



I HAVE A DREAM

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Kia ora Whanau,

As we celebrate Matariki season and focus on the "bright stars", my mind is drawn to think about how we celebrate our stars right in front of us - our tamariki - and how we can make them shine their brightest.

Here are I Have a Dream's top four tips for keeping your tamariki's star shining bright this winter:

- * Encouragement: "you can do it, I believe in you" - This helps our tamariki feel like they can, and like they're supported no matter what;
- * Resilience: "Keep going, don't give up" - This helps our tamariki to keep on trying, even when life gets hard;
- * Aroha: "I care about you, you are special" - This helps our tamariki feel secure, and that they belong in this world;
- * Celebration: "Awesome, ka pai, well done" - This helps our tamariki feel proud about their efforts, and gives them a feeling of success.

Come join our constellation, and my amazing staff, during Matariki as we put an "extra effort" in remembering to do these 4 things with our tamariki. Together we can create some bright stars who guide our future generations. We hope to see you all at our next whanau evening scheduled for Thursday 26th July.

I hope you enjoy reading our latest I Have a Dream newsletter—"every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world" - Harriet Tubman
Nga Mihi—Ant Backhouse - CEO

International Volunteer Week

Last week was all about celebrating our amazing volunteers and all the time, passion, and effort they give to our organisation, and most of all, to our Dreamers. We are continually amazed and humbled at the dedication they show and their willingness to get stuck in wherever they can.

On Wednesday, 20th June we held our first annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Pehiaweri Marae. It was a wild and windy night but over 20 volunteers, and their families, braved the weather to join us in celebrating all that they bring to I Have a Dream. The food was delicious and just what we needed on a cold, wintery evening.

For many volunteers, it was their first time meeting, and getting a real sense of, the whole IHAD team. They heard stories about how they add endless value to our programmes and make the Navigators mahi so much more manageable. The Navigators spoke about the changes they have seen in the Dreamers who are involved in the mentoring programme, and their joy at seeing the relationships develop.

As this week 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



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Tēnā koutou katoa

Yes it is I, Joby with a Y! Your friendly Community Relationships Manager. Well that's my title anyway, flash aye. My role within the IHAD team is multi faceted. My position in management allows for me to be involved with all aspects of our work within our schools and communities.

I lead our cultural presence and guidance for not only our organisation but also my marae. It's an honour to work with the kids of our area, working together for a bright future for all.

I'm happy to share with you some of the great things that have been happening with our Dreamers over the last couple of weeks.

Ngā mihi o te tau hou Māori ara te wa o Puanga me Matariki. Seasons greetings for the Māori new year. As we know it is the time of Puanga and Matariki.

Totara Grove Primary School requested a marae visit so last Tuesday I was honoured to host the entire Totara Grove Junior school (120 kids) at Pehiaweri Marae on Tuesday where we learnt and taught each other about the marae, our waka, our stories and of course Matariki. It was a fantastic day for everyone involved. We all left with new learnings and sealed the deal with a sausage sizzle, lasagne and sandwiches. REMEMBER, just let me know if you want to visit the marae!

Special thanks to the volunteers, Te Rito Maioha ECE staff and students, Happy Valley Kindergarten and the Totara Grove Junior school and staff for making this visit so memorable.



Prior to this event we hosted an I Have a Dream Open Day for potential donors, volunteers and mentors. It was awesome to see our visitors work with the kids in some fun activities and also learn what I Have a Dream is all about. A very special thanks to the Y11 Food Technology class and teacher Whaea Rachel who put on a fabulous lunch for our special guests.

Also congratulations to all the kids who participated in the recent Rippa Rugby tournament. You're awesome!

Stay warm and safe during these coming July holidays.

Mauri ora—Joby Hopa (joby@ihaveadream.org.nz)

