



Kaeo School



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Term 3

Week 8

Hello,

Each February the Board of Trustees set goals for what we wish to work towards across the year. We all know that this year has been a real challenge in many respects and that of course has an impact on achieving these goals. Indeed, in many ways the goals set in February seem somewhat out of date and less important now than they did then. Notwithstanding this, I can happily report on the progress of some of these things:

Learn:

We are largely on track towards our goals for Reading., Writing, Mathematics and Spelling. This is especially true if we allow a little leeway for the time that school was closed and for the effect of Covid 19 across the school. Many children have made rapid progress this year and it is great to see so many of the children that have found learning difficult heading towards the expected levels for their age.

Love:

It is clear that the children, in the main, continue to Love attending Kaeo School. It is always a pleasure to see the children happily arriving at school each day. With regardless 'loving' each other there have been times this year where the level of kindness and caring expected from the children has not been always been as expected. To some extent this should not be a surprise given the challenges that we have all faced this year. For example the higher level of absences this year have certainly impacted the children's ability to build positive relationships with their teachers and each other. We all have work to do to ensure that our children's attendance in term 4 is at the levels that facilitate a settled, happy school.

Contribute:

It has been a little harder this year to contribute to others but we will do our bit for the Child Cancer Foundation next week for Wear a Wig Wednesday and as a school, I hope you will agree, we did our best to contribute effectively and with care across the community during the Covid 19 lockdown.

Grow:

Using the bare numbers our school has certainly grown! One hundred and seventy children attend our school now. It seems a long time since we were looking towards having 101 children and that elusive 5th teacher at our school.

But we have also grown in the broader sense this year in that we have 'made it' relatively well to the end of term 3 in the circumstances that this year has brought us. This, I guess, confirms that at our core we have a resilient and strong enough culture to see us through challenging times such as those presented this year.

Let's keep going!

Kind regards,

Paul Barker.

School Opening Time

School begins at 8.55am each day and in the mornings teachers are busy preparing for the day and so are unable to provide supervision for children arriving earlier than 8.20am. We understand that there may be exceptional circumstances where a child needs to be dropped at school early from time to time and if so please let your child's teacher know and we will do our best to help, but otherwise children should not arrive at school until 8.20 please.

Students of the Week

No Students of the Week this week so instead a nice picture from Room 1's very cool trip to Urupukapuka Island on Tuesday. A big THANKS to everyone who took the time to help out on the day.



Last Day of Term

The term ends at 1pm on Friday the 25th of September and begins again on Monday the 12th of October.