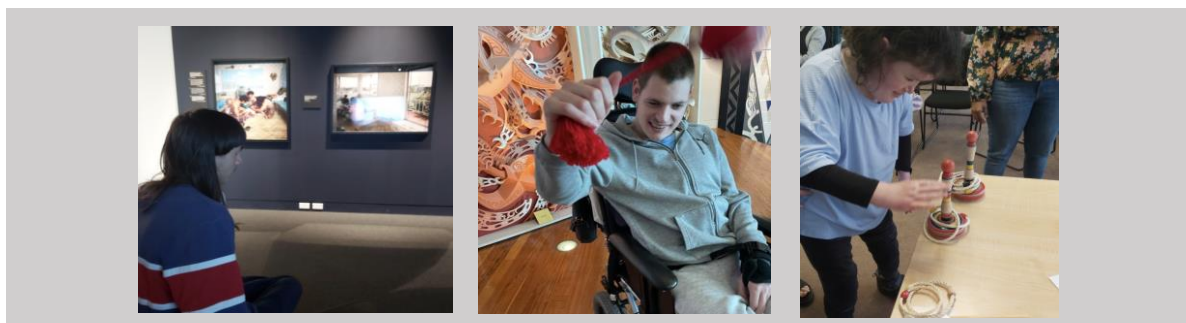


Kia ora koutou to all our Kimi Ora whānau, friends and community

We hope you are all keeping well, there has definitely been a change in the weather and we are seeing some darker starts to the mornings and a significant drop in temperatures. Despite this our students are thoroughly enjoying getting out and about in their local communities. It has been fantastic to see our tamariki out learning about different cultures, celebrations and special occasions that happen for different people in New Zealand. Our students at our Manaaki site have been getting out to a variety of different places, learning about different cultures and customs. Last week they visited the Sikh temple in Naenae and this week they are off to the Japanese Embassy!

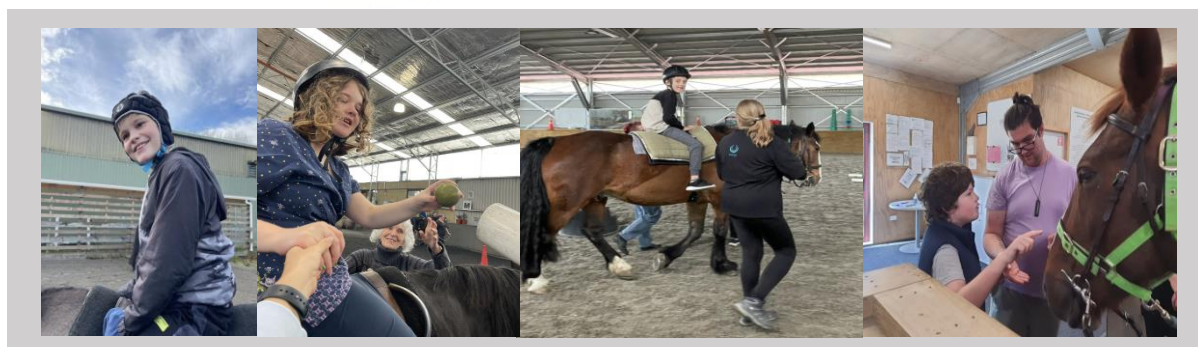
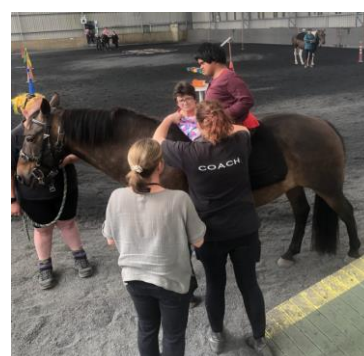


(Photos: Manaaki students Patrick - visiting the Samoan tattoo exhibition, Joshua visiting the Te Papa Marae, Billie visiting the Japanese Embassy and learning about different games they play in Japan.)

Spotlight on: RDA (Riding for the Disabled)

At Kimi Ora School we are lucky enough to have quite a few of our tamariki participate in RDA. Our school has weekly sessions at both the Battle Hill RDA and Stokes Valley RDA. Therapeutic Horse Riding is a proven therapy that develops, improves and/or promotes many aspects such as: balance and coordination; muscle tone; concentration; self-discipline and self-esteem; perception and spatial awareness; communication and social skills; independence and encourages decision making.

In addition, riding is an enjoyable form of exercise and an exciting, challenging and motivating activity. When riding, students work on a variety of different skills including following different signs such as 'stop' and 'walk on'. They carry out different physical activities such as lying down on the horse, one handed riding as well as curriculum related activities such as spelling their name or recognising sight words. Over the years we have seen many great benefits for our tamariki who attend RDA regularly. This includes stretching, developing language, using and strengthening different muscles. This is all thanks to the patient horses and the team of amazing volunteers and staff at both of Wellington's RDA centres.



Colds, Flu and COVID

Unfortunately, winter colds and flu are already in our school community. In the last week we have seen a significant rise in colds and flu around the different school sites and this is affecting both our tamariki and staff. We continue to sanitise, ventilate and disinfect surfaces to minimise the spread of infections at school.

If your child is unwell, please do not send them to school as it impacts on the health of other students and staff. If students display signs of a runny nose, cough or fever at school you will be called and asked to collect your child from school.

As with most schools at the moment, we continue to find it hard to find relief staff to replace sick staff due to teacher shortages. COVID19 also continues to affect our community, the following rules apply to those who have COVID in the household:

Ministry of Health Guidelines: Covid-19

- *Positive: If you test positive for Covid, you must self-isolate for 7 days. You cannot end your self-isolation early, even if a later test is negative during the 7 days.*
- *Household Contacts: If you are a Household Contact, you should test daily for 5 days with a rapid antigen test (RAT) from the day the person with Covid tested positive. Wear a face mask if you leave your home during your 5 days of testing. If you test positive for Covid, you must self-isolate for 7 days.*

Kia Ora Brisbane!

Last week we welcomed Brisbane and his whānau to Kimi Ora School. Brisbane has joined Kauri class at our Miramar Central site. Nau mai, Haere mai to Brisbane and whānau.

Ka kite to Hazel and Sara

Last week we bid farewell to **Hazel Barrett**, Music Therapist. Hazel joined us three years ago and has worked over our three Hutt Valley sites in her time with us. We will all miss Hazel for her fantastic musical abilities and passion for our students and their success. Hazel and her husband are moving back to the UK to be closer to their family.



Sara Green, who is leaving us at the end of this week, has been working in the role of Speech and Language Therapist at Kimi Ora for the last five and a half years. Sara completed her last placement as a SLT student in 2017 and started working as a fully registered SLT with us in 2018. During this time, she has been a valuable member of our team and has contributed much to school life. Sara has helped our students communicate their needs to the world, express themselves and develop relationships. In particular, her work around introducing PODDs as well as supporting our students to get

communication devices has been invaluable. We wish Sara all the best in her continued career.

New Zealand Disability Karate Association

Karate Dojo, a group in Wellington, are offering Karate lessons for people with different abilities. You can visit their website at www.karatedojo.nz to find out more.

Coming Up...

Mon 5 June	Kings' Birthday 👑
Mon 26 June	Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm Base School
Fri 30 June	Last Day Term 2
Mon 17 July	First Day Term 3

Kimi Kids



Hi there, my name is Lafoga and I am in Tui class! I use my voice and my coreboard to communicate. I am such a social butterfly, and I love to hang out and play games.

I love Kapa Haka, music, dancing, singing, robots, monsters, play fighting, swings, cycling and super heroes!



Hi, I am Estelle! I am 6 years old and started in Kōwhai class last year at the Evans Bay Satellite.

I love making kissing noises when I am happy. I enjoy toys that make sounds or have crackling material on them. I am learning to explore new experiences in my class with my classmates.



Hi, I'm Misty! There's a good chance you might catch me playing music or having a dance.

I like going on outings and exploring the community. If you come visit me, be sure to tell me a joke as I love a good laugh.

Kimi Krew



Kia Ora, my name is Holly Charleton and I am very proud to be a part of Kimi Ora at our Pomare Satellite teaching in Ruru. I am a trained teacher in ECE and Primary and have a huge interest in special needs education. I love working at Kimi and being hands on with the tamariki.

I have a five year old who is my world and together with my partner who works in construction and engineering we live happily in Upper Hutt! I love to read and adventure with my family and friends; I love a good crime series and rewatching Friends for the thousandth time!

Hi my name is Sue, I have worked here for eighteen years as a Teacher Aide, 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 granddaughter just joined the Maori League team.



Ākonga o te Wiki - Student of the Week



Johnny for amazing communication using his electronic device.

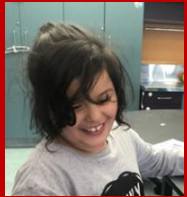


Isabel for showing great leadership by stepping up this term and reading to Kōwhai class.



Rajan for trying new foods this week.

Brisbane for a wonderful first week of school and initiating interaction with staff.



McKenzie for using her PODD to communicate and using her voice for making requests.



Ya for great role modelling and supervision of younger students at RDA.



Estelle for amazing work with new eye gaze trial.



Anika for incredible concentration in spelling.



Reuben for brilliant engagement in drama.



Frankie for using his high energy productively and self-calming.



Sarah for making progress in washing her hair.



Harata for great communication of her needs.



Piper for fantastic transitioning into different areas of the school.



Luca for playing with younger students and inviting them into his space.



Lafoga for feeling confident without your headphones.



Guen for a great swimming session with standing and sitting.

Congratulations to our most recent winners!



He whetū koe! You're a star!

