

Newsletter Term Three 2022



& Early Learning Centre

Kia ora koutou,

Term three this year has been filled with a number of exciting outings and activities to complement our formal teaching and learning programme at kura. Our inaugural ski trip to Mount Hutt was an exciting opportunity for ākonga (students) to learn to snow board or ski at our local field. For a number of our ākonga, it was their first visit to Mount Hutt and they fully immersed themselves in the lessons and being in the beautiful outdoor environment for the day. The first day learning to snowboard is really hard work and I was very impressed with the way that the girls persisted and stepped well outside of their comfort zone. Next year I am sure they will make even more progress!

Hauora week was a chance for ākonga to engage with different activities including journaling, art class, and our first of two beach sessions. We have continued to work with Surfwise at both Waikuku Beach and North Beach in Christchurch. Nicola, our support worker, will speak in more detail about these sessions further in this newsletter, but it's great for our ākonga to continue to grow these connections with Tammi and Averil, as well as the natural beach environment.

Corabelle Summerton from the Kahu Collective worked with ākonga across three different sessions to design the weaving piece that will eventually frame our whānau space. It will be amazing to have some of the cultural narrative of Karanga Mai depicted on the walls within this space and I am looking forward to sharing this with our visitors to kura. Having ākonga and kaimahi (staff) involved in the process of making these panels is really special and means that their legacy will be a part of kura long after they leave.

Our annual Spring Picnic was a welcome return to the calendar this term. Our connection with the Early Learning Centre is very special and the whakawhanaungatanga that we share is really unique, with māmā and pēpi viewed as a package and at the centre of everything that we do. It is always a privilege to be able to have a community event together. This year's picnic was held at Scarborough in Sumner, the major highlight of the day was hearing the squeals of delight from the tamariki when they were splashing about in the water on the beach.

As the weather warms up it is great to be able to be outside enjoying the sunshine and rejuvenating ourselves with some much needed vitamin D. Noho ora mai. Ruth



Term Three Photo Album . . .



Springtime Frolicking at KM - Kaiāwhina, Nicola . . .



Kia ora anō rā

After what seems like the longest Winter on record it has been so exciting to see the blossoms on the trees and all the spring flowers coming out of their hibernation. We were lucky enough to have a couple of activities during the last weeks of this term that celebrated the feeling of springtime and the sense of joy that it brings.

On Tuesday we spent the afternoon with Tammi and Averil from Surfwise down at North Beach. The theme for the day invited the feeling of freedom we get when we are playful, and so indeed playful we were! In between bubbles being blown, scavenger hunts in the playground, games on the grass and then swissball football (which turned into 'bottom ball') being played on the beach, we were encouraged to let our inner child come to the fore and see how it felt to not worry about 'adulting' for an hour or two.

When reflecting on how we felt afterwards, words such as 'invigorated' and 'energised' were used. We talked about 'frolicking' on the beach. For me, when I think of the word 'frolicking', the picture that comes to my mind is this: A lamb marching to the beat of its own drum, high on fresh green pastures and the warming springtime sunshine.



Okay, so it's fair to say that we can't spend our days bouncing around like Lenny (or Lottie) the Lamb when we have children and responsibilities, but sometimes I think we forget the joy that is to be found in being playful.

We got to experience the joy of play/tākaro again on Thursday when we went out as a group for our ELC and YPC picnic at Sumner. The weather was beautiful and we got to make the most of the playground and the beach, hanging out with our tamariki and following their lead when it came to fun. I'm sure I'm not alone in thinking that this was a pretty special day and it was so great to see parents and their whānau experiencing the escapism and fun that come with play, especially play/tākaro with our tamariki.

If you are into the science of why this is a big deal, then you will love this because research shows that playful parenting is important because it:

1. Creates connection and reconnection with your child – your bond is strengthened when you see the world through your child's eyes. It is the perfect way to connect with your tamariki.
2. Play helps children with social skills and learning how to become kind adults – children who have the attention that can come through play are less likely to have behavioural issues. Through pretend play we can also show our children what kind and respectful behaviour looks like.
3. Play makes parenting easier – Families who make time for play tend to be happier, this is because the mood of a home can be lightened through play, especially during tough situations.
4. Play helps our children feel wanted – it is a way of telling our children that we enjoy spending time with them which can help boost their confidence and self esteem.
5. Play helps with their brain skills – when we play with our children we can make learning fun. We can use play to learn the alphabet or numbers, or to figure out how things work.



Okay, so now we know that not only is play good for us, but it's good for our tamariki – win/win really. With this in mind, let's all try to go into the school holidays finding moments here and there when we can stop all the adulting and start some of the frolicking....it is springtime after all.

Ka kite x

Other Pānui . . .



**Nau Mai Haere Mai/
Welcome, to our new
student this term :
CHLOE**

Ka Kite Ano/Farewell to :

- * Samara & Mia-Ataahua
- * Javiah & Kylasis
- * Katana
- * Oshiana & Waitararirangi
- * Aleisha & Ryder
- * Emma
- * Atlantis



**Congratulations to the following students
who completed the NZ Red Cross
Comprehensive First Aid Certificate:
Moana, Nadia, Oshiana, Reign & Tasi.**



GRADUATION DAY

Congratulations to our fabulous Kaiāwhina-Support Worker, Nicola Mckinlay-Clark, who graduated last year with a Master of Counselling.

Due to covid unpredictability, Nic opted not to attend the formal ceremony, so instead we threw our own impromtu graduation ceremony at Karanga Mai . We are so very proud of you Nic xx



Key Events/Dates in Term 4:

- Week 1: Friday 21 October - Rehua Marae visit
- Week 2: Wednesday 26 October - surfing sessions begin every Wednesday morning
- Week 7: Tuesday 29 November - Prize-giving at 10am
- Week 8: Thursday 8 December - Leavers Brunch & last day for students



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Kia ora, Talofa lava, Kia orana, Malo e lelei and welcome,

In addition to the new ākonga welcomed earlier in this pānui I'd like to welcome our new community tamariki and whānau. Nau mai tauti mai ki te whare kohungahunga o Karanga Mai Nathan, Ardie and Willow, who returns after a short absence. We also have 3 new pēpi who have been born this term; Manahuia (Manaiyah), Manatia (Maharatia) and Myra (Ardie) - nau mai ki tenei ao enei pēpi. Our tamariki and kaiako have loved welcoming you all to our whānau and whare.

Life and Learning

This term Nat has participated in some professional development which looked at the topic of Notions of giftedness in the early years – Pito Mata – Realising potential. During this course participants were able to share examples of giftedness in the tamariki we learn alongside and how these notions of giftedness are nurtured in the early learning settings. This happened over 4 workshops, 2 mentor sessions and an interview. One of the stories that Nat shared is going to be shared as a Story of Practice from Leaders and Kaiako on Te Whariki Online – the online site of the Early Childhood Curriculum – Te Whariki. We are super excited that others will get to share in some of the highlights of our mahi here at Karanga Mai. We will keep you updated as to where and when you can find the article.



Mahuru Māori – ‘Me kite, me rongo, me korero’

Here at Karanga Mai every day is a day to korero Māori; we practice manaakitanga with our friends and colleagues, we tiaki our taiao when we're outside playing, we engage in whanaungatanga when we sit down to eat and to korero – it's in everything we do.

This year we marked the begining of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori with a kai hakari – sharing of kai. We had a bacon bone boil up, with fried bread and rewana bread and topped that off with a mixed berry steamed pudding custard and ice-cream – mmmmmmm te reka hoki!!!

As a follow on from our first ever official celebration and recognition of Matariki as a public holiday here in Aotearoa – New Zealand, Mahuru Māori continues to gather moumentum around the country. It is a time for us to grow in our learning and knowledge of Te Ao Māori – a Māori world view. As the whakatauki that I have chosen for this panui says – *TŪWITIA TE HOPO, MAIRANGATIA TE ANGITŪ – feel the fear and do it anyway!*

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Spring Picnic

With all the miserable weather that we've had through ngahuru me te takurua (autumn and winter), it was a blessing to have such a glorious day with great company for this years' Spring Picnic.

In the past we have gone to the Botanical Gardens, so it was nice to change it up a little bit and that the weather was in our favour. Our tamariki, māmā and kaiako from both Karanga Mai YPC and ELC, got to spend a marvellous day out at the Clock Tower Park at Scarborough Beach. We enjoyed the playground, the conversations, the beach and the kai. Our tamariki especially enjoyed the frolick in the moana, clothes and all!



What's Coming Up in Term 4?

'In the Garden' - our tamariki will be tending to our strawberry patch and planting our sunflowers. Thanks to Mitre 10, we are off to buy some new equipment and garden tools.

October 17th: First day of Term 4

December 7th: Children's Christmas Party - details to be confirmed

December 9th: Karanga Mai YPC closes and vans stop running for 2022

December 16th: Karanga Mai ELC closes for 2022

Kia haumaru tō haerere, kia hari to hararei, hoki pai mai

Ngā manaakitanga

Nat & Jacinta



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