

Tēnā koutou to our Kimi Ora whānau and community,

Term Two is well underway and despite the cooler mornings, our students are getting back into their school routines and engaging and learning in their busy days at school.

This term the topic is 'Animal Habitats' which is based around the NZ Science curriculum and is thread throughout our students' learning in all curriculum areas.

There have already been some fabulous experiences happening around our sites including Sense Rugby, community music, RDA, work experience and aqua aerobics at a local community pool for some students in the Hutt.

On Monday, our students at our Miramar Central joined in with the Cross Country and had a fantastic time running alongside the students from Miramar Central and Kimi Ora.



***Zach and Estelle after competing in the Cross Country***



***Tim, Adam and Jesse hard at work with the team at Sole Landscapes***



### Shirley's learning journey overseas

On May the 27th Shirley will be heading overseas for a learning holiday. During this time she will be visiting a number of Special Schools in both the UK and Singapore. She will also be attending a conference for Autism in Birmingham, UK. Shirley is also looking forward to spending some time with her extended whānau in the UK.

During Shirley's absence from school our two Deputy Principals, Jess Hall and Sue Irwin will be working together as Acting Principals. Sue will continue to oversee our Pomare School satellite and our two City sites (alongside our new Assistant Principal in the city, Frances Mulligan,) and Jess will continue to oversee Base School and our Manaaki satellite. They will be available via email, should you need to get in touch with them in Shirley's absence.

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We wish Shirley safe travels and look forward to her return and sharing all she has learnt whilst away.

### Property Update

Next week the refurbishment of our Miramar Central Satellite is due to begin. This major project has been on the cards for a while and we are very pleased that it is finally going to start. It will mean a great new learning hub for our Kimi Ora students.

We would like to thank our Miramar Central staff, students and whānau who have adapted and coped very well with the changes in moving into different learning areas while this happens. We would also like to thank Jackie (Principal,) and the staff and students of Miramar Central for their support and adaptability during this time.

At Base school we are hoping to have our new outdoor learning area completed either on the weekends or during the next two week holiday in July. This space will enable our students to have an extra learning area that will be covered to enable learning to happen in rain, hail or sun.

We continue to wait for updates as to new Kimi Ora satellites in the Hutt Valley from the Ministry of Education.

### Haere mai and welcome to the following staff and students

To begin, this is not so much a welcome but more a congratulations to **Frances Mulligan**, who has been our City sites coordinator and Teacher at our Evans Bay Intermediate Hub for many years now.

Frances has accepted the position of Assistant Principal at Kimi Ora. Many of you will already know Frances and it is great that she has such a great understanding of our kura already as she steps into this new role.

Towards the end of this term there will be another new Assistant Principal joining us who we will welcome in a later newsletter.



*Frances (left,) and Kaya hanging out at Evans Bay*



A big welcome to the Kimi Ora whānau to **Prithvi** and his whānau! Prithvi has joined Ruru class at our Pomare School satellite. It is great to have you with us!

We have welcomed a number of new staff to the Kimi Ora team this term. At our Manaaki satellite Teacher **Victoria Miller** has joined us and will be teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays for the next two terms. Victoria has joined us from HIBS and has worked in the disability sector over a number of years. We are excited to have her bring her passion for PE and Health to our kura. Nau mai, haere mai Victoria.

Two awesome new Teacher Aides have joined us; **Rachel Kenny** at Manaaki and **Thorne Dunnett** and Base.

We have also welcomed a new Teacher to our Kimi Ora Outreach team. A big tēnā koe to **Anna Wafer** who will be working with students in mainstream schools across Wellington.

We have a new Physiotherapist **Iona Tripp** who has joined the team working at both our City and Hutt sites. Iona is a Paediatric Physiotherapist and spent time handing over from Tiarna in Term One, before Tiarna headed back to Ireland so is already acquainted with our school, students and staff. Welcome Iona!



*Victoria and Vinnie hanging out at Manaaki*

### Ngā manaakitanga and farewell to Louise

Last week we said a very sad ka kite to **Louise Fane de Salis**, who has been a Physiotherapist at Kimi Ora for 18 years.

Louise began her job at Kimi Ora back at our Thorndon site in 2007. She has worked with many students both at our Evans Bay and Hutt sites. Louise's understanding, can-do attitude and wide range of knowledge about all aspects of our students, whānau and the wider disability community has been an asset to our school.

Louise is retiring from her job to spend more time with her whānau and will be volunteering with some disability community groups in her hometown of Masterton.

Louise will be dearly missed by everyone at Kimi Ora. Her awesome sense of humour, hilarious stories and passion for her work at Kimi Ora will be hard to fill.

We wish Louise the best of luck for her retirement and look forward to catching up with her when she comes to visit us.





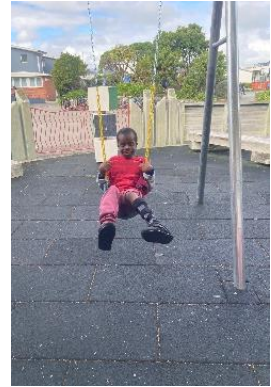
# NGĀ MIHI NUI KI A KOE

Our kura has been gifted with some amazing new resources thanks to some different groups and charities over the last couple of weeks.

## New swings at our Evans Bay Hub



Once again we would like to thank the amazing Pip Taite, Novia's (Physiotherapist,) Mum for her tireless efforts in fundraising for our school. Pip and the team at St John's Trust Op Shop in Karori have been huge supporters of our kura for many years fundraising for adapted bikes, camps and now the amazing new swings that were put into our Evans Bay Intermediate Hub during the school holidays. The swings have been very popular since the students arrived back this term and are providing a lot of fun, sensory regulation and fantastic communication opportunities for our students there.



A massive ngā mihi nui to Pip, Novia and the team for such an amazing resource for our tamariki to have.

*Pictured: Donte and Shuai'b enjoying the new swings*



## Technology Grant



A huge thanks to Pub Charity for the \$13,910 technology grant that has enabled us to upgrade some old technology, have more iPads for students to engage in reading, communication and independent activities. We have also received some new voice activated technology that will allow students to either speak a few words or use their communication device to develop their independence, communication and access to the world around them.

## Racerunner Bike



A huge thanks to Lions Foundation, Cerebral Palsy Society, and Allied Medical for helping fund us to be able to have an amazing new 'Racerunner' Bike.

Racerunning is well known in other countries as a competitive sport and features in World Para Athletics Championships. These bikes have been recently brought to New Zealand for the first time so it will be great having some of our students give it a go.

*Pictured: Guen trying out the Racerunner bike!*



## School lunches this term

Please see the attached menu for the students' lunches this term.

Be reassured that all allergies and needs of our tamariki are taken care of by our amazing providers at Yellow Seat catering. They are a fantastic company who work very hard to bring our diverse tamariki delicious and nutritious lunches catered to their individual needs.


Some of you may be aware of the changes the government has proposed for the Ka Ora Ka Ako/Healthy lunches in schools program. At the moment we are unsure of how things will affect our kura, we will keep you updated as we hear more from the Ministry.

### Kimi Ora School's Menu Term 2 - 2024

Week 1 (Odd Weeks)				
	Main meal	Vege Option	Picky eaters	Snack
<b>Monday</b>	Chicken Hakka Noodles with stir fried veg	Veg Hakka Noodles with stir fried veg and tofu	Cheese S/W, Hummus, rice crackers and Carrot sticks	Fresh whole fruit & Pretzels
<b>Tuesday</b>	Waffle with chicken nuggets and avocado and chop salad	Waffle with grilled tofu, avocado and chop salad	Meatballs, Hummus, Rice crackers and Carrot sticks	Fruit Salad
<b>Wednesday</b>	Butter chicken with steamed veggies and rice	Pumpkin and Channa Masala with steamed veggies and rice	Broccoli bites, Hummus, rice crackers and Carrot sticks	Fresh whole fruit & Pretzels
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken tenders with creamy mash, chickpeas and steamed veg	Tofu tenders with creamy mash, chickpeas and steamed veg	Chicken tenders, Hummus, rice crackers and Carrot sticks	Fruit Salad
<b>Friday</b>	Beef and mixed veg soft tacos, cheese and sour cream	Tofu and mixed veg soft tacos, cheese and sour cream	Plain Pizza, Hummus, rice crackers and Carrot sticks	Fresh whole fruit & Pretzels

Week 2 (Even Weeks)				
	Main meal	Vege Option	Picky eaters	Snack
<b>Monday</b>	Pancake with chicken tenders, berries and chop salad	Pancakes with berries, panfried tofu and chop salad	Cheese S/W, Hummus, rice crackers and Carrot sticks	Fresh whole fruit & Pretzels
<b>Tuesday</b>	Beef and Cheese Lasagne with steamed veg	Veg lasagne with St veg	Meatballs, Hummus, Rice crackers and Carrot sticks	Fruit Salad
<b>Wednesday</b>	Hamburger with tomato, lettuce and cheese with fries	Vegan Hamburger with avocado, tomato, lettuce and cheese with fries	Broccoli bites, Hummus, rice crackers and Carrot sticks	Fresh whole fruit & Pretzels
<b>Thursday</b>	Penne with creamy chicken and green peas	Penne pasta with creamy soy protein sauce and peas	Chicken tenders, Hummus, rice crackers and Carrot sticks	Fruit Salad
<b>Friday</b>	Bacon Pizza with salad greens	Veg fritters with chickpeas and tossed pasta	Plain Pizza, Hummus, rice crackers and Carrot sticks	Fresh whole fruit & Pretzels

## Coming Up...

<b>Mon 3 June</b>	Kings' Birthday 
<b>Thurs 27 June</b>	Staff only day (school closed to students)
<b>Fri 28 June</b>	Matariki Public Holiday ☆
<b>Fri 5 July</b>	Last Day Term 2
<b>Mon 22 July</b>	First Day Term 3
<b>Mon 5 August</b>	Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm Base School

# Kimi Kids



Ayubowan (Hello in Sinhalese), I am Hirundee, I am 13 years old. I love my comfortable blue chair at school.

My favourite food is my curry rice, that I love to have for my breakfast, morning tea and lunch!

I am learning to use my AAC to communicate with all of you.



Hello, my name is Ares.

In my free time at school, I like to swing on the swings, play on the playground, climb the climbing wall and play with my sensory toys.

My favourite subjects are Food Science and Music.



Kia ora, I'm McKenzie and I am 8 years old.

I am an amazing Artist and like to use pens, paint, chalk and collage to create my artworks.

I also enjoy baking and am great at construction too using blocks and multilink cubes! I enjoy being part of Kapa Haka and swinging my poi!

I communicate using my Talker communication device, visual symbols and short verbal phrases...I can tell you that I want to eat and drink!

## Kimi Krew



Hi, my name is Alma Kenny and I have been a Teacher Aide at Kimi Ora School since 2011. I am originally from a small town in the Republic of Ireland, called Bailieborough. I live in Avalon with my husband (of almost 30 years), my 23-year-old daughter and 2 gorgeous Birman cats. I also have a 25-year-old Son who is married.

I worked initially at base, then worked in our satellite classes at Pomare School for about 5 & 1/2 years before moving back to base this year.

The most important things in my life are my family, my faith and of course, working with our amazing Kimi Ora tamariki. My other interests are reading, swimming, going to the gym, amateur dramatics, and spending time with my amazing family.

Kia Ora, I'm Kirsty. I started my role with the Kimi Ora Outreach Team in 2022. I love my job and all the new relationships with adults and children alike. Learning and growing alongside others is so fulfilling.

Outside of work I love to spend time with family/friends, walk in nature, and do creative things such as sewing and cooking.





# Ākonga o te Wiki - Student of the Week



Ada for great progress using utensils while feeding herself.



Adam for attending school activities on a more regular basis.

Ahmad for great concentration and participation when participating in the entire 'food science' lesson and being such an enthusiastic cook!



Anika for being awake and ready to learn. For displaying amazing self-agency and advocating for herself and her needs.



Billy for being confident and ready to walk a longer distance.



Darcy for great listening and following instructions so well when completing workstations.



Dennis for using a switch to run the jigsaw in woodwork whilst in his standing frame.



Ibrahim for being brave and getting into the pool and using the visual timetable to request the pool.



Isabel for great walking to Akau Tangi and for awesome participation in the 'Have a Go' session.



Bella for independently completing her morning routines.



Jacob for making up his own sign during NZ sign language week.



Jonric for utilising the sign 'more' to request for things



Lily for utilising known scripts to engage in morning chats with staff.



Patrick for increased focus and communication, writing, spelling and having agency and independence.



Mily for great physical strength and determination in her standing frame and then in her pacer.



Ya for joining whole class activities, signing in during Morning Hui, and participating in Cooking and Literacy.



Zach for an amazing attitude starting Term Two and absolutely smashing out loads of walking and standing.



Shuai'b for walking to and from Akau Tangi as well as participating in the sports activities.



Zac for stepping outside of his comfort zone to talk to new people on the playground.



Jayda for wearing her track pants at the beginning of the day at school.



Prithvi for a great start to Ruru class at our Pomare School satellite.

Sammy for stepping outside of his comfort zone and floating on his back in the pool without a life jacket.

Congratulations to our most recent winners!



He whetū koe! You're a star!

