



# Pānui Term One 2024

Tēnā koutou katoa,

This year has started with the usual vigor and energy. Week three at kura saw us on camp at Pōhatu Marine Reserve in Flea Bay (which is 20 minutes from Akaroa) for 2 nights. This provided us with the chance as a rōpū to build on our whanaungatanga to give us a solid foundation for the year ahead. Highlights from these three days away included; kayaking in the bay, penguin spotting, the walk into the bay and seeing the beautiful waterfalls.

Ocean Based Therapy has continued with Tammi and Averil from Surfwise Aotearoa. This will conclude on the last Wednesday of the term where we will do a "Strike Mission" to somewhere different in the region where the conditions look most favourable. Moving away from our home break at Waikuku is a good chance for ākongā to put into practice some of the skills that they have been learning throughout the summer months. The benefits of the time in the ocean has been transformative for everyone involved resulting in; improved mental health, physiological benefits and connection with taiao (nature). Helping to reduce anxiety and stress and helping us to find greater perspective in life. The Surfwise award for the end of the season will be awarded in the form of a wetsuit. This "super suit" will be given to the ākongā who has shown the greatest commitment to these sessions to assist them on their journey of gaining independence in accessing tangaroa (the ocean).

Throughout the term a group of ākongā have participated in the programme E Whiti! E Whiti! This has been run by the team at Tātai Aho Rau (Core Education) and gives our ākongā the opportunity to connect with industry professionals to work on real world projects to assist them in overcoming their challenges. Interestingly, penguins became part of the focus again, as the group worked with Antarctic New Zealand to help and raise the engagement of Youth in the issue of Climate Change. The rōpū worked extremely hard together and we are all excited to see their final product at the Celebration evening next term.

Noho ora mai. Ruth

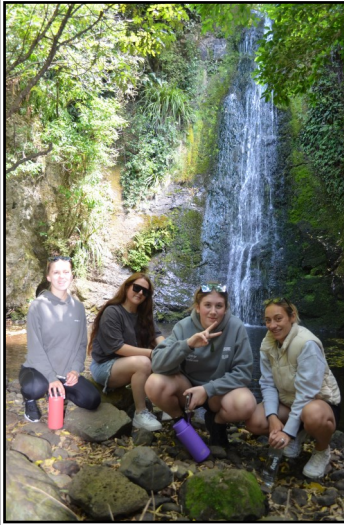


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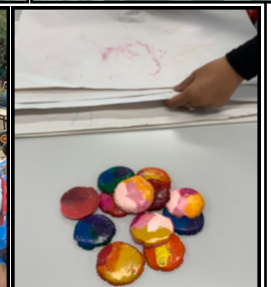
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# Pōhatu Camp, Surfing Therapy & ...



## *I've always dreamed of being a Teacher ...*

I've always dreamt of doing fun things and being a teacher and I finally got a glimpse of it. Today, I got to work with three different age groups and make something that would benefit each group. I made poster boxes for the infants, cupcake crayons for the three and four year olds and fingerpaint for the toddlers. Lishay Te Whare



# Meet Emma, our new Kaiāwhina . . .

Kia ora koutou

For those of you that I may not have met yet, my name is Emma and I am the new Kaiāwhina here at Karanga Mai.

I am feeling blessed to be part of such an amazing kaupapa, as I watch how beautifully the Early Learning Centre works alongside the Young Parents College. The connection and integration of our māmā as parents and as students works in a way that is empowering for both them and their tamariki.

What a term it has been! Before I was able to find my feet, we were off to Pōhatu for our school camp. Pōhatu is over on Banks Peninsula and home to the Helps whānau who own and operate an eco tourism business advocating and protecting Kororā (Little Penguin). We camped and woke to the sounds of the rare breed of sheep that call Pōhatu home and were able to see the penguins in their natural habitat by kayak, watch them as they frolicked in the ocean, help install nesting boxes and even hear and see the ones that had made nests under the wharepaku!! It was a wonderful learning experience for all and it was so cool to watch our māmā as they got stuck in with all of the activities we put in front of them!

We have also been surfing with the wonderful

Tammi and Averil at Surfwise Aotearoa each Wednesday. Surfing is close to my heart, so it feels very exciting to be able to share this time with our kaiako and our māmā. To watch everyone smile, laugh and 'eoooww', alongside each other in the ocean is such a joy, and watching everyone as they gain skills and surprise themselves as their feet hit the board and they ride a wave to shore is something to behold! What we learn in the ocean can be taken into our world on land; perservance, determination, celebration, flow and the ability to release any emotions that may be tying us down.

For me, this term it has been beautiful to observe the ebb and flow of our kura, the different threads of the tapestry of our environment, from community kai, mum's n bubs swimming, school camp, to the best ever toasties made for our students by our wonderful Jayne. It really is a beautiful place to be part of and I look forward to getting to know our wonderful māmā and staff even more over the coming months.

As we head into the holidays and the weather starts to chill, I hope everyone manages some time with whānau and downtime to re-energise for next term.

Hei konā mai. Emma x



Pōhatu base camp— Top Row, L to R; Ruth, Emma, Brigid  
Bottom Row, L to R; Haererangi, Kathlyn, Moana, Katie

## TENA KOUTOU & HAERE Rā

### *Nau mau haere Mai/Welcome*

Christine and Katalina

### *Ka kite ano/Farewell*

Sophia

Danielle and Kaiser

Emer-Lee and Caylani & Marlee

Hikatia and Te Ngahurangi

Amiria and Alya & Tanemairanginui

Tyler and Mana

Terri and Keely-Shay

Moana and Taonga & Freedom

### TERM TWO:

Week 1: Mon 29 April - Term 2 starts

Week 1: Wed 1st May - Sexwise Workshop @ KHS

Week 1: Thurs 2nd May - Ovarian Cancer Lunch

Week 2: Tues 7th May - Community Trip to Hanmer Springs

Week 3: Tues 14 May - Plunket visit

Week 3: Thurs 16th E Whiti! Celebration Evening @ 5.30pm

Week 5: Friday 31st May - TOD (no kura)

Week 6: Monday 3rd June - King's Birthday (no kura)

Week 7: Tues 11th June - Plunket Visit

Week 9: Friday 28 June - Matariki (no Kura)

Week 10: Friday 5th July - Term Ends.

Te Hā Waitaha - fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons

Community Kai - every Tuesday lunchtime



# Prize Giving 2023 - Award Winners

KHS Principal Jason Reid & Haererangi Hill



**Haererangi Hill** was awarded the **Matt Doocey Endeavour Award**. Endeavour means to persist, persevere and to keep going. Haererangi was very goal orientated in 2023. She achieved some fantastic results and was driven in doing her best at every opportunity. The focus she showed towards her work was consistently of a very high standard. Haererangi also received the award for **Outstanding First Year Progress**, and subject awards in **Science** and **Mathematics**.

**Moana Stone-Carroll** received the **Dan Gordon award** for sharing gifts of culture at KM, with her calm, consistent demeanour beyond her years. She is up front, honest and connects with everyone at kura regardless of how different they are to her. The influence she has on others around her is always positive and she truly embodies what Karanga Mai is all about. Moana also received the **Āwhina Award**

which recognises the contributions that students have made to life and learning in the Early Learning Centre, it acknowledges the vital role parents have as first teachers and partners in their child's education. Along with this Moana also received the subject award in **English** and together with fellow student **Katelyn Loader**, won the **North Canterbury Soroptimist International Book Award**.



Soroptimist Nth Cant, Moana & Katelyn

Andrea O'Malley (Rachel's House) & Amiria Wills



**Amiria Wills** was awarded the **Rachel's House Award**. This award is for a young parent who has taken on the responsibilities of being a parent and continuing their education because of this. Amiria brings a warm energy with her to kura. She has recently returned following the birth of her second child. She always puts her children first and is fully committed to giving them the best possible childhood. Although she is far from home and without the support of immediate whānau, her ability to create networks around her is admirable. She has been independent in pursuing life post Karanga Mai which is no easy feat with two children in tow.

**Gypsy Squires-Walker** was awarded the **Lynette Brice Woman of Courage** award. Gypsy has overcome the most significant of challenges this year. She describes herself as 'hearty'. There are far more descriptive words that I would use to express how determined, courageous

and brave she is. Following a horrific car accident she was left in ICU fighting for her life with a traumatic brain injury and her future looked very uncertain. After three weeks in a coma, Gypsy woke up and since then she has amazed everyone with her progress. Her road to recovery continues, but the fact that she has returned to kura this year, has exceeded our expectations. She is a hugely deserving winner of the Young Woman of Courage Award.



KHS Principal Jason Reid & Gypsy Walker

**Hikatia Watson, Moana Stone-Carroll, Haererangi Hill and Terri Wirihana** were the recipients of our **Tane-nui-a-Rangi Award** in 2023. This award was created to recognise the extra-curricular activities that happen at KM. It gives our students extra motivation to participate in some amazing opportunities and also acknowledge that learning and growth is not just based around the curriculum.

Other award recipients were; Subject Award Financial Capability - Hikatia Watson; Level 1 Literacy - Katie Anthony-Lee, Jay Parkin-Harkness, Alexis Gorrie; Level 1 Numeracy - Katie Anthony-Lee, Jay Parkin-Harkness, Terri Wirihana; NCEA Level 2 - Moana Stone-Carroll, Haererangi Hill, Amiria Wills; Drivers Licence - Jay Parkin-Harness, Hikatia Watson, Moana Stone-Carroll, Haererangi Hill.



Tane nui a Rangi Recipients 2023

# Early Learning Centre ...

## ***Kia ora e te whānau***

It's been a fantastic start to 2024 with lots happening at Karanga Mai Early Learning Centre. At the beginning of the term, we farewelled four of our treasured tuakana and so we have been loving watching new friendships and leaders develop within the various learning ages and stages. It has also been very special having two younger siblings join our Centre whānau, Kingi and Amelie-Rose. The sense of whanaungatanga is something we truly value at Karanga Mai and provides important values that our tamariki can take with them through life.

## ***Life and Learning in our Hāpori (Community)***

This term we have been blessed to have Whitney (Ardie & Myra's mum and Kaiapo High School Māori and Pasifika Dean), and her Year 12 students create 6-weeks of fun activities for our tamariki on a Wednesday morning. Their focus has been on raising the Hauora of all ākonga, and it was lovely watching our tamariki enjoying not just the planned learning, but also the reciprocal relationships that were built upon each week. We finished last Wednesday with a 'fun day' and were excited to have the 'Easter Bunny' bring us all a small bag of Easter treats!



6-week activity programme



Fun with KHS Y12 Ākonga



The Easter Bunny has arrived!

*Gardening Life at Karanga Mai:* The first few months of a new year is always an exciting time for us, as we get to enjoy the fruits of our labours from our māra. The value of seeing food develop in our garden and on our fruit trees provides such a rich learning opportunity. Many tamariki feel more willing to taste the food they have watched grow or helped cook themselves. It creates the opportunity to have conversations about where our food comes from and the nutritional value of natural unprocessed foods. For us this term, we were graced with an abundance of passionfruit, pears, apples, grapes and even peaches. So good too, to see our wider whānau being able to enjoy our Centre grown produce.

*"He kai kei aku ringa- There is food at the end of my hands".*



Eager to try kai from our garden



Gathering in the 'crops'



Alya & Nathan enjoying some grapes.

# Life and learning (continued) ...

*Te Haere*nga: a couple of weeks ago we had our much-anticipated Karanga Mai haere to Sumner Beach. As usual our tamariki had a blast while challenging themselves on the playground equipment and enjoying the beach and the pool. A huge thanks to all of our whānau and kaiako who could join us and make the event into such a special memory for our tamariki.



Our Centre is always well supported and looked after by Deirdre Ryan and our Governing Board at Community Wellbeing North Canterbury Trust and we end this term with a huge 'thank you' to our long-serving, retiring Board member - Mary Sparrow.

Mary has gifted us with a very generous donation which we have used to purchase some much needed new outdoor play equipment. Just today our tamariki got to try out a new tandem bike, which will be awesome for fostering friendships and cooperation. We look forward to unvailing our other new resources very soon!



Hēmi Te Hēmi (Rata), Mary Sparrow & Deirdre Ryan (Community Wellbeing)

Nō reira e te whānau mā, have a safe and happy term break, and for those of you taking some time away over the school holidays, we will see you when you return. Noho ora mai. Cint, Gillian, Sue, Cyd, Chris, Amanda, Jojo,

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