

Kia ora koutou to everyone. Apologies for missing our middle of the term newsletter. As always, Term Three has been an incredibly busy term with a lot of things happening around our school such as classroom Hui/Showcases, the Senior Dance and a visit from the Education Review Office (ERO.) Spring has sprung and the good old Wellington springs winds have arrived, we hope everyone had their trampolines tied down over the last 24 hours! Summer is just around the corner and we cannot wait!

Senior Dance

Last weekend on Saturday the 9th of September we held the Kimi Ora Senior Dance at the Ngaio community hall. This was a spectacular event in which staff, students and whānau came together for a night of dance, kai and fun. It was a fantastic way to celebrate our senior students and their achievements with a special focus on the five students who are in their last year of school.

It was lovely to see the students and their parents and caregivers catch up with each other and reconnect with each other. With our school being across five sites and most students using transport to get to school, it was a fantastic opportunity for whānau to meet each other, catch up and make connections with students from all our Kimi Ora sites.

Four of our five leaving students walked the red carpet to a standing ovation by all in attendance. The students were Anna Corlett, Joshua Pask, Phoenix Janke-Gilman and Billie Stevenson, all from our Manaaki site. (Mithu Sathiyaseelan from Pukeko class who is also leaving at the end of this year unfortunately could not attend the dance to walk the red carpet.)

There were six winners of the night:

Best dressed - Malaya Waaka and Morgan Leete

Best dancers - Ava Cregan-Healy and Daley Te Runa

King of the Dance - Phoenix Janke-Gilman

Queen of the Dance - Billie Stevenson

Thank you to all those who were able to attend. A very special thank you to the amazing Dance Committee team, led by Sarah Robinson (Manaaki Teacher,) who pulled off the most amazing night. Their planning, organisational and dedication to the night is so appreciated.

Thank you Sarah, Jo, Halima, Christine, Rosina, Daisy, Nami and Freya. And another special thank you to Arun, our photographer on the night.

Please see the photos attached at the back of this newsletter.

Haere rā to Frankie Hull and his whānau

At the end of this term Frankie Hull, student in Kauri class at our Miramar Central Satellite will be leaving Kimi Ora to make the move up to the Hawkes Bay to join the amazing team at Hohepa Residential School.

Frankie will be missed by his classmates and all the staff that work with him and we wish him and his whānau the best of luck in his next educational setting.



Onesie Day 2023

On Friday the 8th of September we held our annual Onesie Day to raise money for the wonderful team at Wellington Free Ambulance.

Each year we take part in their Onesie day to raise money for everything that they need to help their service and keep it free for all Wellingtonians. Wellington Free are huge supporters of our kura and are always there for us when we need them, this is our way of giving back to them.



Thank you to all those who wore their Onesie and bought in a gold coin donation - we managed to raise \$197.50!!!!

We appreciate all the students, staff and taxi drivers who got involved on the day.



Education Review Office (ERO)

On Monday the 28th of August we welcomed the team from the Education Review Office to Kimi Ora to begin their ERO review of our school. The Education Review Office, Te Tari Arotake Mātauranga, (ERO) is the New Zealand government's external evaluation agency. They evaluate and report on the education and care of learners in schools, kura, kohanga reo, puna reo, and early childhood services throughout the country. Next term they will be joining our school again for two days in which they will visit different satellites and look into the teaching and learning side of our school. We are excited to show them all the amazing things that happen in our school and the awesome mahi that happens throughout our sites to ensure our tamariki get the best education possible.

Over the next term ERO are visiting all 27 day specialist schools in New Zealand. Aside from conducting their ERO reviews, they are also gathering information to write a national report in 2024 on day specialist schools in our country. They have let us know that as part of this they will be sending a parent and caregiver questionnaire to all whānau at our schools. We will provide you with more information on this once we have been informed about the process and the dates.

Evans Bay Satellite Open Morning/Mid-Year Hui



Thank you to all those parents and caregivers who were able to make it to the Evans Bay Satellite's open morning that was held in Week Eight in place of the mid-year hui for students.

There were performances of Kapa Haka songs and a variety of different waiata that they have been writing alongside June, our Music Therapist student. Tōtara students performed a Blues style song that each student wrote a verse for. It was about some of their favourite things and it was very clear who wrote which verse! There was then an opportunity for whānau to chat and see student's work.

Good Luck and Welcome to the following...

Mia Alonso-Green, Teacher Aide at Base has taken three months leave from work as she travels the country in a Nōku te Ao: Capital E's National Theatre for Children, '*The Grumpiest Child in the World.*'

As well as a Teacher Aide, Mia is an actress, dancer and accomplished musician and is taking time from her day to day job to present this delightful show to tamariki around the country. We are very proud of the talented Mia!



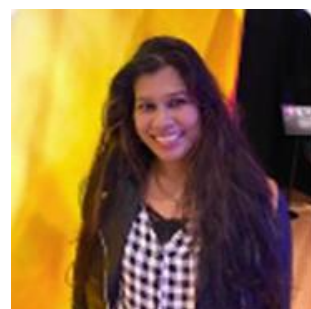
If you are interested in going to see the show in the holidays, it is on at Hannah Playhouse in Wellington City on the 26th, 27th and 28th of September (the first week.) Hannah Playhouse is an accessible theatre that many Kimi Ora students have been to before. It is situated at 12 Cambridge Terrace above the Tasting Room restaurant. If you do happen to go to the show and feel like having a bite to eat after, the kind folks at the Tasting Room are offering a free bowl of fries to any Kimi Ora Whānau who visit while the show is on.



This term we have welcomed more amazing staff members to our school. Eimear Murphy has joined us as a Teacher in our Wellington City sites. We have welcomed Eimear all the way from Ireland!

Some of our Hutt sites' whānau may already know Himanthi Gunawardana who has worked as a Teacher Aide in the Hutt for the last few years. Himanthi has now completed her University studies to become a teacher and has now officially joined the Kimi Ora teaching team.

Himanthi will be based at our three Hutt sites. We are very happy to welcome a 'new' Teacher to our team who already has a very good insight into our students and the way in which our school works.



At Base we have also welcomed Bridget Lapage, who has joined the team in Pīwakawaka as a Teacher Aide. In our Wellington City sites, we have welcomed Marion Menard and Paddy Rogers to our Teacher Aide team.

Tenā koutou to our new staff, a big welcome to the Kimi Ora whānau!

Term Four

As we move into the last term of the 2023 school year there are a few reminders that we need to share with you all:

- Our Term Four dates for all Kimi Ora sites are as follows: Our school starts back on Monday the 9th of October and Finishes on Friday the 15th of December at the usual time of 3pm. (We never shut early! We are having too much fun!)
- Monday the 23rd of October is Labour Day and is a NZ public holiday. A reminder that all Kimi Ora School sites are also closed on Tuesday the 24th of October as we have our staff only professional development day. Please ensure you have made arrangements for your child to be at home this day.
- As it is Term Four and the weather will be getting back to its sunny self (we hope!) As we are a sun smart accredited school we ask that your child wears sunblock to school (if it is sunny,) and a hat (if they will wear one.) We always put sunblock on the tamariki before they go outside in the sun at morning tea and play time and on class outings. If you have a specific sunblock that you would like your child to wear please put this in their bag and let the teacher know in their communication book.

Upcoming Christmas Events

In Term Four each year most of our students 12 and under attend the Special Children's Christmas Party which is full of activities, performances and all children receive a gift on the day. This year the event will be held on Saturday the 25th November at Te Rauparaha Arena, Porirua. We are in the fortunate position that we are able to order a pass to this for all students at our school who are 12 and under. This year they are sending out electronic QR codes rather than physical bands. If your child is 12 or under can you please let Iona in the office know by email on ionak@kimiora.school.nz before next term if:

- 1) you are unable to attend on that date or do not want to go
- 2) you are uncomfortable with us sharing your phone number and/or email address with the organisers for them to be able to send you the QR code.

Coming Up...



Fri 22 Sept	Last Day Term 3
Mon 9 Oct	First Day Term 4
Mon 16 Oct	Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm Base School
Mon/Tues 16/17 Oct	ERO visiting Kimi Ora
Mon 23 Oct	Labour Day
Tues 24 Oct	Staff only day (school closed to students)
Sat 25 Nov	Special Children's Christmas Party
Sat 9 Dec	Caring Families Pool Party Lower Hutt*
Sun 10 Dec	Caring Families Pool Party Porirua*

* more information coming in Term 4

SENIOR DANCE



Kimi Kids



Hi, I'm Bryn and I'm 15.

I love going on bushwalks and visiting libraries. I am a good dancer and enjoy Kapa Haka.



Kia ora, I'm Donte and I love using my whiteboard to draw and write things that I see around me.

I enjoy riding my bikes, taking walks and riding the swing. I have lots of fun participating in Kapa Haka and going outside on community outings with my friends and teachers.

My favourite food is pasta and I am doing well reading stories in class.



My name is Zaxton and I'm 19 years old. I love to get out and about with my family on the weekends. I enjoy chatting to people using my communication device. I still enjoy videos about trucks, and I write great stories with my Tobii.

I'm often out with my class in the community, and I drive my powered wheelchair everywhere.

My sister is called Deneika.

Kimi Krew



Ko Mātātua te Waka
Ko Ohinemataroa te Awa
Ko Maungapohatu te Maunga
Ko Tuhoe te Iwi
Ko Te Urewera te Hapu
Ko Te Totara te Marae
Ko Rawinia (Ra) Morehu tōku ingoa
Nō Tuhoe ki Poneke ahau

Tōku reo tōku ohoohe, tōku reo tōku mapihi mauria, tōku reo tōku whakaimarihi

Ko Kaiawhina ahau mo ngā tamariki takiwatanga i te kura o Kimi Ora. Ngā mihi maioha ki a koutou katoa, Nā Ra

Kia ora. Ko Sarah ahau.

I'm currently working at our transition site Manaaki (Wednesday-Friday). I've worked in a variety of classes, including being part of the Outreach team, for a number of years. I've been part time at Kimi Ora School since 2012.

When I'm not teaching I'm looking after my three tamariki.



Ākonga o te Wiki - Student of the Week



JJ for amazing standing in your pacer, standing frame and in the race runners last week.

Brisbane for successfully transitioning to and from the playscape and Kilbirnie pool with minimal prompts.



Charlie for excellent switching and engagement to communicate with his friends and complete his artwork.



Ares for fantastic communication, using his device to ask for things he wants or needs.



McKenzie for attending to her activities first then requesting for an ipad

Alex for picking up his drink bottle and drinking independently, for recognising the letter A for Alex, and for great floating at the pool including on your back.



Johnny for using a visual to ask to go to the bathroom.



Samuel for great participation during math lessons and working hard.

Phoenix for successful post-surgery optimism and advocating for himself post-surgery.



William for being much more alert in the afternoons. Eye tracking and switching well.

Vinny for swimming independently at the pool and having an excellent transition in and out of the pool.



Billy for expanding his likes and choosing the bop it over his favoured wood.



Mackenzie for a fantastic trip to Brewtown having fun playing on the trampolines and walked out past the claw machines without a worry in the world.



Nando for amazing physical engagement, dancing in his standing frame.

	Lucan for a successful first day of work experience.		Donte for doing well at the MCS assembly and riding bikes with his MCS peers outside on the track.
	Te Au Marire for navigating her PODD effectively to communicate a personal message about home. (It's her brother's 18th Birthday soon.)		Jesse for being open to trying his new stretching exercises and giving them all his best go.
	Isabel for great help around school, completing the laundry and taking it to all the classes each day.		Chloe for great transitions and mahi at gardening group this week
	Bryn for doing really well with a new student, modelling what we do in the pool. Has been working on gaining confidence with feet off the ground and this week did 4 lengths backstroke.		Tom for great engagement during Storypark posting, he stayed engaged throughout the session and looked at his own photo for a whole 20 minutes.
	Archie for joining Kapa Haka on Monday. He was interested and enjoyed it.		Guen for using a transfer aid well, being brave and trying to use it.
	Brock for awesome work trying three new foods this week.		Nova for great reading this week. She has had a fantastic week 9.
	Dallin for participating in all of his lessons with a positive attitude this week, being happy and engaged at school.		Pooja for swimming independently at the pool and having an excellent transition in and out of the pool.

Congratulations to our most recent winners!



He whetū koe! You're a star!

