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Newsletter: Term 3, Week 3, 2020

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Kia Ora koutou to all our Kimi Ora whānau and community. Welcome to our 'new look' Kimi Ora School newsletter. Developed over lockdown, we created a new newsletter that you will receive every three weeks. In our new style newsletter, we aim to inform you all about what is happening in our school and community as well as introduce you to our 76 students, 12 classes and many of our now 112 members of staff!

Term Three is well underway and all four sites are humming with activity. In some ways, it is as if Term Three is the start of the year after the disruption from Covid19 over the first two terms. We have been very impressed with our students' resilience and ability to come back to school ready to learn after lockdown.



Tōtara class checking out the view from Mt Victoria on a clear winters day

How lucky we are to be in NZ right now as we spare a thought for other countries, including our close neighbours Australia, who are battling 2nd and 3rd waves of Covid19.

Unfortunately, due to Covid19 we have made the hard decision to postpone our 2020 school production. This is simply because staff and students have not had adequate time to prepare for this much anticipated event. The production will most likely take place in 2021 – we will keep you posted!

Learning focuses in Term Three

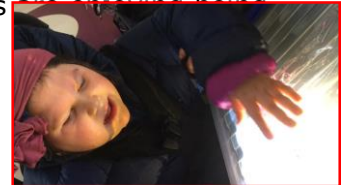
In Term Three our students have many different learning focuses. Our topic for the term is: Mai i te pō ki te ao Marama: From darkness to light. This topic is weaved into all areas of our broad curriculum. Students have been learning about the story of Ranginui and Papatūānuku, sky father and earth mother and the creation story in Māori Mythology.

Students are focussing on Geometry and Measurement in Numeracy and Speaking, Writing and Presenting in Literacy.

In Term Three our community outings, RDA and work experience opportunities have all started again and students



Guen enjoying time at Naenae Library



Anika learning about darkness and light

Student and Staff illness

We continue to follow Ministry of Education guidance in relation to keeping our students and staff healthy and safe during the ongoing pandemic. We continue to maintain a high level of cleanliness at all four sites. Our students are encouraged and assisted in washing and sanitising hands when needed. A variety of social stories and visuals are being used with all our students to encourage good hygiene practices.

Can we please remind you all that if your child is sick or showing signs of a fever, runny nose, cough or other flu like symptoms they stay home. If you are unsure you can call Healthline on: 0800 3585453. If your child's teacher is concerned about any symptoms that develop during the school day they will not hesitate in contacting you.

Getting to know our tamariki!

In this section of the newsletter we get to know some of our students. Each week we will introduce two students, from different sites and they will share a bit about themselves that they have written with the help of their teachers and communication devices!



My name is Ava and I am in Kākāpō class at our Pomare site. I use a Tobii eye gaze system to communicate and I want to say: 'I think it's funny, I think it's funny, I think it's funny!' I love Shrek, Frozen 1 & Moana. I love to laugh and think it is funny when people dance!



My name is Shuai'b and I am in Tōtara class at our Evan's Bay site. "Knock knock" "Who's there?" "Ya" "Yahoo!"

I like horse riding and Breakfast Club where we make pikelets

Getting to know our staff!



Lisa Neilson: Outreach Team Leader

Hi, I have worked at Kimi Ora for about 15 years. We started the Outreach Service in 2005 and back then, it was just me visiting students in 2 schools. We now have 13 Outreach Teachers and visit 33 schools. When not working, I love to walk the hills of Wellington, go to dance and Pilates classes, and catch up with friends and family.



Kia ora koutou - ko Steph tenei. I began my Kimi journey as a relief TA back in June 2014 and was only meant to stay for 5 weeks.... but after 2.5 years at Kimi and a year away doing my teacher training, I am now in my third year teaching the senior class, Tōtara, at Evans Bay. One of my many favourite things about Kimi Ora is watching the students grow in confidence and try new things. When not working, I like to explore the great outdoors, drink coffee and play guitar.

Upcoming dates to add to your calendar:

- Next BOT meeting: Wednesday the 12th of August in the staffroom at Base.
- Onesie day, Gold coin donation to support Wellington Free Ambulance. Wear your favourite Onesie for the day! Friday the 4th of September.
- End of Term 3: Friday the 25th September.
- Term 4: Monday 12th October until Tuesday the 15th of December
- Staff only day: Friday the 23rd of October. School will be closed for the day to students while all staff participate in a day of Professional Development.
- Labour day: Monday the 26th of October (the Monday after staff only day.)

Community notices:

3DHB Equity Initiative COVID-19 Counselling Fund:

COVID-19 has had a big impact on disabled people's lives, routines, and mental wellbeing. If you have been affected by COVID-19 and would like to access counselling or other mental wellbeing support services, you can apply to the DHB for funding to pay for it. If you are a disabled person or have a whānau member with a disability you are eligible to apply for this funding. Please head to the NZ Disability Support Network website for more information: www.nzdsn.org.nz

\$1 tickets for caregivers at Reading Cinemas

Reading cinemas are offering \$1 tickets for caregivers of people with disabilities!

Parent 2 Parent: Connect, Inform, Support

Often raising a child with a disability is an experience that isn't planned, and we know it can be a challenging journey. We can inform, educate, inspire and support you as you navigate your way through your family's experience with disability.

Our services are free and confidential.

www.parent2parent.co.nz

Congratulations to our 'student of the week' winners so far this term!



Ibrahim for independently navigating his way from the taxi to his classroom in the morning. Ka pai!



Daley for being so adaptable and his overall confidence. AND for great introductions - spontaneously reaching his hand out for a handshake when introducing himself to a new adult at school. Tau kē!



Joshua for an amazing shift at Work experience (Pak n Save, Lower Hutt.) Focused at putting away his items on the shelf, engaged in chatting with using his PODD. Ka rawe!



Yusef for sharing and passing toys with friends and great participation in all class sessions. Tino pai!



Aydin for spending 45 minutes in his standing frame for the first time since March. Tino pai rawa atu!



Jacinta for independent use of her Tobii - telling us what she thought of maths and telling us she preferred cooking. Mīharo!



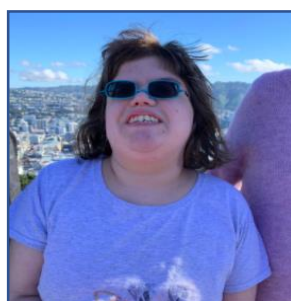
Kaiti for using her PODD to clearly communicate her ideas during reading. Kei runga noa atu koe!



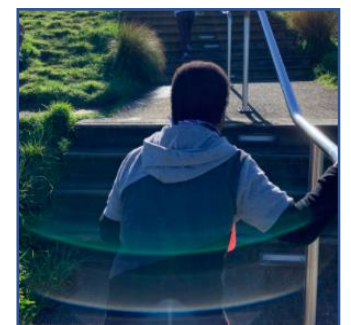
Ilan for sitting and attending to lessons for an increased period of time. Ka Pai!



Ares for independence in personal cares. Tau kē!



Isabel for a positive attitude to school life and tackling all the steps on her way up Mount Victoria. Ka rawe!



Shuai'b for walking to the top of Mt Victoria with no prompting or stopping. Tino pai!