





18 o Haratua 2022

# Updates @ Kaiti

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## Tēnā koutou katoa ngā whānau whānui o Kaiti

It was a very sad day for our tamariki, kaiako & whānau yesterday farewelling our Matua Tatai. We want to thank you all whānau for picking your tamariki up so quickly yesterday to allow all staff to attend the Final service for Matua Tatai Ote Rangi Kutia Senior.

Matua had a lovely send off. The Kutia whānau stopped in to Kaiti School on their way to Whangara to allow Matua Tatai one last visit to our kura. The tamariki sang one of Matua's favourite songs and did the Kaiti Haka for him one last time. It was a moving experience and one that the Kutia whānau appreciated. Matua Tatai will be greatly missed for his aroha for the tamariki who were fortunate to be in his class, his singing skills, his talents with the ukulele and his manaakitanga. Before Matua took sick leave he started up a new trend of wearing no shoes all year around ...right through winter.

This trend did not catch on at kura but Matua stuck to this trend and continued to wear no shoes to kura each day, rain, hail or shine. We will miss our Matua. Haere rā Matua Tatai.

## END OF SCHOOL DAY

Just a reminder that school finishes at 2.30pm every day. We have a couple of whānau that are picking their tamariki up from school early and their tamariki are missing out on valuable learning time in class. We appreciate their may be times you need to pick your tamariki up early from school, for a doctors appointment or to see a specialist. Please ring the office and let them know ahead of time if you are going to take your tamariki out of school early. Your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

## STUDENT LEADER ELECTION

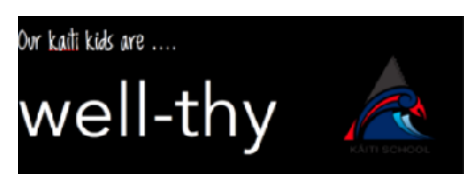
The Student Elections were held last Friday, with our polling booths set up in the library for our tamariki to choose their Student Leaders for 2022. The majority of our tamariki were able to vote last week and today we have the last of those students who were away, casting their vote. The votes will be added up over the next few days and the Student Leaders for 2022 will be announced at our assembly, on Monday morning.

## SOCIAL WORKER IN SCHOOL

I would like to welcome Kōkā Margie Marsh to our school. Kōkā Margie is our new SWIS and will be joining Kōkā Trish in our Social Services Office at the front of the school. Kōkā Margie is a Social worker who comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience. If you need support with housing, budgeting, employment, or need a mentor or an advocate to help you through some challenging times, come and see Kōkā Margie.

## BANKING

Even though we had a slight drop in the number of bankers last Friday, well done to the 37 tamariki that banked last week. Lets make an effort this week to get those banking numbers back up and think about savings as a life long habit. #BANKING MATTERS#



## KAUPAPANUI MO TENEI WAHANGA

**DIVERSITY** : For the first 2 weeks of this term our kaupapa has been focussed on Diversity and developing an understanding, awareness, acknowledgement and empathy and aroha for other cultures and individual differences. During this time, tamariki have researched different countries and cultures and studied the traditions they uphold which makes them unique and different to others. We have seen some amazing research projects completed at school and at home and it was neat to see classrooms celebrating this kaupapa by having a hakari together at the end of this topic.

## MARAMATAKA

In keeping with our main kaupapa for the year Te Taiaro the next kaupapa our tamariki will be focussing on in class, is the Maramataka and Matariki. Maramataka is a Māori Lunar calendar that is guided by the stars and the cycles of the moon. As Matariki rises, the new year begins. The calendar shows the close relationship that Māori have with their natural world. The arrival of Matariki to our skies signals the start of the new Maramataka.

## MATARIKI

The full name of Matariki is Ngā Mata o Ariki [Eyes of God] in reference to Tāwhirimātea and the creation of the world. Tāwhirimātea [ the god of storms and wind] fought against his brother Tāne Mahuta [God of the forest] who was trying to separate their parents Rangi and Papa [sky father and earth mother] at the beginning of time. Rangi and Papa were locked in a tight embrace meaning there was no light or life on earth. Tāne Mahuta won the battle to separate their parents and Tāwhirimātea in his pain and anger upon losing, crushed his eyes and flung them up to the galaxy, creating the Star cluster Matariki. Now Tāwhirimātea the blind, unseeing god explores the land going in all directions [the wind].

There is so much to learn about the Maramataka and Matariki. What do you know about Matariki and the Maramataka and how can you support your tamaiti or tamariki to learn more about this kaupapa at home?

## SPORTS ACADEMIES and SPORTS TEAMS

We have a lot of Sport Academies on offer at Kaiti School with rugby, netball, soccer, swimming, waka ama and hockey starting up this year. If you have registered in a Sport Academy or in a Sports Team this term you must commit to turning up to all school practices and games on the weekend. If you do not show up to practise or your games on the weekend you let your team and side down. Lets make a concerted effort to front up to all practices and games this week. If you cannot make it to practise or a game on the weekend please contact the coach and inform them ahead of time so they can make alternative arrangements. Ngā mihi mo to tautoko ki tēnei kaupapa.

## SPORTS DRAW

Please keep an eye out for all Sports Draws on our Kaiti School Facebook page. As soon as the school is notified we will post the draw up for you. Please check the Facebook page regularly so you know where your tamaiti or tamariki are playing and what time their game is. Cancellations will also be posted up on the school Facebook page.

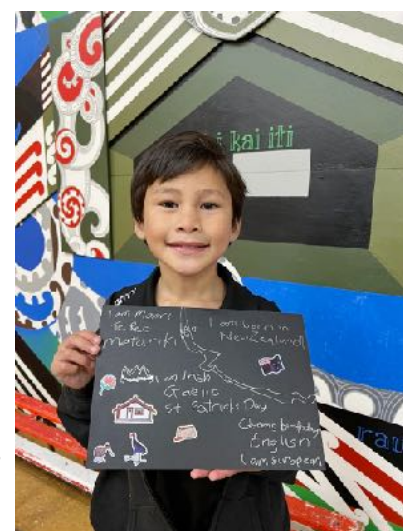
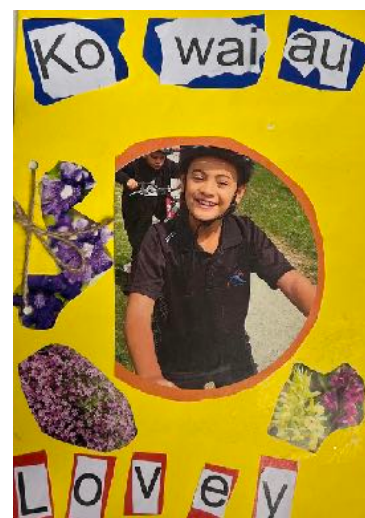
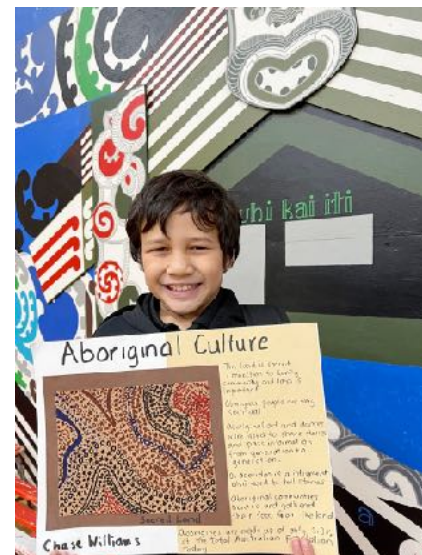
## SPORTS UNIFORM

Kaiti School has a sports uniform that must be worn at all practises and sports games on the weekend. If you are unsure what the sports uniform is then talk to the team coach or come to the office to purchase the sports top. The cost of this is \$40.

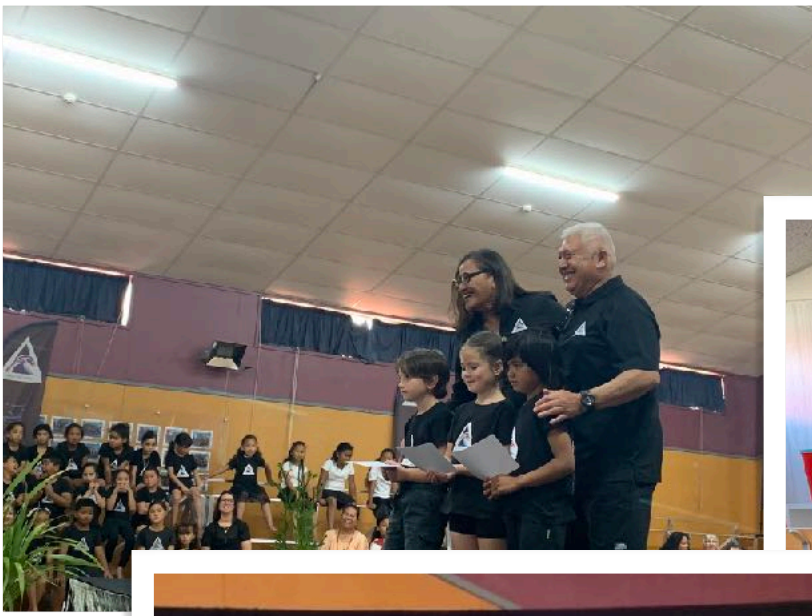
## PINK SHIRT DAY IS FRIDAY

On Friday the 20th May as we Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – it is the time to speak up, stand together and stop bullying! In Aotearoa, Pink Shirt Day works to create schools, workplace, communities and whānau where everyone feels safe, valued and respected. Lets support this awesome kaupapa.

Kia Tū Maia      Kia Tū Pakari      Kia Tū Rangatira  
na Kōkā Moana







Moe mai ra Matua Tatai