

## Kimi News, Week 6, Term 3, 2016

Thank you for supporting our Dance Show. The feedback has been fantastic and we are so pleased that so many people could come and enjoy the show.

This year we aimed for something a bit different. Staff danced alongside students who were in dances that would suit their individual styles, rather than in class groups. We attempted to focus on the interests of the students to engage them in each dance.

A movie of the show is being put together. Watch out for more information on how to get your own copy.

### Term Dates

Term 3 -  
25 July - 23 Sept

Term 4 -  
10 Oct - 16 Dec

One fantastic aspect of the Dance Show was that the time spent learning moves and getting to know the music was done in class, during the usual planned Music and Topic sessions. This meant that all of the other learning kept on going full steam ahead. Check out what we've been up to...



Te Au Marire at Naenae Primary, exploring the poi.



Te Kauri checking out the new developments at Avalon Park - just down the road from school!



Tom having a great time and working hard on sitting up straight at RDA. This term Physiotherapist Claire Hodson, who works in Kimi Ora's moderate needs team, has been leading the Evans Bay RDA group.



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outside

Place relaxed right hand,  
palm down, at right  
shoulder. Move  
formation forward in an  
arc.

Signs we  
are  
learning...



to put

Place tips of right fingers  
onto ball of right thumb.  
Open hand while moving  
arm diagonally forward,  
keeping palm down.  
*Use directionality.*



## Board Talk

The latest meeting was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August in the staffroom at NaeNae. We welcomed Dave Speden to the Board as the new staff trustee, replacing Lee Sutton.

Shirley has a meeting with Ann Bell from Property, Ministry of Education on the proposal the school has made on how to manage roll growth. It appears that the focus by the Ministry has shifted to how to utilize or add to our current physical space to accommodate our student population. We do not have a clear indication from the Ministry on what direction they are taking in responding to our roll growth. There is a formula for the size of 'footprint', physical space that we are entitled to, but claiming that entitlement is proving difficult.

In the meantime, Laura Fergusson Trust have invited us to visit their facility and see a space that they have available. It includes a room that can be used as a classroom with an adjacent disabled toilet with a hoist. There is also a training kitchen and gym available for bookings.

Laura Ferguson Trust runs a campus with a village feel, which has homes for 46 physically disabled adults which surround a number of community facilities. They run a full programme of activities during the week which are attended by their community and other visiting groups.

Our older students have IEP goals focused on developing life skills that will help them be a part of their community when they leave school. We already have some students attending some of the programmes offered by the Trust. Building a closer relationship would facilitate smoother transitions into adult life for our older students and enable our students to integrate further into the Lower Hutt Community.

How the process might work with Laura Ferguson Trust will need to be discussed with the Ministry of Education including how we would pay the rent. The Board is happy to further discussions with the Trust and to investigate the process of how might take up this opportunity, with the MoE.

Marni Stevenson (Board Member) and myself are working together on a paper, "Pathway to Kimi Ora School". This will document the transition path for a sample of students who came to Kimi Ora after 7 years old. We are conducting half hour interviews with parents/caregivers. We ask about their experience with previous schooling, the process of coming to Kimi Ora and what their experience has been at the school. If you would like to be included in the sample can you please contact me (see below for contact details).

Our new van is being outfitted at present, registration has arrived and the garage has been cleared waiting for its arrival.

Internal school policies for Bomb Threats, Lockdowns and Travel were tabled by Shirley for Board discussion. These policies are developed using the experience of other school and their policies and the Trustee Association guidelines.

The school has gratefully received a donation from the estate of Susan Urquhart who was the principal of Kimi Ora, Thorndon for many years.

The next Board meeting is on Tuesday 20 September at 6.30pm in the staffroom at Naenae.

Board meetings are public, which means all parents 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](mailto:pwood.nz@gmail.com) or 021 1655329.

Nga Mihi,

Philippa



A reminder...

In the event of a Tsunami, the Evans Bay site will evacuate to Badminton Hall, 1 Ruahine Street, Hataitai.

In the event of a bomb scare the Evans Bay site will evacuate to Rongotai College, and the Naenae site will evacuate to Naenae Primary.



Togs or rash tops,  
any size ranging  
from 8 - adults.



Congratulations to Billy, Rosie M, Riley and Atlas for winning the student of the week awards!

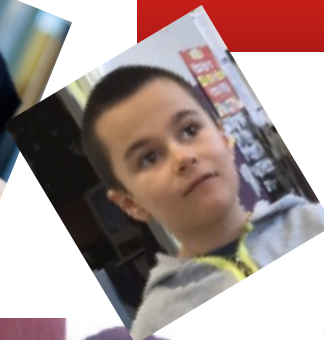
Billy for great independence around the school and working towards his goal of mark making.



Atlas great work in starting to use his PODD to communicate.



Riley for being fully independent when using the bathroom, including washing his hands!



Rosie M for a fantastic transition into Totara Class.







This week the school received an email from a person who works in Archives. She found this article and forwarded it as she thought it might be interesting for the school.

## BALM NEWS

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### HALF-A-MILLION HOURS SAFETY HELPS HANDICAPPED

**A** RECORD achievement was recently notched up by the Lower Hutt plant—half a million hours without a lost time injury. By so doing the Lower Hutt plant leads the BALM safety record for New Zealand.

It is the first time that this figure has been attained in New Zealand and it is an indication of the steady reduction in the accident rate over the last ten years or so.

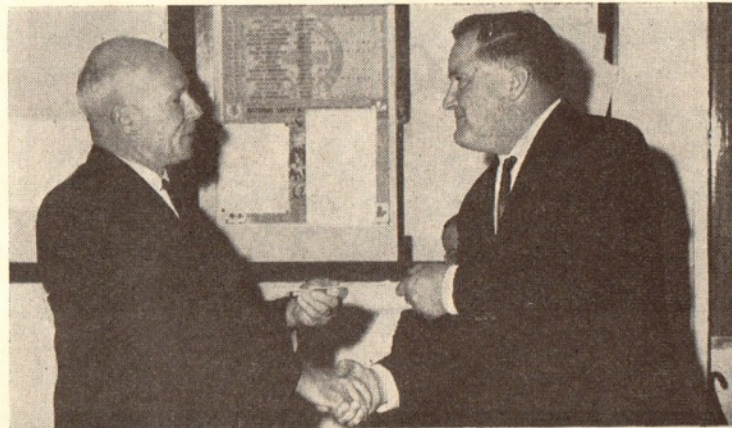
A total of 250,000 accident-free hours was achieved for the first time in 1959 and a total of 100,000 was recorded in 1958.

In line with its policy of encouraging care in the factories, the company presented a cheque to the staff social club, who in turn decided to make a donation to a cause they considered worthy of support.

The organization they decided to assist was the Kimi Ora School which has been established in Wellington for children who are victims of cerebral palsy or have other disabilities which prevent attendance at normal schools.

Accordingly the chairman of Kimi Ora's board, Mr C. W. B. Huxford visited the factory recently and was presented with a cheque for a substantial amount by Mr Bob Paton, safety officer for the Lower Hutt factory.

The board and the staff of Kimi



Here Mr C. W. B. Huxford, chairman of the Kimi Ora Board receives a cheque from Bob Paton, safety officer at the Lower Hutt plant.

Ora were extremely grateful for the gift and the major part of the donation will go to buy a film projector which will help to train and entertain the children. Although all are handicapped physically, most of the children are alert mentally, and the staff are thrilled at the prospect of using the projector.

The present home of the school is a 100-years-old two-storey wooden house which is not at all suitable because many of the children have to be carried up and down the stairs.

Because of the present economic difficulties facing New Zealand, plans for a new school have had to be shelved, but a search for more suitable premises is at present being carried out by the Education Department.

BALM makes these awards to promote safe working, but the possibility of thereby helping the handicapped, the poor, or the elderly in the community gives satisfaction to all in the Company. It gives the safety achievement an extra purpose.

Pupils of the Kimi Ora Cerebral Palsy School pictured in the grounds of the school. Two of the staff (at left) are holding some of the younger pupils.





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## NZEI Paid Union Meetings

The NZEI and PPTA, Primary and Secondary School Teacher Unions, are joining together to discuss the government's proposed 'Global Budget'.

The NZEI and PPTA believe this is a similar type of funding to the previous 'Bulk Funding' model and are not in favour of it.

While some of our staff will attend the union meetings school will go on as usual.



Abbie and James T working hard and loving it!

