



KAIPAKI NEWS

'Bringing Learning to Life'

WEEK 1
TERM 1
2022

KIA ORA TE WHĀNAU O KAIPAKI

Welcome Back to School!

We hope you had a wonderful summer break.

We have heard many stories of outdoor adventures, reunions with families, and time at the beach. Whatever the holidays held for you, we hope you found time to relax and recharge with all those who are special to you.

We extend a very warm welcome to the following students, and their families who have joined the Kaipaki Whanau this year:



Braxton and Maya Kraayvanger
Charlie and Iona Hankinson
Elizabeth and Patrick Clarkin
Jake Thompson
Harrison Walker
Emily Thomas



We look forward to learning with you and making many special school day memories together.



Omicron

The roller coaster of the Covid 19 pandemic is once again with us to start the year.

We acknowledge this is a difficult and stressful time for everyone. We extend our understanding and support to all our Kaipaki Whānau. Your child/ren's wellbeing will always be our number one priority. Please don't hesitate to contact us if we can help in any way.

We really appreciate the way everyone has adjusted to the new Omicron landscape routines at school. Thank you for your support. We will keep you updated on any new changes as soon as we become aware of them.

School Camp Postponed

Sadly, our 2022 whole school camp planned for April has been postponed.

This will now be held from 14-16 November 2022 at MiCamp, in Turangi.

Community Garden

Huge thanks to our incredible volunteer caretaker, John Ball, who watered and tended our community garden over the summer break. Thanks to John, our beds are full of maturing fruit and vegetables for us all to enjoy. We appreciate you so much!

Meet the Teacher

Once again, Omicron has affected our planned Meet the Teacher meetings.

Instead, teachers are gathering information from families via other means over the next couple of weeks.

Keep an eye on school bags and inboxes for communication directly from teachers. We hope to have face to face meetings later in the term if the traffic light settings allow, otherwise we will schedule individual zoom meetings between teachers and families.

More information to follow.

Kaipaki in Action



We' love learning at Kaipaki ...

5 C'S LEARNING: 'CRITICAL THINKING'

In 2019 through our school production 'The Faraway Tree', we introduced the 5Cs of Learning to Kaipaki School.

The 5Cs are: **Collaboration, Communication, Community, Creativity** and **Critical Thinking**.

Each C has 3 actions:

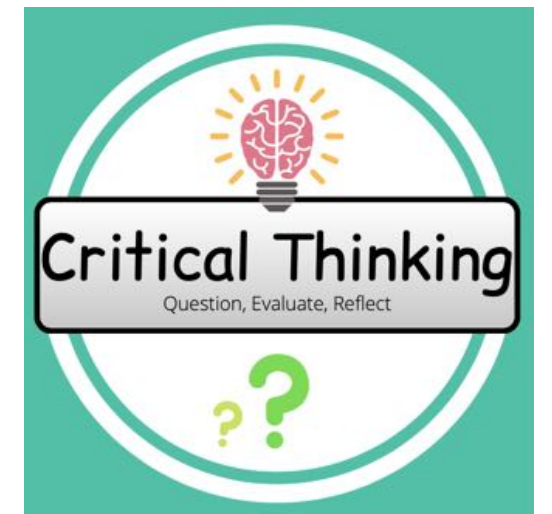
Collaboration; Contribute, Negotiate, Engage

Community: Care, Appreciate, Contribute

Communication: Listen, Speak, Present

Creativity: Imagine, Invent, Experiment

Critical Thinking: Question, Evaluate, Reflect



Throughout the last few years we have been learning about and implementing these tools for learning into all aspects of school life. Each term we have a school wide focus on one of the 5Cs. We learn about this C in many ways. We discuss and unpack the 'actions' of the C (3 words shown below on pictures). We also base and present our fortnightly class certificates around the C, and a strong aspect of our classroom learning is focused on the C also.



Overarching Theme: Change

Alongside our 5C's learning this year, the overarching theme of our Inquiry Learning is **Change.**

Under this umbrella theme, we hope to learn more about the history of our school community, and explore the concept of change in our lives.

Change is the constant across the curriculum, so lots of opportunity for literacy, mathematics, science, technology, arts, and social science application.

2022 Term Dates

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| Term 1 | Wednesday 2nd February - Thursday 14th April (Easter: part of holidays this year) |
| Term 2 | Monday 2nd May - Friday 8th July (Teacher Only Day: Friday 17th June) |
| Term 3 | Monday 25th July - Friday 30th September |
| Term 4 | Monday 17th October - Thursday 15th December |

School Communication

Maintaining communication with our families is really important to us. The Covid pandemic has highlighted the particular need to have up to date contact details so that we can communicate quickly with our families when required.

Some other useful information to remember:

- Mandy is in the office from 9.00 - 2.30pm, Mon - Fri.
- Kaipaki Parents Facebook Group, Skool Loop, and Seesaw are useful ways of keeping track of the wider aspects of school life. We update this regularly and send notifications of important things.
- Emails are the most likely ways we will keep in touch, particularly around Covid related information. We will also email our newsletters every fortnight, usually on a Thursday or Friday afternoon. Please ensure we have your correct email address so we make sure these messages arrive safely in your inbox.
- We have a dedicated school bus website, which details our bus routes and provides a real-time tracker of the school bus along it's journey. <https://kaipaki.easybus.nz>

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