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Kimi Ora School

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Tēnā koutou katoa and welcome to Term Three 2019!

We cannot believe it is halfway through the year already, although looking out the window the weather is definitely telling us winter is here this week!

The term has started with a hiss and a roar and students are very busy. It has been exciting to see so much action in and out of the classrooms. Many students are participating in exciting weekly outings around our school communities. These include visiting local libraries and play lands (Chipmunks in Lyall Bay and Laugh a Lots in Lower Hutt,) bowling,

trampoline parks, work experience and using public transport to name a few! At base school we have been very fortunate to have a few amazing volunteers helping us to get our tamariki out and about in the community by joining us when we need an extra hand. A big thank you to Pat, who volunteers every Tuesday afternoon to help run physio programmes and also to Chris and Colin Lewis who have been helping out with outings in different classes. In addition to this, Chris and Colin have also spent a lot of time volunteering in base school's garden, weeding, clipping, cleaning up and contributing in so many ways. Thank



you all for giving up your time to become part of our team, your huge contribution and support is very much appreciated.

Āhaku mihi nunui ki a koe!



What are we learning about this term?

This term Kimi Ora students' learning will be focused around the topic 'Come Fly with Me.' This topic is focussed around the curriculum of

social sciences and will of course heavily feature the Rugby World Cup as a subject matter! Our topic is integrated into our literacy and numeracy programs. The Key Competency focus for this term is: Managing Self.

What are Key Competencies you may ask yourself? Well... Key Competencies are 'keys for life.' They describe the capabilities everyone needs to develop, to succeed at school and in our wider communities in NZ. The five competencies identified as 'key' within the New Zealand curriculum are:

Thinking, Using Language, Symbols & Text, Managing Self, Relating to Others and Participating and Contributing.

At Kimi Ora we use the 'Key Competency Pathways' developed for students with special education needs. This enables us to assess and provide our students with next learning steps in small but achievable steps for each individual learner. The Key Competency Pathway assists us to support the development of these essential foundations for each student.





Thank you!

We would like to extend a big thanks to Bunnings Petone for their continued support of Kimi Ora School in the assistance of teaching, learning and donations to our Tamariki. Bunnings Petone have hosted classes from Kimi Ora, helping us to learn more about planting and growing our own plants and how we can help our environment. We have been overwhelmed by the amazing donations they have given our school including a planting wall, many plants and soil, seedling kits and watering tools.



We would also like to thank all the staff who took part in the working bee at our Evan's Bay site during the school holidays. The team there worked tirelessly to safely erect our new awesome play equipment including a tower and swings for our students to enjoy. A big shout out to Duncan Gillespie (Jess' partner) for volunteering to rip apart concrete, measure and safely install all the equipment, we appreciate your time and help. Our Evans Bay students are thoroughly enjoying the new play area!



Haere rā.... At the end of last term we had to say farewell to two staff members from our Kimi Ora Whanau. Teagan Pringle, who has been a teacher aide at Base in Kotuku class for the last two years. Teagan started with us on an internship to NZ from Canada and managed to turn a short internship into nearly two wonderful years with us! Teagan has gone back to Canada to study to become a special education teacher. We hope she will return to our shores as a fully qualified teacher and wish her the best of luck!



We also sadly said goodbye to Melissa Brooke teacher in Kowhai Class at Evans Bay. Melissa began relieving at Kimi Ora School in 2011 before being appointed as the teacher in Kowhai class in 2014. She has been a valued member of the team and has worked hard alongside all the students she has taught to maximise their potential and develop new and varied learning. We will miss Melissa's dedication and passion for her work and wish her well in her new position as a teacher in the Special Education Unit at Johnsonville School.

Kia Ora to our new staff and students!

We have welcomed new staff since last term who have joined our team. A big welcome to the following teacher aides at Naenae base school: Chloe, Virginie, Kathryn and Amy. We have also welcomed back Sarah Yaxley from maternity leave. We welcomed Laura Delaney who has joined the team as our teacher of communication and literacy.



We have also welcomed the following students: Zoe Whittaker-Dixon at our Pomare satellite in Tui Class. Brock Jellyman who has joined Kahu class as well as Abi Malan who has rejoined Kimi Ora after some time in the Hawkes Bay.



Congratulations to our 'student of the week' winners!



Hamish - For amazing singing in music



Mithu - For exploring choices in the classroom including the swing outside.



Shuai'b - For amazing communication! Recalled who our Prime Minister was as well as the President of USA!



Jacob - For incredible focus when working 1:1 on Wednesday with his velcro wall activity.

Ka pai!

Focus on: Totara Class at our Evans Bay Satellite

Tena koutou from Totara class!

Last term we learnt all about the environment around us and had lots of fun along the way. We've watched a caterpillar turn into a beautiful butterfly which has been a special process to have right in the classroom. This has been a fun way to look at sequencing as well as giving us great activity ideas for our art.



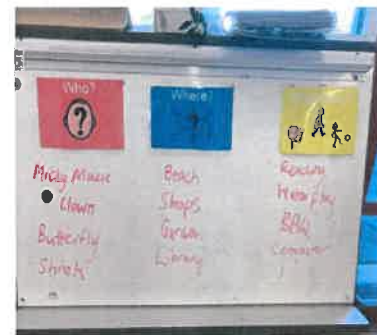
On Wednesdays, we have been exploring different cafes in the area to practise social communication, transitions and life skills. This has been an enjoyable trip with many breakthroughs in communication. Motivation is a big key!



We've begun a Film Making group which involves a magic suitcase full of exciting costumes and props to transform ourselves into different characters and take us to different lands. By including visuals for choice making, it allows for students to create their own stories and share their opinions on the story. We have lots of fun creating crazy stories and then dressing up and having a dance together. I think you'll see Totara at the next Oscars!



Another focus has been on fitness and moving our bodies. We make the most of the good weather by getting outside on the bikes and walking around the bike track here at EBIS as well as a wellness group where we are doing lots of great stretching activities. By keeping our bodies active we are also keeping our minds active.



Nga mihi!



Focus on: Pohutukawa Class at our Evans Bay Satellite

Pohutukawa class has been having so much fun this year.

Last term we went to RDA and had a great time riding our favourite horses Django and Booms. Booms won the RDA horse of the year last year! He is very cool!



This term we are enjoying our swimming sessions at the hydro therapy pool at the Aquatic Centre. We are all getting so much better at kicking our feet.

We are continuing to cook lunch on Fridays for our friends during Kimi Cafe. We definitely enjoy tasting what we have made.



We also go on cafe outings once a fortnight, it is great to explore new cafes and restaurants as well as practice our communication with people in the community and our table manners.

We can't wait to see what we will get up to next.



