



Kiwi Connection

Growing Together As One

NEWSLETTER

Week 7 Term 2 2018

Village Updates

Kia ora koutou e te whanau

Welcome to Week 7 Term 2

First and foremost we would like to welcome our newest kaiako (teacher), Lauren Melles to our Kiwi Connection team. If you see her around please make her feel welcome and don't be afraid to say kia ora.



We have had a busy couple of weeks with the Village enjoying their first couple of weeks in the new innovative learning space. Learning experiences have included: Treasure Hunt of Learning - Whānau Open Morning, Samoan Independence Day, a wonderful assembly hosted by Ms Salu's fabulous students and the Village's trip to our local Kelmarna Gardens. We hope you enjoy reading and seeing snippets of our wonderful learning.

We are now well settled into our renovated building and loving these learning spaces. It was great to see so many of our families visiting during our Treasure Hunt of Learning - Whānau Open Morning. A huge thank you again to all those parents who also helped with our move.

If you haven't yet visited us in our renovated open learning spaces, please pop in. We are sure you will agree they are light and spacious.

We have been continuing our Inquiry "What's in My Lunchbox?" We thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Kelmarna Gardens as part of this Inquiry. We were able to be involved in planting, pruning, weeding, composting and even tasting!

Along with this, we have been enjoying Discovery Time - Wā Tūhura in our space. This learning time allows us to cooperate and collaborate with each other. We have ventured into water play and sand play too. So much learning occurs during this time - we are measuring, discussing, learning how to connect with each other, problem solving, and of course, discovering. We would like to thank you for your contributions to this programme however we no longer require boxes to be sent in for Discovery Time - Wā Tūhura. We will keep you posted when we have any further resources that we would like you to send in. Thanks for your support of this valuable programme. We have attached some photos in this newsletter.



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Ms Salu's Assembly

Our Village Kaiako Ms Salu and her students hosted our school assembly on the 8th June and did a fabulous job. They performed a Kenyan pop song and dance 'Jambo Bwana' which is Swahili for 'Hello Sir'.



Samoa Independence Day

Our school collectively celebrated Samoa Independence day by marching to the top court for the raising of the Samoan flag and singing of the Samoan National Anthem followed by cultural dances from both Mua I Malae and the A'oga.



Kelmarna Gardens

The Village has enjoyed a wonderful walk down to the Kelmarna Gardens to support our in class inquiry topic about 'what is in our lunchbox'. This garden is such an asset to our community. We were able to touch, smell and taste what the garden can provide. Our students were able to help create compost and plant their own swan plants and sweet peas. We explored the garden forest and saw beehives, cows and a pony. Adrian Roche was a wonderfully knowledgeable guide around the garden.



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Treasure Hunt of Learning - Whānau Open Morning

Thank you to all parents, grandparents and caregivers who were able to attend the Treasure Hunt of Learning open morning. We hope you enjoyed engaging in your child's learning.

Wā Tūhura - Discovery Time



Water Only School

We are a 'water only' school. School staff will be reminding children of this and will also remove drinks other than water from children. They will be asked to take it home and not to bring it back.

Important Dates and Times:

Thursday 14th June:
Be Bright, Eat Right Magic Show

Friday 15th June:
Matariki Begins

Wednesday 20th June:
Paid Union Meeting- **To help support our teachers if you are able to pick up your child/ren at 1pm that would be much appreciated.** The school will however remain open until 3pm.

Tuesday 3rd July:
7-8.30am Matariki Celebrations

Friday 6th July:
Last day of Term 2



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