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Kia ora I Have a Dream Whanau,

Wow! What a busy term it has been here at I Have a Dream. Sometimes when we're always focused on what's going on right in front of us we forget to look up and see what's going on around us. That's what I love about writing the newsletter — it's a chance to reflect on all that has been achieved.....and this month there is a quite a list!

I Have a Dream is all about expanding kids' horizons, opening their eyes to the big wide world, and providing new opportunities. This helps them grow and brings out an understanding of themselves and others. We encourage them to be life-long "Dreamers", who enter the world with the confidence to pursue their future dreams.

We've seen some of these awesome opportunities become a reality this term. Enjoy reading about a selection of these below.

Magnolia Gardens Fundraiser

A big thank you to the Davies-Colley whanau who opened up their magnificent Magnolia Gardens for two weekends in a row as a fundraiser for the Year 7 Hillary Camp. The students who helped on both of those weekends blew me away! I turned up to see our Dreamers directing traffic, welcoming adults, serving in the café, running raffles, taking entry fees and showing care and attention to the elderly. Many of our guests commented on what fantastic kids they were. Thanks also to whanau who provided the home baking which made the café so popular.



Coming up will be an Information Hui for find out more information about the camp. In the meantime, come on Year 7, get those consent forms into Elliott and Bronnie, because without those you can't come!



Mediaworks Foundation Hui



Four of our students travelled to Auckland to represent I Have a Dream at the annual Mediaworks Foundation Hui where I Have a Dream was announced as a charity partner for the 4th year running. The Dreamers spoke in front of a big adult audience of Mediaworks staff about their experiences with I Have a Dream. They really did us proud and were offered a special behind the scenes tour of the TV3 News in production. We have great pictures and videos of the students including some with presenters Samantha Hayes and Mike McRoberts who gave a special mention of the kids in their broadcasting session the next day. Thanks to Navigator Bou and Joby who accompanied the students on this trip.

Term 3 Visitor Open Day

These Open Days held once a term are always a success and this was one was no exception with guests from across the country coming to look at our programme. Our Dreamers were able to interact with a whole range of people in an exchange of learning and culture. This included sharing in a Powhiri welcome, through to our guests working alongside Dreamers in our Navigators-led learning activities. I had the pleasure of watching one of our Dreamers eyes light up as Navigator Rose ran a science activity that involved dissolving lollies which made weird and wonderful patterns. The guests loved it!



Tikipunga Year 11 students did a wonderful job of catering the lunch for our guests, with a special thanks to teacher Whaea Rachel and students Skyla Anderson-Wynn, Angel Fiti, Justine Sampson, Melody Nathan and Taija Palmer. As a special treat, our guests were enthralled to listen to Skyla as she delivered her manu korero speech which gained her recognition as a speech finalist in the competition.

Bayley's Donation!

AMAZING NEWS! The Bayleys Foundation are very kindly sponsoring a Dreamer - special thanks to Lloyd Budd and his Dad for making this a possibility, along with MediaWorks New Zealand. We're enormously grateful and look forward to a great partnership with Bayleys.

Daffodil Day

A few of our Dreamers got a real sense of what it means to help others, when they were involved in helping to raise funds for Daffodil Day with their Navigator Daisy. It was a wild and wet day but students Victoria Bell and Keira Smith stood on the corner of the Tikipunga shops all morning and raised an awesome amount of funds for the Cancer Society.

Hardcore Dance Trip

The tamariki from Te Kura o Otangarei had a great time at the Hardcore Dance Company workshop showcase on Thursday 30th of August. Navigator Piripi accompanied the students where they learned a heap about what it takes to be part of a successful dance crew. Seeing students from other schools perform inspired our tamariki to put more effort into all the fundamentals of the art and appreciate the discipline it takes to perform at a high level. Keep an eye out for T.K.O Dance crew as they plan to enter the next Northland regionals!

Northland Rugby — Go the Taniwhas!

I'm sure some of our kids have been to the Rugby before, but how about seeing it from the NRU Corporate Suite, or visiting the team changing rooms, or meeting Tane the Taniwha? Ten lucky Tikipunga High School students were given the chance to see life a little differently at the Northland vs Manawatu game all thanks to Northland Rugby Union partnering with I Have a Dream. This is only the start of a great partnership which is also seeing some of the players joining in our after school programmes providing inspiration to our Dreamers. Kia Kaha Taniwhas — keep up the awesome mahi!

More about Rugby!

Rahiri Kake had his rugby dreams come true when a member from the community offered free tickets to see the sold out All Blacks vs Australia Game at Eden Park, he had the time of his life, even winning wedges and donuts from the patrons he sat next too, Year 6 Navigator Vincent Nathan who went with him says "its about giving kids experiences they will never forget". We are sure this memory will last for many years to come.



Feel the Rhythm— Body Percussion is Coming Our Way!

On 18 and 19 August our Year 3 (Whaea Rose) and Year 4 (Matua Jon) Navigators completed an inrhythm Drum/Rhythm Circle Facilitator workshop in Auckland. Established in Australia in 2003, inrhythm aims to share, and teach others how to share, the joy of African drumming in a welcoming, safe, and structured and progressive way.

The lead teacher, and inrhythm founder, was Tim Origias who had an amazing knowledge and passion for percussion and who was ably assisted by two local percussionists Kim and 'Chewy'. Along with Rose and Jon there were five other participants from different parts of the country and from different backgrounds and given Tim, Chewy, and Kim's beautiful wairua the group quickly became a fun, focussed, cohesive band at one with their Djembe (traditional African) drums and drumming with verve and gusto.

Rose and Jon had previously dabbled with percussion in different programs but had both struggled with how to develop sessions to maintain variety and interest over an extended period of time; and so, aside from a massive confidence boost in their ability to 'perform' percussion, the thing they both valued taking away from the workshop was the inrhythm system for structuring and progressing percussion sessions. Body Percussion was their other key learning from the weekend which they intend to integrate into their Term 4 after school programs and whenever the rhythm takes over them!

SCHOOL EVENTS!

It's been great being able to support a variety of school events which have taken place over the last month. All of our partner schools put in a huge amount of effort to ensure our Dreamers are exposed to varied and great experiences. I Have a Dream Navigators love to get involved in all of these events and of course, they're always around to provide that extra pair of hands where needed.

Three of our schools had teams in the **Regional Interscholastic Chess Championships**. Navigator Jon was able to support Te Kura o Otangarei entering this experience for the first time this year building on the Chess Craze initially started by Volunteer Marilyn at Tikipunga Primary School. Dreamer Noah from Tikipunga Primary School took out first overall for the whole competition in his age group! Well done to Noah — this is a tremendous effort.

I Have a Dream took pleasure in supporting **Te Kura o Otangarei's First Colour Run** around the streets of Otangarei. We manned stations and splashed the kids with colour. It was great to see Principal Myles Ferris out there doing his power walking although even he broke into a run when he was about to be lapped by the kids! Meanwhile, our I Have a Dream Operations Manager Damien Clark, kept up with the fastest front-runners, and I kept telling the kids the ice blocks were waiting for them at the next stop. This made them run all the harder, except there were no ice blocks until the end of the race! Well done to all staff and in particular Whaea Danelle who made it all happen.

Tikipunga Primary ran their **Junior Wheels Day** with great success. I dusted the cobwebs off my own skate board to push around a few kids who didn't have wheels of their own. A big thanks to a few generous people who responded to our Facebook request and donated bike helmets so we ensured our kids remained safe.

Year 7 Navigator Boudene was able to have fun alongside his Dreamers and attend the **Tikipunga High School Y7 Camp** where kids had some amazing new experiences on the water at the Sir Peter Blake Marine Education and Recreation Centre at Long Bay, Auckland.

It looks like **Inter School Soccer** may really become popular with a good start from Totara Grove Primary School visiting Tikipunga Primary School and Te Kura o Otangarei for the first round in the competition. Watch this space for some great interactions!

OT Clean the Streets!

THIS IS IMPRESSIVE OTANGAREI!! Check out the awesome mahi from those involved in Saturday's Keep New Zealand Beautiful Otangarei Clean Up and Planting day. There was real pride shown by Dreamers and whanau in keeping our local community tidy. Kia ora to everyone who got their hands dirty!



Staff Changes

A big welcome to Mo Matautia-Tepania who has stepped into the role of Year 9 and 10 Navigator. Mo came to us from Regent Training where she had worked since 2001! Mo is a big Netball fan, being President of the Manawanui Club for 2018. The Dreamers at Tikipunga High have made Mo really welcome and are already loving having her on the team. In her first few days with us, Mo was busy transporting students to Netball, helping them in their classrooms, and filling the Dreamer HQ House at lunchtimes making students delicious smoothies as they got to introduce themselves and get to know each other.

Sadly, we farewell Boudene Hauraki as he leaves us to pursue his own dreams in Australia. We wish him all the very best for the future and thank him from the bottom of our hearts for everything he has done for our young Dreamers. Bou has been with us for nearly 3 years and has been instrumental in ensuring the Year 7 camp to the Hillary Outdoor Centre becomes a reality! Also a huge thanks for spending the time transitioning our new Year 7 Navigator Izaak into the role.

We therefore extend a very warm welcome to Izaak Birch, our new Year 7 Navigator. Izaak has come to us from Te Ora Hou, where he has worked for many years with Northland's most at-risk youth. He is highly experienced in working with young people and we know will be a positive influence on our Year 7 Dreamers.

Nga Mihi—Ant Backhouse - CEO



VOLUNTEERING UPDATE

Here at I Have a Dream, we are continually humbled by the time and care our volunteers give to our Dreamers. This month alone, we have had eight new volunteers start in positions such as After School Programme Assistants (ASP), Before School Reading Programme, Breakfast Club, Mentoring Programme, and Events Assistants.

Our ASP volunteers get involved by helping the Navigator with everything from arts and crafts, playing games and puzzles, to building structures and cooking. There truly is something for everyone in our ASPs.

Before school reading takes place at Tikipunga Primary School and sees our volunteers starting at 8am to read with kids and staying in class to assist the teachers until morning tea time.

We also have opportunities for volunteers to do reading with kids at our other schools throughout the day.

We currently have volunteers helping at Breakfast Club 2 of our partner schools, Te Kura o' Otangarei and Tikipunga Primary School. The volunteers help make toast and cereal for our Dreamers so that they can have a full tummy and concentrate on their learning.

Our volunteer mentors create a long-term relationship with an assigned Dreamer. We have had a chance for everyone to get to know each other through our monthly Mentor Evenings. Both our Mentors and Dreamers are excited to move onto the next phase of their relationships where they get to know each other on a one to one basis through hands-on experiences.

We still have many more of these opportunities available, so if you or someone you know are interested in volunteering, please contact me on diane@ihaveadream.org.nz

