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Kia ora Whanau,

As we celebrate Matariki week and Term 2 comes to a close, we can reflect back on what a jam packed term it has been. This week Matariki has been celebrated throughout our schools with the sharing of kai, bringing a great sense of togetherness. Matariki and International Volunteering week fall at the same time each year - what better way to celebrate both than a dinner at the Marae where volunteers, the Waiata Joy Group and Early Childhood professionals sat together and shared a meal and were entertained by the students with some beautiful waiata. Thanks to Diane for organising such an amazing event.

Check out our re-vamped website! It has been updated with new photos, fonts and information. While our facebook page will always be the main means of communication around day to day events and photos, our website is the place to go if you are wanting to gather organisational information. [Click here for quick access.](#)

Our Annual Report is now available for viewing on our website. This is the first time we have produced a report of this quality and is an awesome reflection of what a busy 2018 we had. We hope you enjoy reading the stories and achievements and in particular how I Have a Dream has grown. See more on page 3 of this newsletter. [Click here to view Annual Report](#)

Thanks to Catherine and David Davies-Colley for once again agreeing to open their magnificent Magnolia Gardens next term. The entry fee of \$5 will support I Have a Dream camps taking place in December and January. Staff and students will be at the gardens providing support to the owners and to mix and mingle with enthusiastic gardeners. The dates for this event are now confirmed—17th and 18th August and 24th and 25th August. Look out for further information as we get closer to the time.

Also thanks to Weber Circus and Mayor Sheryl Mai for providing 50 circus tickets to I Have a Dream. Students who were able to go had a really fun experience.

Congratulations to Tikipunga High School for running the highly successful school ball at Toll Stadium. More information and photos on this later in this newsletter. I would like to say thank you to all the donors who provided such beautiful gowns for the girls to choose from.

Finally enjoy the school holidays which are coming up rapidly. I hope students come back refreshed for what's shaping up to be a busy term 3. Ngā mihi Ant Backhouse - CEO

Stronger Together



Volunteering Week in New Zealand was recently celebrated. It's an opportunity for organisations such as ours to show our appreciation to all our amazing volunteers for all their mahi and support. We could never do what we do without this wonderful community behind us.

With that in mind, we held our second annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Pehiawere Marae. Our volunteers sang waiata, listened to speakers, and shared a hearty dinner.

It was such an honour to be able to serve the people who so generously give their time to make the world a better and kinder place for our tamariki. We really are stronger together.



As this time of reflection comes to a close, our sincerest wish for all our volunteers is that they know how valuable they are to our staff, our schools, and our Dreamers. That our aspiration to change the lives of all our Dreamers, and their families, would not be possible without volunteers.

Volunteers, you are changing lives; you are helping children, your community, and New Zealand to be the best we can be. Love is changing the world one child at a time. Thank you for all you do.

If you're interested in joining our incredible team of volunteers, please contact me on diane@ihaveadream.org.nz



Inter-School Soccer

The tri-series between Tikipunga Primary, Te Kura o Otangarei and Totara Grove is drawing to a close with the final being played at Tikipunga Primary School on Friday 5th July at 12 o'clock. The two schools who made it to the final are Tikipunga Primary School and Totara Grove School. Well done to Te Kura o Otangarei for ranking third place. Our thanks to Maka, I Have a Dream Sports Coordinator, for making this such a successful series. This is the first in a number of inter-school sporting events I Have a Dream are planning to host for the rest of the year. Students participating have embraced fair-play and have enjoyed the opportunity to take part in a "real" competition. Come along and encourage our young players at the final!



Falls Estate Village



Students from Te Kura o Otangarei visited the elderly at the Falls Estate Retirement Village this term. The visits are all about building relationships within our community. The first two visits are just the beginning of a series of planned trips involving buddy reading and playing indoor bowls.

At the first visit students treated the residents to some amazing waiata to start with and then each was buddied up with a resident for some reading time. The highlight for the kids was having the opportunity to play indoor bowls. It seems we have some stars in the making as far as the bowling was concerned. The students are looking forward to regular visits and building relationships with their elderly mentors.



Other Happenings!

B-Boy Dancing

Navigator Sergio has been introducing Dreamers to the world of B-Boy dancing. The students are loving the challenge of learning different moves with some showing a real natural talent for this type of dance. This has been a great activity to build confidence among our Dreamers especially when having to perform in front of others. We can look forward to seeing B-Boy Dreamers performing at one of our events later in the year.



Manu Korero

Thanks Marcia for organising the Manu Korero Speech contestants from Tikipunga High School to come and showcase their speeches to senior classes at our primary schools. It was awesome for the junior students to hear the standard of speeches expected as they get older. The older students were great role models to their younger peers.

Soul Food

Navigators have given Dreamers the experience of visiting Soul Food where they have cooked and served food to members of the community who are less fortunate than themselves. The experience has been grounding and looks to continue for some time yet.

Tikipunga High School Ball

As Navigator to the Y10 and Y11 Tikipunga High students I was really privileged to be invited to attend the Tikipunga High School Ball. THS 2019 Senior Ball was beautifully set with the 'Enchanted Forest' theme. The senior students did an amazing job putting this event together. The atmosphere was great, the setting was gorgeous and the food was divine. The students looked absolutely stunning. They went all out to ensure they were looking their best for their special evening. King and Queen; Ellen and Reagan; Prince and Princess; Sophie and Boston; Duke and Duchess; Raureti and Jordan. Best Dressed; Bonnie and James. Best Dancer; Hannah.

We followed Ellen (THS Head Girl) through the term on her quest for ball gown and suit donations and the response by the community and IHAD donors was phenomenal. Thank you to all who made this evening so special for our rangatahi. A very special thanks to Navigator Vince for barbering some of our young men to look good and feel good. Also to Navigator Piripi for assisting to find a DJ so they could dance the night away.

Mo Matautia-Tepania



I Have a Dream 2018 Annual Report Extracts

Well done to the teachers in our #DreamPartner Schools on the great results for Reading and Maths. The report findings showed that there was substantial accelerated achievement in both subjects where learning gains were twice as much of what is normally expected in an academic year. This is all down to the hard work of our teachers. The report also affirmed that our Dreamers had positive attitudes towards school and its usefulness to their future. Here are some statistics for you from 2018 -

