for the concert!

**Keelan** - For being so happy and settled on her first camp. Making new relationships with unfamiliar staff and students AND sleeping so well.

**Daley** - For doing so well on his first camp/time away from his family ever! For happily giving every activity a go and keeping everyone's morale positive and joyful with his constant singing and smiles.



**Izack** - Giving every activity a go with a big smile and a positive outlook. For going down the waterslide 7 times by himself! And managing to climb independently off the ground on to the climbing wall.



**Blake** - For being such a great mentor for the younger guys in his team. Amazing climbing on the rock wall and dealing well with all the loud shenanigans in the boys accommodation every night!

**Anna** - For her amazing ability to turn paddle boating into 'Swimming with Anna and Eden!' For walking to and from all activities and hardly ever using her wheelchair!

**Rachel** - For an enthusiastic and fun filled first time on camp. For happily walking everywhere and giving everything, except the waterslide, a go!



**Tim H** - For an amazing final camp. Tim's positive attitude, patience with others, and his help with making announcements and directing others was a highlight for all. Pushing himself to get into the paddle boat in a funny position and laughing his way around the lake.

**Mithu** - For walking to every activity and meal time independently and with great enthusiasm. For spending time and being very gentle with every animal at the farmyard. Great watersliding too!

**Rosie** - For demonstrating the most enthusiasm for all activities at camp! Taking on the waterslide independently, rock climbing and helping to run the 'Fluffy Bunny' marshmallow game with Jess and Dave at the concert night.

**Abbie** - For giving everything on camp a go with a great attitude and a beaming smile. For being so gentle and very interested with all the animals at the farmyard.

**Asha** - For her last and best camp in her Kimi camp history! For demonstrating a willingness to try new things and happily sitting in the dining room to eat most meals with everyone else AND for her positive attitude and beaming smile.



Tane - For his positive attitude and charming smile. For amazing sleeping, despite all the noise going on around him and for walking for miles around camp without a worry.



Siobhan - For her constant smile, positive attitude and joyful laugh. For showing us all how to be 'farm girls' AND managing to stand and walk around happily on uneven ground whilst patting all the farm animals.



Alexia - For managing every day at camp with a smile, energy and excitement. For giving all the activities a go and getting the best night's sleep out of all of us to conquer the next day!

Aitken - For the biggest smile coming down the waterslide! For amazing walking around camp, amazing sleeping and all round positive attitude. Also for coping so well with the interesting attire his team put him in each day! (We know how his sisters felt about that!)



Jacinta - For the biggest smiles on camp. For trying every activity, walking part of the way up the waterslide hill and always having the 'best hair on camp.'



Joshua P - For being the most enthusiastic bouncy castle participant! For walking around camp happily to activities and the dining hall and for the best giggle in Waikanae!

Phoenix - The coolest guy on camp! For his positive attitude, beaming smile and absolute determination to give everything a go. For coping with some of the cheesy pop music at the disco in the knowledge we were going to smash out some ACDC to finish it off!



Tim M - For managing himself so well on his first Kimi camp. For his giggles at bedtime and his obvious love of the farm, chatting with and patting all the animals at the petting zoo.

Shuai'b - For his positive attitude on his first camp. For giving all the activities he could a go, keeping everyone laughing with his jokes and 'helping' out with the announcements at meal times!

