

Tena koutou katoa. Nau mai haere mai.
Warm greetings to you all. December is here already, and what a year we have had. There has been lots of learning happening and friendships made. In November the eldest children visited Waipū Primary. This is a great reunion of old friends and a wonderful opportunity to get to know the teachers. Thanks to the parents who came along and helped. What a great transition to school experience.

Thanks also to everyone who came along to our Christmas party held on Friday, there was a wonderful family atmosphere. The treasure hunt, beach races, Santa's visit and picnic dinner were all wonderful. It was awesome to see so many grandparents there too. Children certainly make Christmas. We hope you all have a well-deserved break with your families and look forward to working with you all in the New Year.

Dates to remember:

Friday 16th December

Nature Programme- (for the eldest 9 children participating) please be at the centre at 8a.m. so we can get loaded up to go! Let us know which dates you are available to come as a parent helper.

Friday 23rd December

Closing day - for the Christmas/New Year break.

Please note we are closing early at 3p.m.

Reopening Monday 9th January 2017.

Maori Language

To promote Maori language within the community each month we include a little Te Reo Maori. Try this.....

Meri Kirihimete (Merry Christmas)

Useful website:

[www.nzhistory.net.nz/culture/tereo-](http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/culture/tereo-100words)

[100wordswww.naumiplace.com](http://www.naumiplace.com)

The following English equivalents are a rough guide to pronouncing vowels in Te Reo Maori:

a (as in far)	e (as in desk) (short and sharp)
i (as in fee, me, see)	o (as in awe) (not oh!)
u (as in new)	

Please check our HUGE pile of lost property. This will be sent to the op shop when we close for Christmas. We would appreciate it if you could label your children's clothing for next year so that we can return it to you.

Please check your child's head daily for head lice, and treat if infected. Your child must be treated before they can return.
Thanks.

Oral Health.... The tamariki are learning about caring for their teeth. Please reinforce this important health topic.

Healthy Eating + active lifestyle = healthy children
Healthy Eating...Healthy Children

How about making fruit jelly cups for Christmas....



You need
100ml hot water
3-4 tsp gelatine
350ml fruit juice, no added sugar
2 cups assorted fruit or berries (chopped)

Method

1. Pour 100ml of hot water into a container and add the gelatine.
 2. Stir with a fork until dissolved.
 3. Add the fruit juice, stir well.
 4. Divide the chopped fruit into the serving cups, and pour the gelatine mixture into the cups.
 5. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours or until set.
- Makes 6 servings.

Planning 2017

Please take a look at our planning for 2017 displayed on the notice board beside the entrance. We value and want your input and would appreciate it if you would take a minute to contribute.

Our Nature Programme

The eldest nine children go on our Nature Programme every second Friday. The weather has now allowed us to go back and visit Cherie and Ross Green's property on Millbrook Road. This has been a great experience for a new group of children who have never been there before.



Maths and Literacy... we weave this into the curriculum as the children play; making it meaningful to them. Our maths enquiry and self-review will continue into next year.

Sun and water safety.... This week summer has arrived and we have been working with the tamariki on these topics. Please take every opportunity to encourage the continued learning on these safety topics with your child.

Meri Kirihimete! Merry Christmas. Have a safe and happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all back in the New Year.

Arohanui Sally, Noela, Sarah, Nikki, Amber, Robyn and Christie



Merry
Christmas