



# Pānui Term Two 2025

## Mānawatia a Matariki me Puanga! Ngā mihi o te tau hou Māori!

As we celebrate the rise of Matariki and Puanga, we acknowledge the beginning of the Māori New Year, a time of reflection, renewal, and hope. It also marks a personal milestone for me, one full year as part of the Karanga Mai whānau. The time has truly flown by.

Reflecting on this past term, I am continually inspired by the strength and resilience of our māmā. Despite the cold of winter, our māmā continue to show up with determination and grace, working hard toward their goals and aspirations for themselves, their babies, and their futures. Their commitment never goes unnoticed and is deeply appreciated.

Term 2 has been filled with energy, learning, and connection. Highlights have included our visit to the Careers Expo and ARA, and welcoming Micayla, Ciara, and Mataio into the Karanga Mai whānau. We also celebrated the precious arrivals of Keelan, Laylah's baby, and Lachlan, Ameliya's baby. Hospitality classes with Mr Sandes brought new skills and flavours into the classroom. Our mums and bubs swimming sessions on Tuesday afternoons during wā pēpi have been a lovely opportunity for bonding and wellness as well.

This term also saw many of our māmā participating in driving lessons, engaging in community kai on Tuesdays, and connecting through parent-teacher interviews with whānau teachers and ELC whānau meetings. A special highlight was our Matariki celebration, which included a beautiful hāngī shared with the wider Karanga Mai community. Our students also explored creativity and culture through pounamu carving with Tūhono Taonga and were fortunate to attend Manu Kōrero to witness te ao Māori and the art of oratory through a Māori lens. Our Matariki reports were an important moment of reflection and goal setting, helping identify both successes and next steps toward each individual's personal and academic goals. I am genuinely excited to witness the progress that lies ahead as our māmā continue their journeys of growth and achievement.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt mihi to our dedicated and passionate staff at Karanga Mai. Their consistent efforts to provide a safe, supportive, and empowering space for our students are the backbone of what we do. A special welcome to Karla, who joined us at the beginning of the term as our new administrator. Karla brings not only a wealth of knowledge but also a unique connection to Karanga Mai, having once been a student here herself. It's truly special to see her return in this role, she has slotted into the whānau like she never left. Looking ahead to Term 3, we're excited for noho marae in Kaikōura for two nights, and a day trip to Hanmer Springs for our māmā and pēpi, also scheduled for next term. These experiences offer a chance to connect, relax, and continue learning in new environments.

As we head into the school holidays, I encourage everyone to take the time to rest, recharge, and look after yourselves and your whānau. Term 3 will bring us closer to the warmth of summer, and we're looking forward to having a fuller classroom as we reconnect with those who have been on maternity leave or who've had time away due to illness.

Thank you all for a wonderful term. We look forward to another busy, meaningful, and fulfilling Term 3.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Whitney Misiuata



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# From our Kaiāwhina's office

Kia ora whānau,

It's hard to believe we are already moving through Term 2!

We've been lucky to welcome some beautiful new faces into our Karanga Mai whānau this term – new ākonga who bring their own stories, energy and strengths, and a few precious new pēpē too. It's such a joy watching them settle in, form connections, and begin their own journey here. Our whānau continues to grow in the most special ways. This term has brought with it the beauty and reflection of Matariki. As a kura, we came together to celebrate the Māori New Year in a way that truly warmed the heart(and the puku!). Our hāngī was a real highlight – the smells drifting through the air, the sense of whānau gathered around, and the pride in knowing we had all played a part in preparing something special. There's something so grounding in sharing kai that has been cooked with such aroha and tradition. A group of us also had the privilege of attending the Manu Kōrero regional speech competitions – and wow, what a powerful day. The courage, strength, and mana of those rangatahi on stage was nothing short of inspiring. Sitting in the audience, you couldn't help but feel uplifted by their voices, their reo, and the way they spoke their truth so proudly. It was a reminder of the strength of our young people and the importance of making space for them to be heard. Our ākonga also had the opportunity to head along to the Careers Expo recently – which sparked some big kōrero about futures, dreams and possibilities. And then of course, our Tuesday Community Kai with the ELC continues to be such a treasured part of our week. The buzz of tamariki running around, the smell of lunch cooking, and the sounds of laughter and catching up – it really is something special. These moments of gathering, of sharing, of just being together – that's where the magic happens. We're so grateful for the sense of community that continues to grow here at Karanga Mai. With winter now well and truly here, we've also noticed the sniffles, coughs and colds making their way through our whānau – a gentle reminder to slow down, rest when we need to, and take care of ourselves and each other. These colder months can be tough, but they also offer a chance to pause, reflect, and wrap ourselves in a little extra aroha – whether that's through a warm drink, a good kōrero, or just giving ourselves permission to breathe and be still. As always, I'm filled with pride watching our ākonga continue to step into themselves– as māmā, as learners, as leaders in their own right

Noho ora mai rā,

Emma – Kaiāwhina / Counsellor



## On the Road to Success! 🚗

This term, some of the girls from our kura have been taking part in driving lessons, building their confidence and skills behind the wheel. A big congratulations to Daisy, who sat her restricted licence test recently—and passed! Ka pai, Daisy! We're so proud of all the wāhine putting in the mahi to gain their independence and learn a valuable life skill.



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# Whanaungatanga Aroha Manaakitanga Ako



This term at Karanga Mai, we've continued to embody our core values of Whanaungatanga, Ako, Manaakitanga, and Aroha in everything we do. We came together as a learning community to celebrate culture, support one another, and strengthen our connections. Highlights included carving pounamu for Matariki, sharing a hāngī with our whānau, and joining other kura for the Manu Kōrero speech competitions, all honouring te ao Māori and the voices of rangatahi. We also celebrated Samoan Language Week with warmth and hospitality, embracing manaakitanga through the making and sharing of delicious Pani Popo. These moments of shared culture, learning, and care have made this term one of growth, unity, and celebration — a true reflection of the heart of Karanga Mai.





# Welcome to the World

*Keelan, Laylah's baby and Lachlan, Ameliya's baby.*

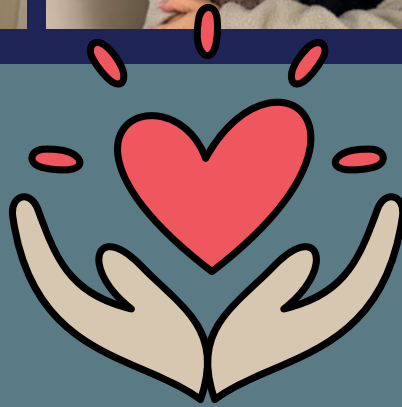


## Cooking and Learning Together

This term, we have been excited to see our students actively involved in the high school hospitality program. They have enjoyed making some yummy meals while learning essential skills like food preparation, cooking, and hygiene.

## Nau Mai, Haere Mai

A big haere mai to our new students Micayla, Ciara, and Ciara's son Mataio & our administrator Karla – we're so glad to have you join our Karanga Mai whānau!



## Coming up in Term 3!

Noho marae Kaikoura  
Driving lesson to continue  
Community Kai

## Term 1 Achievements

Best attendance: Daisy  
Most credits: Leeanne  
Displaying Karanga Mai values:  
Mercedes A

## Our School Vans

We're proud to offer two school vans that help pick up our students and their tamariki every day. These vans provide a safe, comfortable, and reliable way for our students & tamariki to get to and from school, making sure everyone arrives ready to learn and have fun. Our dedicated drivers June & Phil look after the students & tamariki with care, and the vans play an important role in connecting our school community.



## He mihi nui ki a Satisfy Food Rescue

A big thank you to Satisfy Food Rescue.

We are deeply grateful for your generous food donation to Karanga Mai. Mā tō koutou manaaki e whakakaha, e whakamana hoki i tō tātou hapori.

Your support helps to strengthen and uplift our community.

Ngā mihi nui – thank you so much! Satisfy Food Rescue is passionate about reducing food wastage and making healthy food available to everyone.

Launched in 2014, the charity redistributes food from local supermarkets, eateries, and producers.



# Life in the Early Learning Centre

## Pānui | Term 2, 2025

Kia ora e te whānau o Karanga Mai,

We end term two celebrating Matariki, always a high point for us here at Karanga Mai.

This year's focus - Mānawatia a Matariki mā Puanga is about celebrating together and embracing diversity, something very close to our hearts at Karanga Mai. Matariki offers us the space to reflect on the past, to celebrate our shared journey and to plan for the year ahead with hope and purpose.



Our environment is filled with tamariki creativity, reflections on the stars of Matariki and beautiful examples of kaitiakitanga in action.

We invite you to explore our updated display boards – they tell a rich story of learning, belonging and growth across the year.



A huge mihi to:

- All the whānau who joined us
- Our amazing YPC māmā and kaiako for the hāngī prep, fry bread and creating a warm and welcoming environment
- Tamariki and kaiako who transformed our space with their mahi toi and Matariki learning
- our Ringawera Eli, Beth and Caressa, the desserts were divine



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early learning centre

*our community, to belong, to believe, to discover & to grow*





## Nau Mai, Tauti Mai, Welcome

A warm welcome to our new tamariki; Cian, Cartier, Amayah, Mataio, Naiayla and their whānau – we are so glad to have you join our Karanga Mai community.

We are excited to welcome Stef, Mikayla and Caressa to our team.

We are so glad to have your energy and strengths joining us at Karanga Mai.



Ko Stef tōku ingoa, my name is Stef and I am beyond excited to be part of the Karanga Mai whānau. I have been working as a kaiako since 2012 and being able to walk alongside tamariki and their whānau in this journey is such a privilege. Building respectful, nurturing and trusting relationships is very important to me and I'm looking forward to further getting to know everyone in the learning community. It's awesome to also have my son, Cían, join me at Karanga Mai each day and later in the year our whānau will be expanding with a bub due in November. Outside of mahi, I love to spend time outdoors on walks and down at the river. I love to cook and you'll likely find me keen to bake with the tamariki at preschool too! I also enjoy reading but most of all spending time with whānau and friends, connecting and having a laugh!

This first term with you all has been lots of fun and I'm excited for what's to come



Ko Mikayla McNicholl tōku ingoa, I have really enjoyed being back at Karanga Mai over this last term which has flown by! It has been lovely to meet all our KM whānau and tamariki. You have all made me feel so welcome and I feel very blessed to be back here. I look forward to continuing building my relationship with you all next term. Have a great holiday everyone and we will see you next term, ngā mihi nui.

## He Tohu Aroha – A Gift from the Community

A heartfelt mihi to the Kaiapoi Saturday Market for donating \$500 to our Early Learning Centre.

We've used this koha to purchase:

- A muscle mat for our pēpi, adding comfort, warmth and support
- A new microwave for our wharekai, supporting both the ELC and YPC

# Life and Learning



At Karanga Mai, our learning programme is based on Te Whāriki – Aotearoa’s early childhood curriculum. Like a woven mat, Te Whāriki brings together the values, cultures, and hopes of our community. It reminds us that every child is a taonga – special and full of potential.

We’ve also been working hard to create a space that is peaceful, rich in learning and welcoming for everyone – from our pēpi to our oldest tamariki.

You might notice:

- Pēpi being cared for with aroha, using te reo Māori and gentle rituals
- Matariki stories and waiata being sung
- Tamariki learning from each other, from their kaiako and from you – their whānau

We want every child to feel that they belong here, that they are valued and that their learning and culture matter. Together we are building a place of connection, care and discovery – guided by both te ao Māori and te ao Pākehā.

If you have stories or games you’d like to share with us, we’d love to hear from you!



## Looking Ahead – Term 3 at Karanga Mai

In Term 3, we will continue to grow our collective practice and nurture a space where pēpi and tamariki feel calm, confident and connected.

We will be:

- Deepening our practice by exploring Te Ara Māori, a pathway in Te Whāriki that centres on a Māori worldview. Te Ara Māori interprets principles, strands, goals, and learning outcomes through te ao Māori, weaving te reo and tikanga into everything we do in meaningful and culturally grounded ways. We are fortunate to have the support and guidance of Lynne Te Aika and Halle Taite-Pitama as we walk this path together.
- Continuing to work in close partnership with the Young Parent College, supporting strong relationships and shared goals for the benefit of all tamariki and their whānau.

In September we will have a whānau hui to kōrero about Te Ara Māori | The Māori pathway at Karanga Mai. We’ll also be taking time to review the rhythm and flow of our day – thinking about how our routines, rituals, transitions, and learning moments are supporting:

- The wellbeing and engagement of every child
- A peaceful and rich learning environment
- Opportunities for tamariki to explore, create, rest, and connect in ways that suit them

This is part of our ongoing commitment to creating a centre that feels homely, connected and deeply responsive to the needs of our community.

We look forward to walking alongside you through another term of shared learning, growth and whanaungatanga. Enjoy the change of rhythm that the term break brings. The early learning centre is open throughout the holidays with reduced staffing, please let us know if your tamaiti will be attending.

Ngā mihi nui, Jacinta and team