



Kaeo School



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Term 2

Week 7

Hello,

One of the things around the recent lock down and the subsequent return to school is that it encourages reflection on ones personal or organisational beliefs.

Anyone who has been associated with Kaeo School for any length of time will understand that first and foremost our focus is on building a school in which children feel safe, happy and secure. A focus on well being. This is important for many reasons but it includes the understanding that only from a secure and safe base will children be placed to relate well to others and that this provides the best opportunity to learn.

Our school is well regarded and this is a credit to everyone involved with it but it's not that often that anyone asks how we have become the school we are.

However, yesterday I was asked that very question. Of course, there is no simple answer to a question like that – no one thing that anyone can adopt and when I replied I saw my colleagues face suggest that my reply to her question was pretty hopeless! I think she wanted a 'Kaeo School pill' that she could provide to everyone that walked through her gate.

The question is what would be in that pill and so, with the benefit of a bit more time to reflect here's what I think it should include:

- Authentic kindness.
- A commitment to others.
- Understanding and patience.
- Trust.
- Fun and laughter.
- Perseverance and inclusiveness.
- Thoughtfulness and commitment.
- Empathy.
- Support and care.

I want to thank everyone who reads this for sending these ingredients to us at school and the people who work at our school for sending it out every day to each other, the children, and the wider school community.

*He aroha whakato,
 He aroha puta mai*

If kindness is sown, then kindness you shall receive.

Kind regards,
 Paul Barker.

Students of the Week

Congratulations to our first Students of the Week for Term 2 – Erana, Sindi, Jake, Royall, Winston (with Miss Campbell), Braxton and Taliyah-Jayd.



Honours Board

Congratulations to Term Ones Honours Board people for a great start to the school year – despite its unusual start: Jaylee, Kalii, Jazzlyn, Maungaroa, Che'-Nicole, Prisayis, Tamati, Declan, Rahera, Te Ruki, Mia, Taylor, Athena, Quentin, Marareia, Mita, Ethan, Korrah, Alaya, Tai-Jon, Cassie, Georgia, Tahlia, Taylah, Mila, Hariata, and Layce.



Contacting School/Staff

Over lockdown, staff provided their personal phone numbers and sometimes email addresses. Now we are back at school it would be appreciated if contact could please be made through the office or school email addresses please. This will ensure that messages and the like get to the right place and aren't forgotten. Thanks.