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## NEWSLETTER



September 2019

Kia ora Whanau,

I can't quite believe we have reached Week 7 in what has shaped up to be an incredibly busy term, involving a heap of great activities for our Dreamers, meaning our staff have also been super busy.

This year will be my 18th year working with I Have a Dream, so during term 4 I will be taking a sabbatical break. I am grateful to the Board to have granted me this time off to refresh and re-energize my hauora. I will return to work at the beginning of Term 1 2020. While I'm away I have total confidence in my outstanding leadership team and staff to keep us on track.



Welcome Chris Twiss

Next term, we also welcome a new face to our organisation. Chris Twiss will be doing work with us over the next 12 months to explore expansion opportunities for I Have a Dream into other communities within Northland and New Zealand. Chris has been a supporter of our programme for some years and comes from a business background where he's worked on some major projects. If you see him around don't be afraid to introduce yourself and give him a warm welcome to the kaupapa. He will also be covering some of my CEO functions next term while I'm away on sabbatical, along with Joby Hopa who will pick up managing our primary school and high school teams.

This will be the last newsletter from me for the year. Enjoy the rest of this term and all the best for a great Term 4 leading up to Christmas and all the usual school celebrations.

Nga Mihi—Ant Backhouse - CEO



Year 10/11 Dreamers at the Gardens

### Magnolia Gardens - Fundraising Opportunity

A big thank you to Dave and Cath Davies-Colley for once again opening their amazing Magnolia Gardens, two weekends in a row, to enable our Dreamers to not only fundraise for camps but to participate in a mini enterprise. The students were amazing – whether helping in the café, acting as tour guides, selling raffle tickets or on the gate - all of them showed great leadership skills. We had over 500 people through the gardens over the two weekends which is massive. The café was abuzz with conversation with the visitors showing genuine interest in the students and I Have a Dream. The proceeds of almost \$6,000 will go towards a couple of camps we have later in the year - Otago Bike Trail and Hillary Outdoors Centre. We're already looking forward to doing this all over again next year.

### Visitor Open Day

A big thank you to Te Kura o Otangarei for hosting this term's open day, enabling visitors to come into the school to spend some time with Dreamers and staff thereby learning about I Have a Dream and how they can help with the programme. These open days take place once a term and are valuable for prospective donors to gain a clear understanding of what we do.

### IHAD Enters Northland Business Excellence Awards

This year we are entering the Northland Business Excellence Awards under the Charity section. We are hoping our mahi will get recognised and we win! Just to qualify to enter we had to complete a 35 page document outlining all our processes and procedures. It was awesome to see how far we had come in the last couple of years. To help us win and gain recognition please vote for us in the [More FM Customer Choice Award](#) by clicking on this link. The more votes the better! We'll let you know of the outcome next term.

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### Morning Teas at Tikipunga Primary School with Whanau Coordinator - Louise

On Friday we had a whanau hui with the new entrants focusing on creating maths superstars. Whaea Judy came and talked about different skills and activities tamariki are learning in class and how whanau can support their learning at home. We also made a maths pack full of resources and games for whanau to use at home with their tamariki.



### Year 3 I Have a Dream Stars and Sistema Music

Year 3 Navigator - Laura Griffin - is having fun with her group of students. The I Have a Dream "Stars" were born! This term the focus has been on ako and tumanako involving students learning to explore the arts through painting, dance and music. Activities involved learning to work together and to co-operate which is not always easy for young children. Students were lucky enough to have a music taster with Sistema at Te Kura o Otangarei and Tikipunga Primary School. For some, learning what a violin or cello was, was completely new to them, and for all having the chance to play either instrument was a new and amazing experience. The Sistema tutor was impressed with how quickly the tamariki got the hang of playing the instruments. Laura was proud of how the students showed respect and had a great "give it a go" attitude. Thank you Sistema for opening up the world of music to our Dreamers.



### Year 4 Natures' Cool Programme

Year 4 Navigator - Rose Welsh - has involved some students from Te Kura o Otangarei in participating in the Natures' Cool Programme. This is relatively new to Whangarei and gives students an opportunity to face different challenges during the school day while in a natural setting. So far the Dreamers have appreciated the farm life. Activities include chopping wood, lighting a camp fire, gathering eggs, cooking eggs on the camp fire, building a swing and learning to whittle wood. Phew! On top of that it was an exciting moment when mother pig gave birth to 23 piglets! Our Dreamers have been learning to co-operate with students from other schools while expanding their own skills around creativity and perseverance.



### Lego Club

The newly formed Lego Club at Tikipunga Primary is proving to be very successful for a group of lego enthusiasts. To start the Club on the right footing Navigator Rose took the Dreamers to the Whangarei Library for a visit behind the scenes and also to see how the Lego Club worked in the Library. The group take the Club very seriously having regular meetings, taking minutes and reporting back to their members!



### The Falls Estate - Reading Buddies

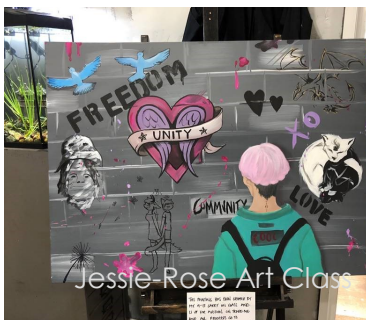
The visits to the Falls Estate continues with some students from Te Kura o Otangarei enjoying the mentoring support they receive on these visits. Of course, it's a two way relationship with the elderly very much appreciating having some young people around. Some of the Dreamers are really improving their bowling skills with the hope of issuing a challenge to the Falls Estate at the end of the year.

### Jessie-Rose Art Classes

Four lucky students from our programme have been attending the Jessie-Rose Art studio after school to hone their art skills. Donors supported the placement of two students with I Have a Dream also sponsoring two students. The feedback from the students has been tremendous and the art work itself speaks highly of the course. This opportunity is of particular relevance to the students who wish to pursue the arts into the future.

### Boys Computer Code Club - Tikipunga Primary

Year 5 Navigator - Jon Renes - has started a Boys Code Club where a small group are learning all about computing coding. As you can see from the photos these boys are just loving it. The boys were engaged throughout, they helped one another when needed, and each had numerous instances of success when they ran their codes and they worked.





## NZ Fashion Week - Farmers Kids Fashion Show

As part of our Y6 I Have a Dream kaupapa this term, Y6 'Dreamers' made their own fashion statements making colourful tie dye t-shirts. As a continuation of that kaupapa, some students from Tikipunga Primary and Te Kura o Otangarei were lucky enough to attend the Farmers Kids fashion show at NZ Fashion Week 2019 in Aotea Square, Auckland. The fashion show was super cute and it gave the students an insight into the fashion world. The students loved it, with some even expressing that they would like to be a model and others a fashion designer. The day trip also included a visit to the Auckland Museum. Navigator Marcia says the trip was an opportunity to showcase potential avenues the Dreamers can take when they are older. A special thank you to our volunteer helper Janet Harris.



## Year 8 Dreamers - Onepu Dance Show

Navigator Vince took some Year 8 dreamers to the theatre to see Onepu Dance Troupe. It was a massive experience for them - most had never been to a theatre or experienced anything like it. Seeing the excitement and anticipation on their faces was priceless. After the show they thanked Vince for taking them with some saying the experience was "strange and weird". The trip sparked joy and allowed these Dreamers to be exposed to something completely new.



## Whangarei Scavenger Hunt

High School Navigator Mo and Intern Kayla took the Year 11 Dreamers on a scavenger hunt around Whangarei visiting places and services for youth. The I Have a Dream values used were ako and tumanako. Dreamers were shown where each place and service was and then given a brief outline about how they benefit youth. We went to Youth Space, NorthTec, The Pulse, Town Basin, 116, Library, Northland Youth Theatre, AUT and Sport Northland. Dreamers found this exciting as they travelled through peak traffic. Some of the places visited were not known to the Dreamers so it was a surprise to them to learn about the Future Trades Campus. The next visit to NorthTec will involve a walk

through to see what it's all about. One Dreamer said "I really enjoyed that. I didn't know where some of those places were and now I know". Another Dreamer recalled visiting Youth Space in the past and enjoying meeting some of the kids again and even remembering their names.



## In the News!

Recently we've featured in the Northern Advocate. If you didn't get a chance to read the articles the links are provided. Dreamer Olivia Bratty was featured in the latest Savvy feature alongside her Navigator Mo. Olivia has dreams of becoming both a vet and a Silver Fern. Her published story is a great read especially around the support Navigator Mo is currently giving her. [Click here](#) for this article. The second article focusses on the I Have a Dream programme and its origins. [Click this link](#) to take a look.



**>7,000**  
NAVIGATOR CONTACT HOURS SPENT  
WITH DREAMERS IN 2018





### Volunteer Mentoring with I Have a Dream

I Have a Dream aims to surround our Dreamers with caring adults. One of the ways we accomplish this is through our one on one mentoring programme which see local, kind-hearted adults create long term relationships with our Tikipunga High School Dreamers. Being a mentor is a perfect volunteering opportunity for people who work full-time as, after a training period, the mentor and mentee schedule their time together around their life-styles. We have some mentors and mentees who see each other every week and another pair who see each other once a month.

In the first two terms of this year, we were able to facilitate the creation of 6 mentor/mentee relationships. These mentors have now finished their training, they've met the mentee's whanau, and are ready to embark on adventures with their mentee.

It is an absolute privilege to be a part of creating and supporting these mentoring relationships. When we see the Dreamer's face light up when talking about their mentor, or when we receive emails from mentors telling us of their latest explorations, we know we're part of something amazing.

Would you like to be a mentor? We are just getting ready to start our next mentor training and we currently have a need for more mentors for our Dreamers. If you or someone you know would like to change someones' life by being their mentor, please email Diane on [diane@ihaveadream.org.nz](mailto:diane@ihaveadream.org.nz) Our young people deserve all the support we can give them.

### Tikipunga High School Year 9 Ski Trip with Navigator Daisy

The ski trip was amazing. It started off with a very long 9 hour van drive down to National Park, made worse by lost power in the engine just as we were almost there. Our first day was incredible - some Dreamers had never seen snow before. The mountain was clear, beautiful and covered in powdery white snow. The Dreamers were excited and anxious to get out and play in the snow - there was snow being thrown everywhere! We had to wait for our first ski lesson so we gave it a go on our own without knowing anything about skiing, in particular not knowing how to stop! There were Dreamers falling sideways, splitting and flipping all the way down the mountain. In pain and a little scared they all got back up and tried again. Once we were given our ski lessons we then had an idea how to slow down and stop ourselves. Day one was painful, cold, frustrating, fun and exhilarating all at the same time. Day two saw us feeling a bit more confident. On this day there was low visibility, heavy wind, rain and the possibility of

snow. It was amazing, seeing all of the Dreamers flying down the slopes, weaving around people, doing tricks and having the time of their lives. Overall our Dreamers challenged themselves physically and mentally and came out of this trip with new experiences, skills, and interests.



### Cross Country at Denby Golf Course

This year the event was run by senior students from Tikipunga High School. Our partner schools—Totara Grove, Tikipunga Primary, Te Kura o Otangeri and Tikipunga High along with 3 other schools participated involving hundreds of students running at a super fast pace through the beautiful golf course. Navigator Marcia did an awesome job as Master of Ceremonies and our CEO Ant was on hand at the prizegiving. The rest of the I Have a Dream team were present to cheer the kids on and to generally support the event. It was an awesome day out - congratulations to teacher Shane and the High School students for doing such a great job with the organisation. Thanks also to Denby Golf Course for making their whole golf course available for the day.



## Junior Whanau Report – Totara Grove Primary

As Whanau Engagement Coordinator for I Have a Dream at Totara Grove School I can truly say I am enjoying the role.



As the end of Week 7 approaches we reflect on what has been a busy term.

We all worked incredibly hard for our Matariki Food Festival and it was wonderful to share our mahi with lots of whanau and friends who supported the evening. This was the first time this event was held in Term 3 and in recognition of Matariki - it was great that it was so successful.

### Karate at Tikipunga High School

Volunteer Jurgen has a black belt in karate. He has been coming into Tikipunga High School every Thursday afternoon to work with a small group of High School students to learn karate. The discipline is tough and not only includes some heavy duty stretching but also the Dreamers have to learn some Japanese words. Coordination and memory play a big part in this class. There is more to karate than just punches and kicks.

The newly found confidence in these students is obvious when you watch them. While at first they felt awkward trying new moves, as they have gone on their confidence has built.

Navigator Zak has enjoyed seeing Dreamers come out of their comfort zone and learning the coordination and discipline that comes with a martial art. Other students are also showing an interest in learning.

One Dreamer says "Karate has helped me improve my coordination skills and it has helped me with my confidence".



Each Monday morning, we come together as a Junior Whanau to share stories and successes. We have enjoyed hearing all the wonderful stories of the amazing tamariki who play winter sport. We have enjoyed seeing the Player of the Day awards and hearing about hard-fought battles on the fields and courts.

Our Junior Whanau were visited by Tom Stevens who is a Prop for the Northland Taniwha Rugby team. Tom came and shared his story and photographs of his journey and his dream to become a Taniwha. He told us that working hard, setting goals and having dreams are important to move forward in life.

In Te Kakano we farewelled 10 tamariki at the end of Term 2 into other Junior classes. However, we continue to grow with lots of new enrolments. We enjoy our 'learning through play' kaupapa - it is exciting to support



their interests through a variety of different media and resources. We had two interesting 'visitors' who 'broke-in' to Te Kakano over two separate weekends; a dinosaur and then a Gorilla. These events sparked lots of great discussions and theories from our tamariki about who the footprints belonged to. We also managed to nab two police officers who came to photograph evidence of the break-ins and ask some questions of the tamariki. Our learning environment is inviting for both our tamariki and their whanau.

Laura Stevens - Whanau Coordinator



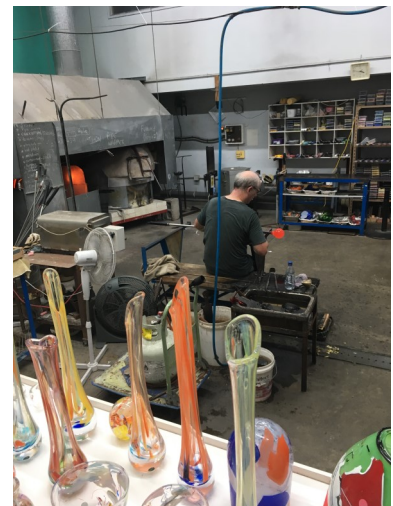
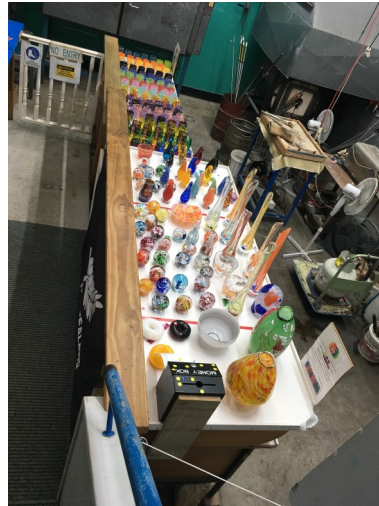
### Year 11 Homework Class at Tikipunga High

Every fortnight, on a Wednesday, the year 11's come together in the library for homework tuition. Recently we had four year 11 students attend with their health, digital tech, numeracy and art homework. Volunteer Terry joined us to work on numeracy with Nephi Thomas; and I looked at how to add to his scratch project. Kayla and Aliz'e worked on her health assessment with Jordan working away on her art. Thomas really likes the homework group he thinks it's fun and has good food! Nephi enjoys working with Terry as he finds him really helpful. The value demonstrated is ako. With the help of Kayla and Terry we are able to develop interest towards completing homework and a positive attitude to learning.



## Glassblowing Trip with Tikipunga High School students

High School Navigator Mo and Navigator Sergio took some Dreamers down to the Town Basin to watch a demonstration of glass blowing. This was an experience that none of them had undertaken before. They really enjoyed the afternoon. They were shown the facility from Keith, the owner. His workshop is out the back of Burning Issues at the town basin. It has all the equipment for glassblowing. Three of the four Dreamers take art at school. It was great for them to learn something very different in the arts. Glassblowing is a very expensive occupation. Keith didn't know anything about glassblowing when he bought the business so he taught himself. He opens up his workshop for others to come along and do a glass blowing class with him. A follow-up trip will be organised by Sergio later in the term. The exposure to an industry that they had not seen before made it interesting with two students really curious to try it. Davontae was very interested in making himself a shot glass; Nephi was keen to make a glass. Who knows whether any of our Dreamers will follow glassblowing as a career but it was great that they had the opportunity to be exposed to this experience.



## Inspiring Dreams at Tikipunga High School

Navigator Zak has been working with some Year 8 Dreamers from Te Kura o Otangarei and Tikipunga High on vision boards. Vision boards are a collage of images, pictures and affirmations of one's dreams and desires, designed to serve as a source of inspiration and motivation, and to use the law of attraction to attain goals.

The process was to create a bucket list, visualise this as a vision board, create a timeline and look at the steps it would take to achieve these goals.

It's an awesome way to make dreams become clear in your mind and provide you with better focus and motivation to get there. Dream big team!

Some of the Dreamers say:

"I feel more prepared than before. You can remember and come back to your board to remind you"

"It's important to know what you are doing throughout life and sticking to the plan"

"You will have achievement and success if you have goals. If you have no goals you won't have anything to do"

"It's good to be focussed on something so when you are older you are prepared"

"People who plan their future are more successful"

