



## Te Ara Māia Newsletter

### Term Tahī, Week Ono 2023

*Where students learn creatively and strive for excellence preparing for lifelong learning*  
*Kia auaha te ako a ngā ākonga me te whai i te iti kahurangi mō te akoranga tūroa*



Kia ora Parents and Whānau of Māia students,

We have been making the most of the sunshine this week and conducting teaching and learning outside when possible. Our rangatahi have brushed off their initial disappointment about camp and are cheerfully cracking on with the learning at school. Student teachers Sophia Basile and Zach Klein came to work with us this week, we have all thoroughly enjoyed our time with them.

**Our focus in term one is always to build a positive class culture.** Positive working relationships form the foundation of collaboration and ako between students.

In the home learning team, this looks like:

- Working with a range of people
- Contributing to learning conversations
- Being open-minded
- Actively including others
- Working through disagreements

Something that inevitably feeds into this is the informal interactions between students during break times and in the 'third space' (online). There have already been issues with the misuse of social media among students this term. Our rangatahi can be impulsive and make mistakes in the online space, as is only natural; although these things may occur outside of school, we see their impact in the classroom. In home learning teams we have regular discussions about how we interact online, as well as safety, setting boundaries, and when to talk to an adult about what is being said or done in the online space. You can support us by continuing these conversations at home and keeping in touch about any concerns you may have.

**International Women's Day** was celebrated in Te Ara Maia on Wednesday, students dressed in the official IWD colours- green, purple, and white, enjoyed a shared morning tea, and took the opportunity to learn more about the many women who contribute significantly to society.



We have one **career talk** booked for this term, and would be delighted to have some more! This would involve telling the children about how you came to your career choice, the educational pathways you had to follow, and the sacrifices that were necessary to achieve your goals. These are always really well received by the tamariki who are particularly interested in how a career evolves. Friday morning before morning tea suits us best. So if you would be keen to chat with Māia students about your career, please let us know!

A gentle reminder that our **home learning program** is a simple one designed to support children with their learning in class. Our expectation for every student is:

- Reading for 30 mins every day at home
- 30 minutes of Maths Buddy practice per week

Students who receive extra learning support may have a little extra each week. You will receive a letter within the next week if your child participates in our learning support program.

Please know you are always welcome to visit our space and view your child's work. We have some fun Archimboldi-inspired self-portraits in the learning space at the moment.

Best wishes,  
Libya Munn & Alistair Button

