

## I want you to know who I am

What an unusual few weeks we have had Paisley, no going to see your teachers at Emmett Street and Fletch, Taylor, Roman, Corbin, Dad, Steph and Nanna all at home with you.

How wonderful to have the time together and to be part of your learning as you tell of your hopes and dreams through your art on the footpath or as you did today on paper. Your hope is for those you love to be able to visit you at your home where you have many other members of your whānau there who love you.



## The learning I thought about in this moment.

Paisley, I thought about your growing understanding of how print records the ideas we have in our mind. Such as who will come to your house. With each stroke of the pen you drew more and more ideas together, ideas of what you would love to do once the rāhui had lifted. Each stroke represented a word, "I love Layla, so Layla can go to my home for another day, everybody can go to my home", were some of the words and ideas that you symbolised through mark-making and drawing.

Paisley, your aroha for those around you inspired you to capture on paper your ideas. It is not surprising that your hope is to invite everyone to your home as this allows everyone to make deeper connections to all that you bring with you. By inviting the teachers, friends and family to your home it helps you to answer the question 'ko wai au'. Who you are cannot be described in an individual response because you come with the values, experiences, gifts, talents and strengths of your family, tribe and ancestors.

Paisley you are a product of your whakapapa. Your tipuna, parents, and grandparents have all understood the importance of love and kindness and have been generous in inviting those in need, friends and family into their homes to show aroha and care for them, just as you aspire to do. Your display of aroha and kindness reminds me that you are continually creating theories of love and kindness based on the values and actions of those around you.



### Nurturing this learning



Paisley, I have no doubt that this emerging interest in writing and understanding that the spoken word can be written down will continue to grow. What will drive this learning is your own desired to convey messages of kindness and aroha to those around you.

Arohanui. Nanna  
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