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Out and about in Whirinaki ...



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Co-Leads Aaron O'Neill and Dionne Thomas have thoroughly enjoyed getting out and about visiting all of our kura this year and one of our most memorable visits was to Mayfair Kindergarten. Situated in the heart of Mayfair on Cunningham Crescent, the pre-school caters for a beautiful group of children under the leadership of Cilla Te Kira. The environment is exceptionally peaceful and truly reflects their kaupapa Māori vision, normalising and validating te reo Māori, Mātauranga, tikanga Māori and ahuatanga Māori (Māori characteristics). We saw wonderful examples of children interacting with kindness, aroha and learning. The staff and the children look forward to their visits from Mike Bassett to learn Kapa Haka and will join us for our Celebration day at Karamū in November.



Introducing Mayfair Primary Within School Teacher— Kate Fox



Kia ora koutou! Ko Kate Fox tōku ingoa. I am the Within School Leader of Mayfair School. I have taught at Mayfair School since 2018, mostly in the senior school. I love coming to work each day thanks to our amazing teachers and students. As a teacher, my passions are math and te reo Māori. Outside of school, I enjoy spending time at the beach with my family, walking our dog or reading a good book. I am enjoying my role as a within school leader as it allows me to meet and collaborate with other teachers and learn from experts. The Ki o Rahi tournament has been a highlight this year and I am very much looking forward to our Kapa Haka celebration in November.

Farewell Sam Hocking



At the end of 2023 we bid farewell to Sam Hocking, Principal of Twyford School from the Whirinaki Kāhui Ako. Sam was a tremendous Co-Lead of our Kāhui (with Ricardo Fox) from 2019-2022 and we will miss Sam's commitment to the Kāhui, his passion for learning, his organisation and of course his wit. We wish him all the very best as he moves to Puketapu Primary School as Principal from 2024.



Kapa Haka Celebration—22 November
10am @ Karamū

