



Term Four, Week Five 2023

Kia Ora Koutou. It has been an incredibly busy start to Term Four and is only going to get busier!

We started our term with a visit from the ERO (Education Review Office) team who came to learn about our school. Over two days they spent time with the leadership team, wider staff and time in classrooms checking out the awesome things that our tamariki are learning and all the different ways in which we teach at Kimi Ora. The ERO team is visiting all 27 Special Schools in New Zealand over Term Four and in 2024 will be writing a report on Special Schools in Aotearoa. The team from ERO were very impressed with Kimi Ora and all that happens within our school. They had nothing but positive feedback for us and once we have formal feedback we will share this on our school website.

Speaking of our school website. We have been working hard to develop a new website for our school, this has been a huge effort and we are nearly there and hope the brand new website will go live at the start of 2024. In the meantime, we have a temporary website up where you will find most of our usual information.

This Term the main topic of learning is about 'Life Cycles.' This topic is based around the Science curriculum and the learning area of 'The living World.' Students will be learning about what living things need to survive and stay alive, learning about habitats and how different living things in the world are classified and grouped. Each class at Kimi Ora has exciting differentiated plans so that every student will learn about Life Cycles in the way that suits them best.

Mid Year Huis

It has been wonderful to welcome more whānau to our new trial of mid-year huis that have been happening around the Kimi Ora sites.

It has been a wonderful opportunity for parents, caregivers and extended whānau to be able to come to school and see what their tamariki get up to during their school days. It has also been a lovely time for whānau to connect with and develop relationships between each other.

When a child starts school at Kimi Ora they can be here for 16 years! Building relationships with each other at school events where whānau can connect are an important part of the journey and it has been a pleasure witnessing these connections being made.

Coming Up...

Sat 25 Nov	Special Children's Christmas Party
Mon 4 Dec	Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm Base School
Sat 9 Dec	Caring Families Pool Party Lower Hutt
Sun 10 Dec	Caring Families Pool Party Porirua
Fri 15 Dec	Last Day Term 4
Thu 1 Feb 2024	First Day Term 1, 2024

Storypark

As you all know, we use Storypark as a way to communicate your child's progress in all areas of school life. This is where we have photos, videos and information about how your child is doing in their curriculum work as well as progress towards their IEP goals and all the cool things they get up to at school.

If for some reason you are unable to access your child's Storypark account, please let us know and we can help you get back on. Email Jess: jessh@kimiora.school.nz and she will hopefully be able to help you!

Term Four Lunches

We have another yummy menu for our tamariki from the team at Spotless catering. Puree meals are the main meals (these can also be done as vegetarian, DF, GF and Halal.) No meals have nuts in them or are made anywhere near nuts. Those students that have special dietary requirements are all catered for.

If your child has new dietary needs or you want to double check anything about their lunches, please get in touch with your child's teacher.

The following are the two rotating menus:

Menu One: Odd Weeks

	Main meal	Picky Eater	Vegetarian	Snack
Monday	Corned beef with mashed potatoes and veggies	Broccoli bites, Snax crackers, plain hummus, mandarin	Falafel with mashed potatoes and veggies	Piece of fresh fruit with yogurt
Tuesday	Beef Nachos with corn chips and sour cream	Fish fingers, Snax crackers, plain hummus, mandarin	Vegetarian Nachos with corn chips and sour cream	Piece of fresh fruit with corn chips
Wednesday	Chicken curry with brown rice	Chicken tenders, Snax crackers, plain hummus, mandarin	Veggie curry with brown rice	Piece of fresh fruit with pretzels twists
Thursday	Bacon Frittata with potato wedges	Plain pasta, Snax crackers, plain hummus, mandarin	Veggie frittata with potato wedges	Piece of fresh fruit with rice crackers
Friday	Beef Burgers with lettuce, cheese, cucumber, gherkins	Cheese sammie, Snax crackers, plain hummus, mandarin	Veggie burger, with lettuce, cheese, cucumber, gherkins	Piece of fresh fruit with mini muffin/cake

Menu Two: Even Weeks

	Main meal	Picky Eater	Vegetarian	Snack
Monday	Spaghetti bolognese	Broccoli bites, Snax crackers, plain hummus, mandarin	Veggie Bolognese	Piece of fresh fruit with Yogurt
Tuesday	Pasta bake with chicken	Fish fingers, Snax crackers, plain hummus, mandarin	Veggie pasta bake with Tofu	Piece of fresh fruit with corn chips
Wednesday	Chicken tenders, with kumara and potato mash with veggies	Chicken tenders, Snax crackers, plain hummus, mandarin	Tofu tenders with kumara and potato mash with veggies	Piece of fresh fruit with rice crackers
Thursday	Fried rice with pulled meat	Plain pasta, Snax crackers, plain hummus, mandarin	Veggie fried rice	Raspberry slice with piece of fruit
Friday	Fish Bites with steamed beans	Cheese sammie, Snax crackers, plain hummus, mandarin	Vegetarian Spring Roll with Steam Beans	Cake with whipped cream and a piece of fruit

Kimi Kids



My name is William, I am ten years old.

"Taana is my best friend.
My favourite activity is swimming or music.
My favourite colour is green and blue."

I am learning to use a switch to turn on lights or some music.

Kia ora, I am Vinny. I love listening to a wide selection of music from different genres.

I love to look at the camera/mirror and see myself dance or perform.

I enjoy swimming and participating in cooking activities in class.



Kia ora, I'm Darcy and I am 7 years old.

I am really social and want to be everyone's friend. I communicate using my talker device to let people know what I need and want.

I really enjoy playing with playdough, building blocks and marble run with others and will often ask you to join me! I love being active and enjoy swimming and riding bikes too..

Kimi Krew



Kia Ora my name is Lauren Taueki and I am a Teacher Aide here at Kimi Ora School, I have also been blessed enough to spread a little Te Reo Maori magic around our kura (school) through waiata (songs) and establishing a Kapa Haka group with our tamariki (children).

I LOVE MY JOB and here is why... Here at Kimi Ora School we help our tamariki achieve goals specific for them. I get to build meaningful relationships with our tamariki, which helps them trust that I am on their team ready to keep them safe and also help them learn. Learning never stops here at our kura (school)

I am a mother of 3 sons who I love dearly and come from a big big whanau (family).



I am very approachable so if ever you have questions about The Maori World and everything that comes with, nau mai haere mai please come and ask me, I love teaching as much as I do learning, and if I don't know the answer then I'll find out for you.

Hi my name is Sue, I have worked here for eighteen years, I am born and raised in Gisborne but now I live in the wonderful Wainui.

My favourite colour is purple and my favourite thing to do in my spare time is watch rugby league! My grand daughter is in the Maori League team.



Ākonga o te Wiki - Student of the Week

	<p>Sammy for wearing his new orthotics.</p>		<p>Ares for using his communication device really well.</p>
	<p>Aydin for amazing effort in achieving his IEP goal of being able to stay standing in his standing frame for up to an hour.</p>		<p>Moana for achieving her IEP goal of walking 50 metres without sitting down. She managed 56 metres!</p>
	<p>Reuben for being verbal during sessions and offering suggestions.</p>		<p>Guen for being really happy yesterday and going into the library. He did some really good stepping .</p>
	<p>Malaya for talking to SLT students a lot last week and was very excited to share her opinions.</p>		<p>Jacob for amazing standing at the playground. He stood for ten minutes happily playing with the swing bridge.</p>
	<p>Brock for being a great contributing member of the class.</p>		<p>Yoshi for beginning to use sentences to communicate.</p>
	<p>Keeleigh for working hard on her IEP goal of independently stepping into the taxi.</p>		<p>Frankie for great engagement and helping to fold towels and watering the garden</p>

	Abel for drinking from his bottle.		Morgan for being very engaged in lessons
	Shuai'b for really stepping up this term and being a great helper.		William for being a lot more alert and doing great rolling with Louise.
	Ava for amazing manoeuvring in her pacer. She knows where she is in a space and whether she will fit in a gap or not.		Bella for her first week at sailing. She waited well and then looked very relaxed on the boat on the water.
	Patrick for having a haircut!		
	Donte for good transitions back to school.		
			McKenzie for sitting down and eating her meals at her desk, good manners when asking for something and excellent engagement at workstation time.

Congratulations to our most recent winners!

★ He whetū koe! You're a star! ★

