



Pānui Term One 2025

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Karanga Mai,

Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou

Seek after learning for the sake of your well-being

This whakataukī beautifully captures the energy and motivation our māmā have brought with them this year. Every day, we see the determination to learn, grow, and uplift their well-being through education and connection. Twenty Twenty Thrive!

As Term 1 comes to a close, it's incredible to reflect on all that has happened and all that still lies ahead. We began the year with much needed whanaungatanga, welcoming new māmā into our Karanga Mai whānau alongside our new kaiako, Suzi Gould. To build connections, we shared special experiences together, from our whānau picnic at Waikuku Beach to kayaking with CORE down the Kaiapoi River and tackling the heights at Adrenaline Forest. Engaging in these local activities has been a refreshing way to start the year.

With strengthened connections, we focused on setting goals and intentions for the year. It is always inspiring to witness the aspirations our young māmā set for themselves, knowing that we are here to support them every step of the way. A highlight of the term was our time at Surfwise with Tammi and Averil at Waikuku Beach. Despite some challenging weather, the warmth and energy from the Surfwise whānau has been unwavering. Many of our māmā have gained confidence in their surfing skills, experiencing moments and sights they never had before. We are already looking forward to the next season!

This term has been filled with positive energy and a strong sense of community within our hub. We warmly welcome Ameilya, Ayla, Onyx, Emerson, Charlize, Lee-Anne, Manaia, and Summah to the Karanga Mai whānau. We also send our best wishes to Layla, who is now on maternity leave, and extend a huge congratulations to Katelyn, Merc, and Ayla on the arrival of their beautiful babies. We hope you are soaking up every moment of those newborn snuggles!

With great aroha, we also farewell our Administrator, Jayne Sutherland as she steps into retirement. Jayne has been the backbone of Karanga Mai for many years, offering her kindness, manaaki, and unwavering support to everyone who walks through our doors. We will deeply miss her presence, her cheese toasties, and the thoughtfulness she shares so generously. Jayne, we wish you all the best in this next chapter and look forward to hearing about your overseas travels and precious moments with your moko. Ka nui te aroha ki a koe, Jayne!

As we head into the term break, I encourage everyone, māmā and staff, to take this time to rest, recharge, and reflect on all you have achieved. You juggle so much for yourself and your tamariki, and that is something to be proud of. We look forward to a massive Term 2 ahead, so much to be excited about! Take care, and we will see you all soon. Arohanui. Whitney.



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Term One Outdoor Adventures ...



From our Kaiāwhina's office

Kia ora whānau

All of a sudden, we are at the end of term one! This term has seen the growth of our whānau here at Karanga Mai with new ākonga and the arrival of pēpi too.

Getting to know our new ākonga has been wonderful. Understanding what drives them to be here at Karanga Mai and finding ways I can connect in and support them has meant my days are very busy, with our role now at 22! They bring so many different perspectives and strengths, it is such an honour to watch them as they settle in here and become part of the Karanga Mai whānau.

We are noticing the mornings getting cooler, but this does not stop our surfing missions out to Waikuku Beach. Even when recently, the waves at Waikuku were non-existent, meant a diversion to the Rakahuri Awa, our kaiako and ākonga had a fun time, jumping from trees, swinging on the rope-swing, doing some mean 'manu jumps' and even a bit of a mud sliding into the awa. Lots of laughter and some great memories made.

This term's 'Māmā and Pēpi' sessions have included trips to local cafes with conversations about what it is to be a Māmā. Ākonga facilitated sessions based on 'values in friendship', where it was inspiring to hear the voice of our ākonga and how they see their strengths both as māmā and as friends.

From the beautiful team at Beanies for Babies our ākonga received a 'Winter Warmer Package', which included hot water bottles, lovingly knitted blankets and even sachets of hot chocolate! Beanies for Babies regularly send us beautifully knitted items for our pēpi, including new-born packs for the newest members of the Karanga Mai whānau. Our whānau seems to grow daily and we very much appreciate their koha to us here at Karanga Mai.

Our ākonga are making use of the coffee machine and their barista training, which I love as often it means a yummy hot chocolate delivered to me in my office! What a treat that is :)

We were all treated to a trip to the cinema to see the New Zealand film 'Tinā'. Wow, what a movie! So many tears (well, from me there were) balanced with lots of laughter too. A movie I would encourage everyone to see.

As we move towards the holidays, I look forward to some time at home with my whānau but also cannot help but feel excited for what is to come in term two and what it brings.

Noho ora mai rā. Emma – Kaiāwhina/Counsellor



MEET OUR NEW KAIKO - SUZI GOULD



As an experienced educator and coach, I am deeply committed to creating inclusive, culturally responsive learning environments where students feel safe to challenge themselves and grow.

My approach aligns perfectly with Karanga Mai's vision of positively empowering young parents through education and support. I bring extensive experience and empathy in individualizing learning support, cultural responsiveness, and strength-based approaches that would enable me to effectively support your students in achieving their academic and personal goals. Suzi

TERM 1 ACHIEVEMENTS:

Best attendance: Emerson

Most Credits: Daisy

Displaying KM Values: Ameilya

Driving Licence: Mercedez (R) & Ameilya (L)

WHAT'S COMING UP IN TERM 2?

Week 1: Monday 28th April at 11.15 - Mihi Whakatau for new Administrator Karla Ruru & 2 new ELC staff.

Week 1: Thursday 1st May - driving lessons commence every Thursday.

Week 2: Thursday 8th May - Careers Expo.

Week 8: Tuesday 17th June - Matariki Hangi.

Prize Giving 2024 - Award Winners



Prizegiving Photos - left to right, top to bottom:

*Katelyn & Haererangi - Tane Nui Award.
CJ - English Subject Award.*

*Laylah - Āwhina Award.
Daisy - Rachel's House Award and Outstanding First Year Progress and Attendance.*

*Jay - The Matt Doocey Award.
Ally - The Lynnette Brice Young Woman of Courage Award.*

Dr Jenny Hindin-Miller addressing the audience.

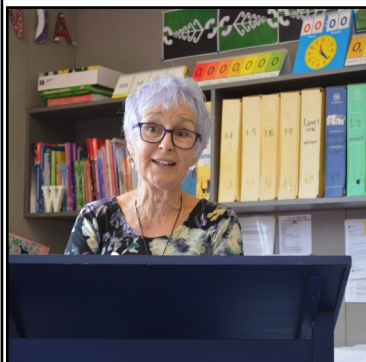
Haererangi - Mathematics Subject Award, Health Subject Award, and the Jenny Hindin-Miller Academic Excellence Award.



Ngā mihi nui ki a koe Carola Crawford ...

At the conclusion of the 2024 Academic year, we said farewell to our English teacher - Carola Crawford, who after 8 years of dedicated service to KM, decided to retire from teaching. Carola was a big presence at KM and the enthusiasm and energy she gave to every task was unwavering.

But as we say here at KM, once you are part of the whānau, you stay a part of the whānau for ever, and it's lovely to see Carola pop in from time to time for a catch up or to share community kai on a Tuesday.



Farewell from Jayne ...

After 13 happy years it is time for me to bid farewell to Karanga Mai. As the weeks of term one have flown by, I have found myself reflecting on my time here and it is with mixed emotions that I enter into life's 'third act' of retirement. It has been a privilege to work at Karanga Mai and alongside a team of dedicated teachers and staff determined to make a difference in the lives of our young māmā and their tamariki.

And to all our beautiful students, past and present; I am in awe of you all. The fierce love and protection you show for your tamariki is beyond compare. Along with your determination to provide a better life not only for yourself but for your tamariki no matter the struggles life can throw your way, is truly inspiring. With much aroha, Jayne xxx

Panui Tuatahi 2025

Term One - He Wheako Mīharo

Wow! When I look back over the past 11 weeks, and beyond it's amazing how much has happened!

This term has been all about relationships at every level. As a kaiako and tumuaki, I'm constantly astounded by our tamariki - the way they build and thrive in relationships and show their emerging capabilities. Just the other day, Keanu (21 months) and I were playing basketball. It was my turn, I dribbled the ball and took my shot - Keanu clapped and cheered my success. Joy at someone else's success, what an incredible understanding at such a young age!



Nau mai, tauti mai

We have welcomed many new whānau and tamariki into our community this term and it has been wonderful getting to know them all. We hope the centre is a place where tamariki feel a sense of ukaipō, a place that is special to them and their whānau. A place they can think of as their own, to belong, believe, discover and grow.



Whanaungatanga

Throughout the term, we have embraced opportunities for whanaungatanga; making time to connect, build trust, have fun and learn alongside and from each other. These have included Community Kai Tuesdays at 12.15pm, followed by Tamariki Talks / Wā Pēpi group. The Kaupapa is about all things parenting, kindness to ourselves, kōrero, and connection. Our different foci are decided by the group. Experiences to date have included; Waikuku picnic, Mums and Bubs swimming, Coffee dates, River swims, Op-Shopping adventures, 'Friendship - what's important?' and Te Ataarangi reo lessons.



Our Māra - Ngā Hua o te Whenua

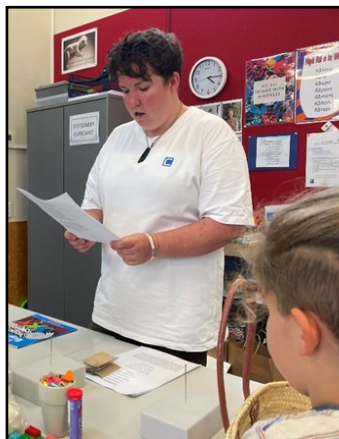
We've been busy in our garden. The tamariki love getting involved. Harvesting, tasting, and caring for our garden connects them to the whenua and the delicious produce grown right here at KM. Much of which is turned into puree for our pēpi, and delicious kai for us all to enjoy. Watch this space! We are hoping to produce a cookbook of Tamariki



Panui Tuatahi 2025 continued...

Storytelling - Sharing Pūrākau

This term, our kaiako team has focused on storytelling and pūrākau. We've gathered resources and made props to support tamariki in developing rich oral language skills. Special thanks to Eli for facilitating a beautiful felting wānanga to help us create a collection of atua and props for the tamariki.



Aroha nui, Jayne (YPC Administrator)

This term we farewell Jayne after 13 wonderful years of service. Her mana, advice, protection, loyalty, and commitment to our kaupapa have been vital as we've journeyed together as a learning community.

Jayne's contribution has been treasured by our community. Ngā mihi nui ki a koe, Jayne - we wish you all the best for your next adventures beyond Karanga Mai. We look forward to seeing Jayne and Alain at Community Kai when time allows.



Our Amazing Relievers

A huge mihi and heartfelt thanks to our relieving Kaiako; Kimberley, Toni-Lee, Bean, and Gae. Thank you for the warmth, skills, and aroha you bring into our space. Your support has helped us continue to thrive and grow as a learning community.

Dates to save for term 2

- ♦ Mihi whakatau Monday 28th April to welcome new staff and whānau.
- ♦ Matariki Hangi community celebration will take place on Tuesday 17 June.

Have a safe and restful holiday for those taking a break. The centre is open through the holidays except on the following Statutory Holidays; 18/4, 21/4 and 25/4 we are closed. Our van service doesn't operate in the holidays however, all tamariki are welcome to attend if whānau can transport. Ngā mihi nui, Jacinta

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