

Kia Ora Koutou to you all and welcome to the last week of term. The last ten weeks seems to have flown by with so much awesome learning happening throughout all our sites. Our termly topic of **Celebrations Around the World** has seen our tamariki heavily involved in all sorts of fantastic learning around the many different cultures that make up Aotearoa. From music, to food, to visiting different places around the community there has been a lot of rich learning experiences happening across the sites.

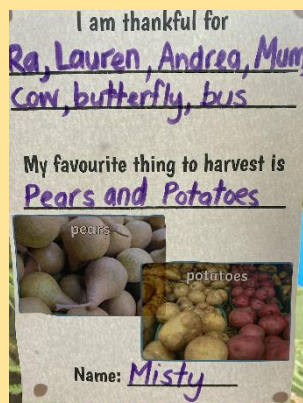
As we head into the holidays we hope you enjoy spending the Matariki Public holiday together with whānau and friends. Through our school wide topic of celebrations this term our tamariki have been learning about Matariki and what it means to them and their whānau. We have been learning about the Matariki cluster of stars, what they mean to us in Aotearoa and to other countries in the world. For many cultures, these stars are connected to celebration, planting, harvesting, weather, and life. For Māori, the rising of Matariki signals te Mātahi o te Tau, the Māori New Year. The appearance of Matariki in the morning sky is a sign for people to gather, to honour the deceased, celebrate the present, and plan for the future.



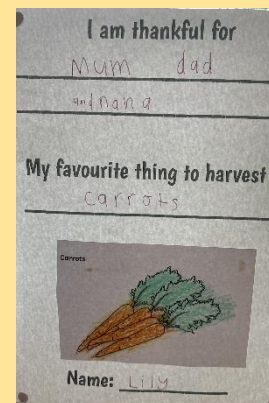
William, Te Au Mārire and Aydin visiting the Matariki exhibition



Malaya's Matariki star



Matariki writing by Misty and Lily





**Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki
Mānawa maiea te ariki o te rangi
Mānawa maiea te mātahi o te tau**

*Hail the rise of Matariki
Hail the lord of the sky
Hail the New Year*



**Kahu students making planter
boxes to plant their Matariki crops**

With all our students' IEP goals set for the year we have also been seeing a lot of hard work and celebrations going into the milestones that each individual child has made towards working towards achieving their goals. Many goals are around communication, physical skills, life skills and a huge variety of other ideas that our students, their whānau and their school team have come up with to support them in their learning and independence.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday and cannot wait to see everyone back at school refreshed and ready to learn on Monday the 17th of July.

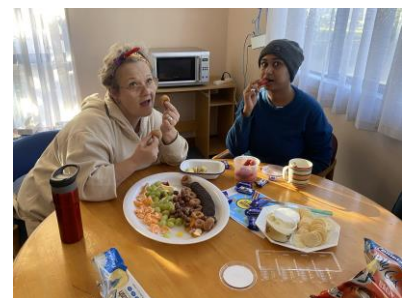
Last week Kimi Ora celebrated **Support staff week**. It takes a village to raise a child, and support staff are one of the many valuable “pieces” of our education system “jigsaw” that make children feel safe in their environment and help them reach their highest potential. We are very lucky to have the most amazing team of support staff including Teacher Aides, Therapists, Administration staff and our wonderful Property Manager who all work incredibly hard to support our tamariki in their everyday learning.



Last week we had the opportunity to awhi them all for all the hard work they do to provide such an amazing learning environment for our students by having a special morning tea at each Kimi Ora site.

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari kē he toa takitini

My success should not be bestowed onto me alone, it was not individual success but the success of a collective



Some Manaaki support staff enjoying their morning tea!

Nau mai, Haere Mai to our two new staff members who have joined

At our Miramar Central Satellite we have welcomed Finn Thomas, who will be working with us as a Teacher Aide. At our Hutt sites we have welcomed Misi Maka who has also joined us as a Teacher Aide. We give you both a big Kimi Welcome and look forward to working with you!

We are also giving a big Kimi Kia Ora to our new student, five year old Sammy has joined Ruru class at our Pomare satellite! Welcome to Sammy and his whānau to the Kimi Ora whānau. We are so excited to share in all you will achieve with us.

Ka kite and good luck to those who are leaving Kimi Ora

Last week we sadly said goodbye to Hannah McGill who has been a Speech and Language Therapist at our Hutt sites for the last two Years. Hannah has worked across all three Hutt sites with students who have ranged in ages from just starting school to older students who are about to leave school. She will be missed for her understanding, dedication and passion for making sure every student has the ability to communicate and are able to tell us their wants and needs. Hannah has left Kimi Ora to head off on an OE to Canada!



On Friday we will be saying goodbye and good luck to Karen van Niekerk, Teacher in Kākāpō class at our Pomare Satellite. Karen has been working at Kimi Ora for the last two and a half years. Thank you to Karen for all her hard work teaching the tamariki of Kākāpō class and also her contribution to the wider school community at Pomare School as well. We wish Karen the best of luck as she takes a teaching position at St Michael's school in the Hutt. Ngā mihi.

On Friday we will also be saying Ka kite to Laura Delaney, Teacher across Wellington city and Hutt sites. Laura's time in New Zealand has come to an end and she is heading back to Ireland to resume her position at her school over there. Laura has been working at Kimi Ora for four years and has spent time teaching at all five of our sites over the years! She started her time at Kimi Ora working as a Teacher supporting Speech and Language therapy before she moved into her role as a Classroom Teacher. She will be missed for her passion, understanding and knowledge in teaching such a wide variety of our students. We hope you enjoy your time closer to your whānau back in your homeland Laura, safe travels. Buíochas (Thank you)



Earlier in the term we farewelled May Consad, Teacher Aide at our Evans Bay Satellite. May has been working at Kimi Ora for four years. During this time she worked alongside a variety of students with passion and enthusiasm. We will miss her positive attitude and dedication to our tamariki.

Finally, Salma Khan, who has been working at as a Teacher Aide at our Wellington City sites for the last four months, will be leaving us at the end of the term to spend more time with her whānau.

Thank you to you all for your contribution to our kura.

Coming Up...

Fri 30 June	Last Day Term 2
Sat 1 July	Special Needs Children's Bowling Party Lower Hutt (run by Autism NZ)
Sun 2 July	Special Needs Children's Bowling Party Porirua (run by Autism NZ)
Mon 17 July	First Day Term 3
Mon 17 July	Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm Base School

Kimi Kids



Kia ora, I'm Rajan and I am 10 years old. I love eating my chocolate sandwich in school.

I am great at reading stories and I read them with emotion. I like watching Elmo's world and singing some of its songs in class.

I also enjoy playing tag and running around during playtime.



I am Ya. I use my voice, sign and my new electronic PODD to communicate.

My favourite thing to do at school is Art, gardening, going for a walk, riding a bike and dressing up.

"Chocolate - Orange - Countdown - Kmart - New World"

I love our Pak N Save shopping trips the best!



Kia ora, my name is Piper. My favourite activities include dancing, using the poi and rakau during Kapa Haka group and reading stories. I also enjoy playing musical instruments and dancing to my favourite songs.

Painting is an activity that I can become very creative with especially when glitter is available to add to my work of art! Outside I can be found relaxing in the hammock or on the swing.

Kimi Krew



Greetings I'm one of the originals who started at Kimi Ora Thorndon and transferred to the Naenae site in 2011.

Over the years I've gained a wide range of experiences on both professional & personal that has contributed my development. For example: an 8 day Outward Bound course in Anakiwa South Island. I have worked in a variety of settings such.... Base, Satellite Schools + Transition Classes.

My interests include hiking, fitness, football, music, and the arts. I also have a BVA in "Visual Arts" where I majored in contemporary drawing + painting.

Hello, I'm Mary. I work at Evans Bay 3 days per week as an Occupational Therapist. I've been at Kimi Ora since the beginning of 2020 and I am so enjoying working with all the wonderful students and staff. I have been an OT for many years, mostly with children and adolescents.

My husband Tony and I have 3 teenage boys. I enjoy time with my family and friends, walking, reading, watching drama series and Pilates.



Ākonga o te Wiki - Student of the Week



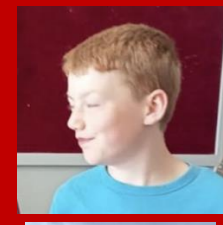
Mitchell for great social interactions with a friend.



Anna for participation and engagement in the community.



Kahu for amazing RDA. Showing superb horsemanship and great transitioning.



Archie for communicating his needs more through gestures, and great improvement with transitions.



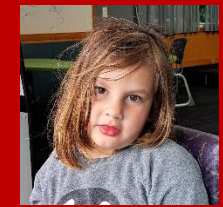
Zoe for working hard on her personal cares to be as independent as possible.



Chloe for using her device to crack a joke and to make requests.



Shuai'b for walking to the pool and back independently.



Awatea for staying seated while eating morning tea and lunch.



Jayda for great communication with her coreboard.



Vinny for walking to school every day.



Ava for participating in her first movement session and engaging in lessons.



Abel for independently feeding himself some hummus with a spoon.



Julius for digging out his old PODD independently when there were difficulties with his device.



Mithu for doing an excellent job during the class play practice and transitions in and out of Kiwi class.



Mily for great sharing in morning hui. Using her PODD and headswitch to tell us it was her birthday the next day. She said "I'm telling you something - it's going to happen - special events - party".

Congratulations to our most recent winners!



He whetū koe! You're a star!

