

Kids 1st Childcare & Learning

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NEWSLETTER APRIL 2016

Tena koutou, tena kotou, tena kotou katoa. Haere mai whanau. Warmest greetings to you all. Welcome to our new whanau and tamariki; Ciara-lee Steel, Max McLennan, Flynn Troost and Grace and Chloe Warren. We look forward to getting to know you all and your family. We also welcome our student teacher Theresa Warren who is studying towards her Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) and will be with us for two terms. Please introduce yourselves to Theresa. Haere ra to Izabella and Sofia Lentino, DJ Moke and their families. We wish you all the very best.

Our Anzac Day Mural



Anzac Day brought about great discussions and sharing of knowledge from the children. Their art work produced was beautiful.

Changes to benefits and childcare Assistance in April

From April 2016 the Government is making changes to address child hardship. As part of the package to assist children living in hardship, benefit and Student Allowance rates for families with dependent children will increase by \$25 a week. The exact amount a client receives will depend on any other allowances they get. Additional Childcare Assistance will be available so parents can work or take up education or training. There will also be new expectations around part-time work and an annual reapplication process for clients receiving sole parent support.

Increases to benefit payment and Childcare Assistance will be automatic. Clients affected by the change won't have to do anything. There's more information online at www.workandincome.govt.nz

Dates to remember:

16th to 21st May

Road Safety and Bike Week. Children to bring along their bike and helmet (please take home each day).

Fridays 13th and 27th May

Nature Programme excursions (for the eldest 9 children participating every second Friday) please be at the centre by 8.00 a.m. so we can make the most of the day. Parents are asked to help out; please let us know what date you are available.



Thursday 19th April **Monthly Coffee Morning...**

Drop in for a coffee.

Maori Language

To promote Maori language within the community each month we include a little note. This month try out this phrase. *Homai te poaka kai. (Pass me the lunch box.)*

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)	

Healthy Eating The children have been enjoying lots of feijoas from our trees; the fun and learning from harvesting then sharing the feijoas is great learning.

Staff update... Congratulations to Christie and Shaun

who are expecting their second child!!

Active Movement... We have a group of tamariki playing Saturday competition ripper rugby! If your child is interested they practice at 5.00 p.m. on Thursdays and play Saturday mornings (usually in Whangarei). We are purchasing some ripper rugby tags; we would love mums, dads, grandparents to have a run around with the children when they come in. If you can spare a little time this would be wonderful. Active movement benefits development physically, socially, emotionally, spiritually and cognitively.



Waipu Primary Visit...

Teachers Glenis Andrews, Beth McKay, Debra Van der Bergen and Julie Levell visited along with the New Entrant classes. A wonderful way for our children to get to know their future teachers and rekindle friendships with those children already at school.



Our programme...learning through play...



Faith, Isla, Ella and Mason experimenting with dye to make the playdough. Great for fine and gross motor skills, developing scientific theories and oral language.



Tait looking through a portfolio. Early literacy skills develop as children understand text and pictures have meaning.



Bryley using the peg board to develop fine motor skills and mathematical concepts such as pattern and counting. Great for developing the disposition of concentration.

Below the girls bath the bears and dolls. Developing the disposition of kindness, gentleness and empathy.



Faith, Kara, Amy, Mason and Stevie playing Cariboo. Great early literacy, mathematics and social relationships learning. Developing dispositions of fairness, resilience, perseverance, concentration.



Through tactile experiences our senses send rapid messages to the brain; all great for development. Cherokee experiments with tactile play. Developing the dispositions of confidence and exploration.



Have you seen our new drill? We would love a dad/grandad to come and use it with the tamariiki. Above Blake, below Mason Bell and Nate and left Mason Hansen working with the drill. Great hand-eye co-ordination, fine and gross motor skills and early maths and literacy learning. Pursuing an interest and persevering with a difficult task are great ways to build life-long, self-driven learners. Managing their own safety is a wonderful life long skill.



Hullabaloo... a great game for developing listening skills, a love of dance and music, learning mathematical shapes, colours, counting and developing the disposition of leadership, resilience and fairness.



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learners...**

Ka kite ano. Noela, Sally, Sarah, Nikki, Robyn, Amber and Christie.