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## NEWSLETTER

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Kia ora Whanau,

WOW, they don't call it March Madness for nothing! What an incredibly busy last month we've had at I Have a Dream.

Highlights include:

- Our Donor Day thanking all of our Donors for their financial support
- \$1.4 million donation received from the Wright Family Foundation
- A visit from the Hon. Tracey Martin (Associate Minister of Education and Minister for Children) to learn about our work
- Hosting our Visitor Open Day so that those interested in supporting our work could come meet the #Dream Team and see what we do
- Running our first Mentor Evening for our volunteer Mentors who will be working with Year 6 students this year
- The filming of our new TV Commercial took place featuring Duncan Garner which will air on TV3 later this year. Thanks to the Mediaworks Foundation who sponsor our adverts and to staff and students who took part.
- Conducting our research in partnership with the University of Auckland where over 400 of our Dreamers were surveyed to learn how I Have a Dream and our schools are helping our students showing where improvements can be made
- Farewelling our German intern Sophia as she returned home to her whanau after six months volunteering full time with us.
- Placing more volunteers alongside our kids e.g. the mentoring through cooking programme run with students from Tiki High at Dreamer HQ, reading volunteers who support some of our kids who need a little extra reading help, and some who help at our after school programmes. Plus a whole lot more starting next term.
- Establishing some new #DreamPartners in the community who want to help our tamariki achieve their dreams through Volunteering, Gifts in Kind or Donations. These include; Pak N Save Whangarei, Huanui College, Ray White Rural Commercial Sales Team, Vodafone Foundation, AWF Madison, iPadHire.co.nz
- Celebrating an influx of new enrolments - we are now nearing 85% of all students across our 4 schools signed up into the programme
- Plus a lot of exciting stories as our Navigators have been busy supporting tamariki in classrooms, running their after school programmes and helping out with school trips and events.... See photos over the page!



### Want to Find out More!

We invite you to attend our new **Whanau Information Evenings** which will be held the first week of each term to report back to whanau, and to communicate our plans for the term ahead. It's also a chance for any whanau not yet engaged in our programme to come along and learn about what we do. Please see the details in this newsletter or look out for the Whanau Information Evening flyer which will be sent home during the last week of school.

As the saying goes "It takes a village to raise a child" and we are thankful for the many whanau, volunteers, school staff, dream partners, and donors who are all contributing in some shape or form to create that village around our most precious resource.....OUR TAMARIKI!!

Nga Mihi Nunui Kia Koutou, we can't do it without you.  
Ant Backhouse - CEO



**WHANAU INFORMATION EVENINGS—FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE—LUCKY DRAWS!**  
**WEEK 1 TERM 2—SEE OVER THE PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS**

Sophia with Otangarei students at Mt. Manaia

Kia ora whanau,

My name is Sophia, I have been the intern at IHAD over the last 6 months and as most of the team like to point out; I'm German. I came to IHAD to be able to observe the model, because it is something unique. It's an advantage that you have the IHAD programme here in your community. I believe that more families and communities from around the world could benefit from copying this model. It's been an honour working with the kids and alongside the #Dream Team. I have spent lots of time at all schools and have been mainly based at Otangarei with Navigator Piripi. The kids are so precious, have so many talents and it has been my pleasure to spend time with them doing group mentoring, being in class, playing games at break times and supporting the Navigators at After School Programmes.

Now it's time for me to go back and finish my double degree of social work and social work within a church environment at university back home in Germany. I will miss the the kids, the laughter, the welcoming culture and the waiatas and kapa haka sessions most.



Research in Action!

Mentor Evening

Thank you Ray White

After School with Rose



Filming in Action

Tracey Martin Visit

Whangarei Falls on Film

Parihaka Visit



#### WHANAU SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND INFORMATION EVENINGS

You are invited to attend a Sausage Sizzle and Information Evening. This is your chance to hear from the I Have a Dream team about the work we have been doing with your tamariki over Term 1, and what's on the plans for Term 2. It is also a chance for any new whanau who are not yet engaged with I Have a Dream to come and learn more about the programme and services we can offer your child during their years at school to help them achieve their dreams and goals.

If you cannot attend your school of enrolment please feel free to come to one of the other schools. Start time is 5.00pm commencing with the Sausage Sizzle and finishing at 7.00pm. All whanau welcome.

Monday 30th April	Tikipunga High School
Tuesday 1st May	Tikipunga Primary School
Wednesday 2nd May	Otangarei Primary School
Thursday 3rd May	Totara Grove School

We look forward to seeing you at one of our events!



#### Our volunteer programme is off to a great start

We've had our first mentoring evening which saw 30 Dreamers and Mentors come together over games, fun, and dinner. Our next mentoring evening is coming up next week with more fun and, of course, more food.

We have had a great response from the community regarding our volunteer programme which will see nine new volunteers starting next term. Five students from Huanui College will be helping with our after school programmes, and four amazing people will be helping with literacy at Te Kura o' Otangarei (Otangarei Primary School).

We'd also like to send a massive thank you out to all our volunteers who helped with our biannual research. We couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you to LW Nelson for their generous grant of \$2,000 which has allowed us to purchase t-shirts for all of our volunteers.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming part of our #Dream Team as a volunteer, please contact Diane on [diane@ihaveadream.org.nz](mailto:diane@ihaveadream.org.nz)

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