

Tēnā koutou to all our Kimi Ora whānau and community.

We are on the other side of the term now with only three weeks until the end of Term One and the start of the Easter and School holidays.

You would have received an email and Storypark communication letting you know that on Monday the 24th of April we will be having a staff only day for all Kimi Ora sites. Tuesday the 25th of April is ANZAC day so it is best to mark the first day of term for our tamariki as Wednesday the 26th of April.

Nau mai, haere mai (welcome,) to our new student Awatea who has joined Harakeke class at our Miramar Central satellite. A warm welcome from the Kimi Ora whānau to Awatea and her whānau.



We would also like to welcome Teresa Hall, Teacher Aide in Kea class at Base to the Kimi Ora Team - it is great to have you join us Teresa. Daria Keshani has also joined Kimi Ora until the end of Term One completing her Special Education Internship with us. Daria is from Germany and is studying for her Masters in Special Education. Welcome Daria - we hope you learn a lot while you are with us!

Teacher's Strike

As you are aware on Thursday the 16th of March Kimi Ora Teachers will be joining the rest of the country in a Nationwide Strike for the day.

Although striking is not where Teachers, Principals and Early Education Teachers wanted to end up, it seems this is the only option left to press the government into understanding that we need to improve the conditions our teachers are working in. In a nutshell Teachers are striking for:

- Improved support for tamariki
- More staff to support learning
- Better recognition for the work primary teachers and principals do
- Value and respect for our kindergarten teachers

Thank you for your support and understanding, and please know we would rather be at school teaching our wonderful tamariki.



New Physical Restraint Guidelines.

For your information the updated physical restraint guidelines are not available for all schools and whānau to read - here is the link for the guidelines if you would like to read these. If you have any questions about the guidelines please do not hesitate to contact Shirley on principal@kimiora.school.nz.

Link - <https://assets.education.govt.nz/public/MOE-Physical-Restraint-Guidelines-FINAL-Web-singles.pdf>

Pīwakawaka Mimes!



This term Pīwakawaka class has been learning all about Charle Dickens. Through their research, they found out that Charles loved Mimes and before he became a brilliant writer, he was a mime! Malaya used her switch to ask “what” is a mime? After looking into what a mime is and what they do, we decided as a class that we loved them and wanted to become mimes ourselves.

We did some planning and on the 15th of March we celebrated the official Pīwakawaka Mime Day!

Carnival of Lights 2023

From Thursday the 6th of April to Sunday the 9th of April the 2023 Carnival of Lights is taking place in Brewtown in Upper Hutt. This is an amazing event that has been enjoyed by many of our tamariki and their whānau in the past. This year they are holding a sensory evening that will have reduced sounds and smaller crowds for those with disabilities and sensory needs. This session is open to anyone and their families who would prefer a lower sensory environment and want to experience all the Carnival of lights has to offer at their own pace.



Check out www.ticketSPACE.co.nz and search for the HighLight Carnival of Lights - Tamariki under 15 are free! This year Autism NZ is one of their charities who will be benefiting from their ticket sales!

Coming Up...



Kimi Ora School is excited to invite you to our 2023 Family Fun Day!

When: Saturday the 1st of April, 1pm - 3pm

Where: Base School: 100 Walters Street, Avalon, Lower Hutt

What: Bring your whānau and friends for an afternoon of fun including a BBQ, face painting many other fun activities
Family Fun Day enables everyone to get to know each other and make new connections in a fun and relaxing environment

We cannot wait to see you there!

Mon 27 Mar	Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm Base School
Sat 1 April	Family Fun Day 1-3pm
Thu 6 April	Last Day Term 1
Mon 24 April	Teachers only day (school closed to students)
Tues 25 April	ANZAC day
Wed 26 April	First Day Term 2

Kimi Kids



Hi! I'm Kaiti, I am eight years old. I am very happy and I am always so excited to be at school

"My mum is my best friend.
My favourite activity is
cuddles.

My favourite colour is pink."

I am great at racing around in my pacer and love singing during music time. Especially into the microphone.



My name is Billie and I have a great sense of humour. I am really good at communicating with everyone on my device.

I have two brothers and a sister, 2 cats and a dog.

I will give anything a go, and will let you know what I think!



Hi, I am Abel. I am 6 years old and in Kōwhai class at the Evans Bay Satellite.

I love making noises and movements with my tongue. I enjoy music and singing and looking at my reflection in the mirror where I can copy what the little boy is doing.

I have just learnt to walk independently to the playground and back and I am learning how to use my PODD to communicate.

Kimi Krew



Kia ora, I'm Jo. I am the teacher in Tōtara class at our Evans Bay site. I started at Kimi Ora at the start of 2022. I am absolutely loving and feel blessed to be working with such a fabulous bunch of students and staff.

When I am not at Kimi Ora, I love tramping in the Tararuas, bike packing, snowboarding, ocean swimming or trail running with friends. I also love a good hot yoga class and Wellington's delightful coffee culture. In my spare time, I love to walk along the harbour, hang out with my friends, board game nights, reading and I also love a good road trip to explore this gorgeous country!

Kia ora koutou. Ko Diarmuid ahau, Ko Brazendale toku whanau. He kaiako toku turanga mahi. Kei te kura Kimi Ora ahau e mahi ana. No Te-Whanganui-a-Tara ahau. Kei te noho au ki Waitohi. Ko Emma toku wahine. Ko Hinemoa, ko Arapera, ko Awhina aku tamahine

I have been working in the Outreach team since the beginning of 2022 and find the mahi to be diverse and fulfilling. I particularly enjoy working with other professionals to help create meaningful and purposeful programmes for the tamariki on my caseload.

Away from whakaako i choose to spend my taima running, reading, gardening and watching my youngest tamahine playing football!



Ākonga o te Wiki - Student of the Week



Ethan for active participation in a variety of activities throughout the day.



William for working really hard with Melissa from BLENNZ. She said he was an absolute superstar.



Keeleigh for great independent walking around the local block at Manaaki



Adam for a good transition back to school from the Rare Disorders Day celebration.



Carson for improvement in communication. Using his voice to communicate that he wanted to go to the playground and pointing to the playground visual.



Ava for amazing work in Literacy! She used her talker to say "swimming, happy" when writing about a photo of herself in the pool.



Patrick for using his device really well. Commenting on things that are happening such as: 'Freya likes park' when at Percy's reserve. Also for maturity when swimming at Huia pool.



Moana for amazing walking at Akau Tangi on Thursday. She walked the length of the stadium exploring the different courts.



Johnny for setting the table for lunch for himself and a friend. He listened so carefully and followed the verbal prompts so well.



Thomas for achieving his IEP goal of completing 4 workstation sessions.



Hirundee for completing her first outing happily and independently walking around.



Bella ate Spaghetti Bolognese perfectly with a spoon independently.

Congratulations to our most recent winners!



He whetū koe! You're a star!

