



# Pānui Term Three 2024

Kia ora e te whānau,

*Ka mahuta a Matariki i te pae, ka mahuta ō tātou tūmanako ki te tau.*  
When Matariki rises above the horizon, so too do our aspirations for the year ahead.

As we began Term 3, we farewelled Ruth Robertson as she embarked on her new role as Deputy Principal of Hornby High School. With immense gratitude and excitement, I stepped into the role of Kaiwhakahaere at Karanga Mai Young Parents' College. For me, this is a full-circle moment, having been both a student at Kaiapoi High School and a student of Ruth's. To now walk in the shoes she once did is a testament to the profound impact she has had - not just on the students of Karanga Mai, but on my own journey. The timing of this transition, coinciding with the rise of Matariki, brings a sense of renewal and fresh direction for the year ahead.

Now that I am firmly settled in at Karanga Mai, I can reflect on what has been achieved and look forward with confidence as we continue to grow together. This term, we introduced a new timetable that offers passion-driven skills for our young māmā, including arts and crafts, hard materials, te reo Māori, local walks, and cooking. The positive engagement from our māmā has been incredibly encouraging.

One of the standout moments of this term was the noho marae, an event made possible through the tireless work of Jacinta McInerney. Her dedication and countless hours of planning ensured it's success, and we are deeply grateful. We were privileged to visit Rāpaki Wheke Marae for a cultural experience as a hapori. It had been years since our last noho marae, but the time spent in Rāpaki reminded us of the importance of making this a regular event. The connections fostered, the invaluable kōrero shared, and the lasting memories created made it all worthwhile. Witnessing our māmā and their pēpi engage with the taiao made the experience particularly special. Although we were unable to participate in waka ama due to weather conditions, we are eager to revisit this activity in the warmer months. On a brighter note, we were fortunate to listen to the inspiring wisdom of Janelle Riki-Waaka, whose mātauranga and empowering insights left a lasting impact. Her words, "we descend from greatness," continue to resonate.

This noho marae would not have been possible without the collective efforts of our dedicated staff from both Karanga Mai ELC and Karanga Mai Young Parents' College. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved.

Looking ahead to Term 4, we are excited to welcome new students into the Karanga Mai whānau and hapori. As the mornings grow lighter and warmer, we look forward to resuming our surfing sessions in just a few weeks. Term 4 is always a busy one, so I encourage our students to take the upcoming holidays as an opportunity to rest, recover, and rejuvenate, as an action-packed and exciting final term awaits us.

**Ngā mihi mahana,** Whitney Richardson



# Memories from Noho Marae Rāpaki . . .



# Let's hear from our Kaiāwhina . . .

Kia ora whānau,

I am unsure how we got here? How is it the end of term 3 already!?

We have welcomed our new Kaiwhakahaere, Whaea Whitney (much to the disappointment of my boys who go to KHS – apparently we stole their favourite teacher!!). Whitney brings a wealth of knowledge and experience and we have all enjoyed getting to know her and the aroha she has for Karanga Mai and the vision she has for us moving forward. Whitney also brings a strong connection to our wider whānau of Kaiapoi High School, opening up opportunities for our ākonga to take part in technology, talks, career support and all of the other things Kaiapoi High School can offer. Our role has increased exponentially in term 3. This has brought new energy and life to our space and it's been beautiful getting to know our new māmā and their pepi, and their different strengths as they settle into life at Karanga Mai.

This term has brought with it warmer weather (snow too!!), and continued connection with our ELC whānau through Community Kai on a Tuesday, where our lovely ringawera Eli and Beth create yummy kai for us to eat and share together. It's a special time for all of us to slow down and connect while sharing stories over kai.

Our ākonga have had a busy term with visits to job brokers, driving lessons and a 2-day comprehensive first aid course, all while being māmā, ākonga, partners and just doing life in general. It is amazing to watch their strengths as they navigate all of these things and more.

Last week we had our noho marae to Rāpaki. We joined with our Early Learning Centre whānau for two days of connection, walks, and learning the history and whakapapa of Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke who call Rāpaki home.

This week we were invited along to a script reading called 'Changing the Narrative', which was a thought and emotion provoking experience. It was the story of a whānau navigating life through illness, relationship breakdowns, expectations of culture and church, alongside addiction and the pain that can come with this. We learnt about the services available in our community to help whānau through difficult times.

Next term takes us back to the beach with surfing on a Wednesday with the wonderful team at Surfwise - Tammi and Averil. I, for one cannot wait to put on my supersuit and find some waves! As always I am excited to see what the new term will bring and look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Noho ora mai rā. Emma – Kaiāwhina/Counsellor



## *As part of our new timetable, our Wāhine are on the tools in the Hard Materials department at KHS . . .*



# Life @ Karanga Mai YPC . . .

## FAREWELL &

### Mā TE Wā

Jasmine

Katy

Kaitlyn & Harlow



## NAU MAU HAERE MAI AND WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

Meika

Jayda & Kodah

Raynelle & Tamatu

Daisy & Eli-Ariki

Tayzharn and Elilah-Jade

Mercedes and Rangimarie

Ally and Marley

Chloe & Tipene

Laylah

CJ

Welcome



Jayda & Kodah



Levi with pēpi Eli-Ariki and new student Daisy



## MEET THE TEAM @ KARANGA MAI:

*Top Row; L to R:*

Whitney Richardson - Kaiwhakahaere

Brigid Fyall - Kaiako Science & Biology

Jayne Sutherland - Administrator

*Bottom Row; L to R:*

Wendy Alabaster - Kaiako Maths

Carola Crawford - Kaiako English

Emma Powell - Kaiāwhina/ Counsellor



## TERM THREE ACHIEVEMENTS:

Ākonga Haererangi was celebrated at the end of Term 3 for achieving the most credits and the best attendance this term. Well done Haererangi!



## TERM 4: KEY DATES:

**Week 1:** Monday 14 Oct - Term 4 starts

**Week 3:** Monday 28 Oct - Labour Day, no kura

**Week 3:** Wednesday 23 Oct Weekly Surfing starts

**Week 5:** Friday 15 Nov Cant. Show Day, no kura

**Week 8:** Friday 6 Dec Prizegiving @ 10am

**Week 9:** Monday 9 Dec Childrens Xmas Party

**Week 9:** Tuesday 10 Dec Last day for students

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# Early Learning Centre ...

Kia ora e te whānau,

What an incredible term we've had at Karanga Mai!

In this newsletter, I will outline some of the many happenings and highlights, but first, nau mai tauti mai to ALL of our new tamariki, māmā and whānau. Karanga Mai has doubled in ākonga numbers this term!!



Jacinta & mokopuna, Marlon

It has been great settling into life with Whitney as Kaiwhakahaere at YPC, the energy and wairua Whitney brings is inspiring and amazing for all of us to be around. *Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini* – I come not with my own strengths but bring with me the gifts, strengths, and talents of my whānau, iwi and tīpuna.

## Rāpaki noho marae

After much anticipation and preparation, the day for our noho marae came on Monday, 16th September. We'd like to extend a massive shout out to those who joined us and to those who couldn't come, we held you in our hearts. Our tamariki loved exploring Rāpaki beach and wharf, using their magnifying glasses, looking for crabs and other seashore creatures, and reading the fishing quota maps. One of my favourite times was early the following morning, as our tamariki woke and made their way into the wharekai for breakfast. The delight on their faces, seeing their friends, whānau and kaiako was priceless. We were privileged to have our Kaumātua Tahu and Marcia join us on both days. It was an incredible time for whanaungatanga and I feel that our tamariki were as proud as can be. It is fair to say our Learners' identities are alive and well!



Whitney & Myra - kai time at Rāpaki



# ELC (continued) ...

## Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

Māori Language week ran from the 14th to 21st of September this year, although here at Karanga Mai we endeavour to make every week a celebration of, and commitment to, te reo Māori.

The theme this year was 'Ake ake ake – a Forever Language,' which represents the resilience, adaptability and endurance of our language. As we are aware, te reo Māori is facing enduring pressure, however, it has shown it will adapt and survive, growing with our people, culture and environment.

*Kia māhorahora te reo – let's make it seen, let's make it heard!*

## Kaiako news

Whaea Gillian (Kaiwhakahaere ELC), is continuing to recover from the head injury she sustained coming off her bike earlier in September. We will look forward to welcoming her back when the time is right later in Term 4.

We farewelled Whaea Lou and her kōtiro Siena at the end of term. It was a sad occasion for us as Lou has been a much-loved kaiako at Karanga Mai for the past four years and Siena is of course one of our centre's pēpi.



We said ka kite ano to Siena this term.

## Situation Vacant

The early learning centre has a vacancy for a Qualified and Registered relief Kaiako, for approximately 30 hours a week, starting next term. Please spread the word.

I'm grateful to be a part of such a vibrant learning community, life is rich and full of opportunities. It's a special place to work, I love it, thank you to all for the contribution you make.

Ngā manaakitanga. Whaea Cint

## Coming up next term . . .

- \* Lots more whanaungatanga - we will be focusing on developing relationships that see our learners, māmā and pēpi thrive.
- \* We are keen to return to Rāpaki for our Summer picnic and dig up some hot springs when the tide is right! And maybe some waka ama for our māmā.
- \* Our tamariki Christmas party is on Monday, 9th December, more info will follow via FB, all whānau welcome.

The centre closes for a 5 week Summer Holiday from Friday, 20 December and re-opens on Monday, 27 January, 2025

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