

Swimming is on from
Week 1! No mucking
around at this kura!

We ♥ learning

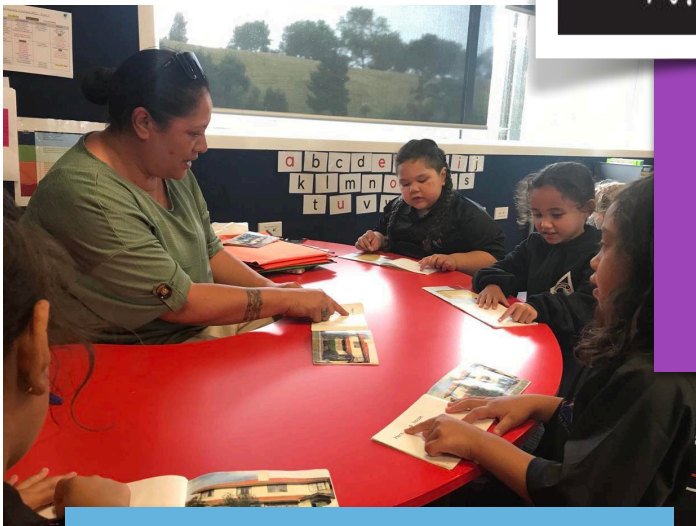
2023

hauora
everyday

Kaiti School *Be a Leader*
Kia Tu Maia
Kia Tu Pakari
Kia Tu Rangatira *Stand Strong*
Puhikaiti *Be Brave*

Do
the
right
thing
all day
every
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learning
routines



OUR VALUES

Pono - Honesty

Harikoa - Fun

Whakaute - Respect

Rerekitanga - Innovation

Manaakitanga - Care

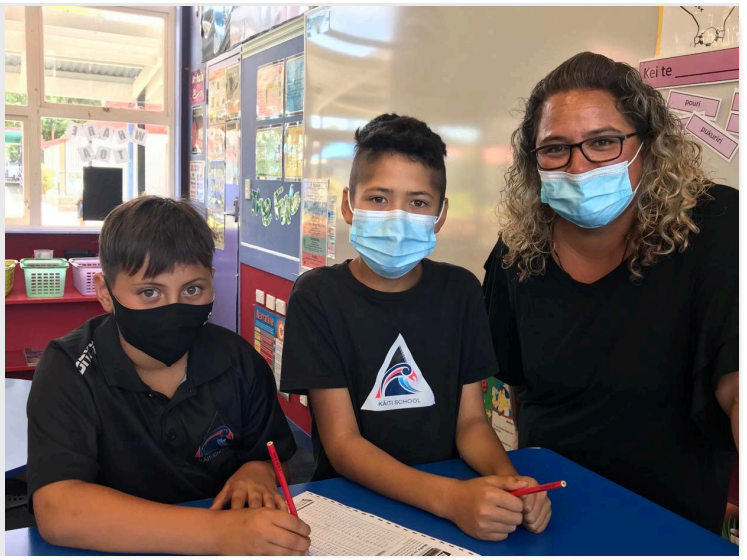
WELCOME
BACK

What is your
mahi kainga
this week?



Kia ora 2023

Ready, set ... GO!



Tēnā koutou katoa, Malo elelei, Hello!

Welcome to your first pānui for 2023. We just loved our first day back, seeing all our beautiful tamariki and whānau again and meeting our new whānau. We had a great day 1 yesterday and hope you all did too. Look at how full our hall was!

Whānau hou - new whānau

Thank you for choosing Kaiti School as your school and welcome! We know that your child will love their learning at Kaiti School, they will make strong connections with their whakapapa and cultural identity, look after their hauora and well being, make a difference for themselves and others, be the best that they can be and most importantly have a lots of fun as well.

We are here to learn from day one.....

We have high expectations for learning, and for us this looks like starting straight into learning in Day 1! It looks like having mahi kainga in Week 1, and it looks like loving learning! If you have any patai about anything please come and see us, we love seeing our whānau!

Welcome!!

We are pleased to welcome Kōkā Lou to Kaiti kura, she is the kaiako in Whare Maia (picture to the right) with a Year 4/5 class. Welcome also to Kōkā Levy who has come into our kura as a Teacher Aide. Welcome back to Kōkā CC, who has returned to us from Rotorua, and to Kōkā Chemise, returning from maternity leave. So lovely to have you all on board with us for 2023!



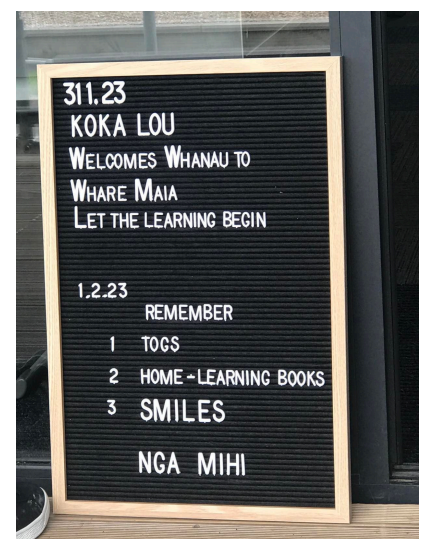
Kaiti Sports Academy Programmes

We had five successful Sports Academies running last year. Swimming, Rugby, Netball, Soccer and Hockey. These will be continuing in 2023 for students in Year 4 and upwards.

On the Thursday 16th February - in week 3 - there will be a hui for all those interested in their tamariki joining any of these academies. If you are wanting your child to be involved in an academy this year then it is important to attend. We will be sharing expectations and information, as well as being an opportunity for you to ask any patai you may have.

Uniform

It has been great to see lots of whānau already in ensuring they have got their tamariki sorted with their uniform. Please ensure that you are monitoring your tamariki with uniform wearing. We expect all tamariki to be in a Kaiti Polo, and plain black bottoms (skirt, shorts, longs), with a Kaiti Hoody for the cooler days. Hats are on this term too - we have both bucket hats and caps in the office.





Like Us? Follow Us!

An easy way to know what's happening at school is following our Facebook page. All classes have set up their own pages for learning updates as well and these have been shared on the Kaiti Facebook page.

Ask your teacher to join these class pages. You can also email your kaiako if that is easier for you. The good old fashioned kanohi ki te kanohi is also a good way to keep informed..come and visit us soon:)

We Love Swimming!

A reminder that all students will be participating in the swimming programmes with their classes. It is so important that we learn to swim. A pānui went home yesterday with the day your class will be swimming and at which pool they will be swimming. Some classes started today and juniors start this Friday so please ensure your tamariki have their togs so they don't miss their first session.

Students are transported by bus to and from school. This is FREE, funded by Swim Tairāwhiti and Kaiti School. Facebook pages will keep you updated if they have extra sessions at kura.

Health and Safety updates

Covid continues to affect people so please continue to be vigilant. If your child is sick please keep them at home, and let us know. Please ensure you are testing if you have symptoms so we can look after others around us. At school we continue to follow hygiene practices like sanitising and regularly wiping down surfaces.

Topics for Term 1

All of the tamariki are currently doing Ko Au, Ko Kaiti in their classrooms. This is looking at connecting with one another in their new rooms, getting to know their kaiako, and settling into learning and routines, finding out about their classroom name and learning about the values and expectations to take through the year. They will be setting goals and sharing whakapapa. Following on from this will be Te Toka a Taiau which will involve classes getting out and about to learn about our area. Talk to your tamariki about what they have learnt each day and share their learning.

Attendance Matters!

We pride ourselves on high attendance at Kaiti Kura, because we know that this makes a difference to learning. Please ensure your child is at school everyday! Even if it rains! Last year we noticed that wet days and Mondays and Fridays were our worst days for absences - but we want to change that mindset this year. Everyday is important! If they are sick then please ring and let us know - either 06 8677831 or 022 528 1976.

Come and get your gear!

Is your child missing some uniform items or red bands? Please come and check this stuff out. Take it home and use it. I see a sports shirt in there and a Tū Rangatira jacket too. We cannot hold this mountain of clothing any longer. If you are short some uniform items please come and help yourself. Named items that are in the lost property are always returned to the owner.

Getting back into it!

To help your tamariki be successful at kura it is important to get the into good routines. This means having bedtimes that allow them to get a good nights sleep - tamariki need 10 plus hours, their bodies and brains are growing! This means that if they are getting up at 7am they should be in bed by 9pm. It means having electronics turned off before bed and away so that they can wind down ready to sleep. It is our job as parents and caregivers to be monitoring these things.



Our Kāiti Kids
are

well-thy

Well-thy Banking Day is Friday!

The first banking day for the year is this Friday. All bank books can be handed into the office before school please. Every student signed up to this programme who can show us that they have saved consistently through to June of this year will have a **further \$10 credited to their bank account**. If your child continues to save consistently through to the end of year, they receive another \$10 credit. That's a pretty good interest rate there! Let's get those bank books and coins out and send them to school on Friday.

Tū Rangatira

Overnight Camp - Tū Rangatira have an overnight camp at Te Poho o Rawiri Marae on Wednesday 8th February. Please look out for forms and information with regards to this.

Whānau Hui - This year the kaiako in are having a Whānau Hui which is on this Thursday 5pm in Tū Rangatira. This is an opportunity to share expectations for the year and for you to ask any patai you may have. We would like to see someone from every whānau in Tū Rangatira at this hui please.

New Entrants

Our tamariki who are starting school at 5 are required to do transition visits to help them settle into school life. If you have a child starting school this year, please pop in and get an enrolment form at the office and talk to us about this. 5 visits is the expectation before they start kura so they are comfortable. These transition visits happen on Thursdays between 9.30 - 10.30am.

Sports

There are lots of opportunities throughout the year for sports, and information will come out around these as they come available. Talk to your tamariki about what they would like to take part in.

Free School Lunches

Puku Ora Eatery are the providers for the FREE lunch service at Kaiti School. Our tamariki are lucky to be able to continue receiving these nutritious and varied lunches. Please indicate below if you want to opt out (don't want) of these lunches for your child. We also need to know if your child has an allergen so please indicate if this is the case also and a form will be sent home to be filled in with regards to this.

Kia Tū Rangatira
Nā Koka Mandy

PUKU ORA LUNCHES

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I would like to opt out (don't want)
of Puku Ora lunches for 2023

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My child has allergens, so I would
like a form sent home to pass on
this information

Child _____

Class _____

