

## Kimi News, Week 6, Term 2, 2017

One of the areas we have been focusing on as a school this year is learning through play. This has seen us think about how students with physical disabilities can access play, how we model play, and also how we can use the joy of play to engage with students who find social interactions difficult.

We started our play journey with a Way to Play workshop. The theme of Way to Play is to build a great relationship with your child, through the magic of play. It is all about using repetitive play in which children can predict what might happen, play that totally engages the child in interacting with the adult, and adding in some changes to the play so that children become resilient to change.

If you are interested in finding out more about Way to Play there is a workshop in Wellington on 6th July. The workshops cost \$20 for family members or caregivers and come highly recommended as a day of fun and learning.

### Term Dates

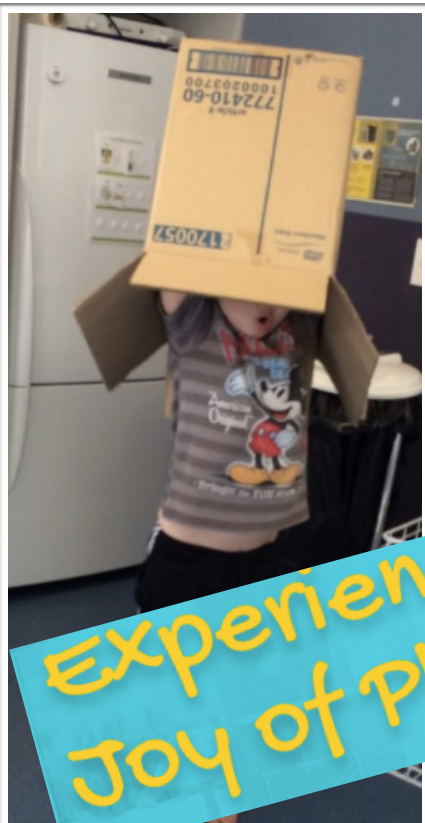
Term 2, 2017  
1 May - 7 July

Term 3, 2017  
24 July - 29 September

Term 4, 2017  
16 October - 15 December

### Events

Quiz Night  
Thursday 28 September  
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CHANGE OF  
DATE!**



Experience the  
Joy of Play

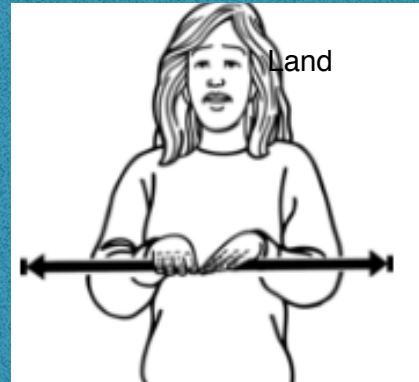
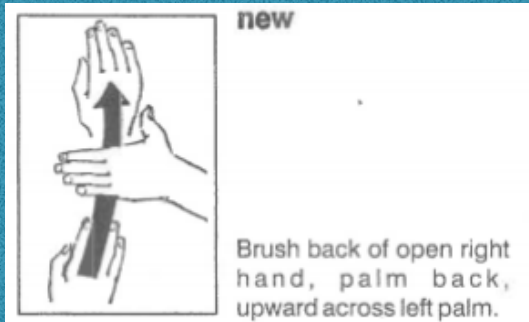


As you can see,  
everyone has been  
working super hard  
this term! Fortunately  
we like to have lots of  
fun while we work!





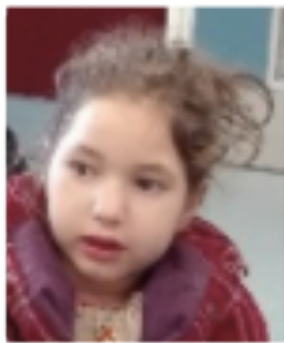
## Signs we are learning....



# Congratulations

to our most recent cup winners!

Tilda for using two switches to activate activities.



Alexia for using her scoreboard to ask for help.



## Tu meke!

Vanessa for eating a wider variety of food.



Fletcher for using his Coreboard for the first time this year and following instructions using it.



# Board Talk

11 April Board meeting

*Our Vision: Kimi Ora will be a centre of excellence increasing students' independence, communication and participation through innovation in implementing education and therapy programmes*

**School Development** In line with our vision we are expanding and developing our services to ORS students in our communities. We are excited that the build for the new classroom will begin in September at Naenae and the architects and project manager are working with the school leadership team on ensuring that it is fit for purpose along with the new resource room and meeting room.

The Board Chair, Principal and a Deputy Principal attended a Board meeting at Pomare Primary School where we are confident we can establish two satellite classrooms for primary school age students in February next year.

Working from different sites is going to pose a number challenges, particularly in staff being able to easily move around. We will have to look at either leasing or purchasing a car for staff travel. Purchasing another van may need to be put on hold and require fundraising.

**Reporting on Progress:** Dave Speden (Head of Therapy and also Staff Trustee on the Board) gave us an overview of the conference he recently attended in the United States. He was presenting on Story Park.

Story Park is one way we capture student progress. Alongside this are formal assessments in both curriculum and therapy areas. The statistics of student achievement as measured against IEP goals and literacy and numeracy objectives. These are submitted to the Ministry of Education on a yearly basis.

Our school appraisal cycle for staff runs from April to April. Each staff member sets professional goals, which are linked to the school's Strategic Plan.

**National Initiatives:** There are a lot of changes happening in the Education, Health and Disabilities sectors. To stay up-to-date on these we have included an agenda item on 'National Initiatives'. In April this included attendance by a Board Member and members of the Leadership team on a public update to the Disability Strategy and the Ministry of Health's review of Carer Support. The review of Carer Support appears to be going in the direction of more individualised funding and support for a great range of providers and services.

## Board Talk... continued

**Kāhui Ako:** The development of Kāhui Ako, Communities of Learning (schools working together to improve educational attainment and student wellbeing) continues across New Zealand. We belong to the Naenae Community of Learning, who are working together with the Taita / Stokes Valley Community of Learning. Our Principal is on the steering group. The Communities of Learning will be working with the Ministry of Education to look at how learning support services can be best delivered across these schools in the future.

**Camp** was, as you will have seen in the photos, an amazing success. Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of the staff, those who were there and gave so much and those who remained behind to hold the fort. The upgraded facilities and activities at El Rancho were well utilised.

**Health and Safety:** The major discussion at this meeting was around the new transport company. They have since started and there has been regular communication with affected parents.

Board meetings are public, which means all parents are welcome to attend. There will be a board meeting on 27 June, 6.30pm in the Naenae staff room.

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](mailto:pwood.nz@gmail.com) or 021 1655329.

Nga Mihi,

Philippa

T H A N K S



We have had dedicated Scout Leaders running Scout sessions fortnightly for many years. A huge thank you to Adrienne, Wayne, John and the other leaders, for their commitment to our students. Over the years students have been on Scout Camps as well as participating in a huge range of experiments and crafts at school. The Scout group said their farewells at the end of last term and donated some fantastic musical instruments to the school.



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