

Kids 1st Childcare & Learning

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Tena koutou katoa whanau. Greetings to all our families. Welcome to our new whanau and tamariki; Kimberley Boniface, Manea Raniera and Camilo Mera. We look forward to getting to know you and your family. Our welcoming barbecue and whakatau is on this Tuesday at 5.30 p.m. We would love to have as many families along as possible to welcome our new families.

Haere ra to Emma-Jane, Xavier and Elise as they embark on their exciting transition to school, happy school days to you. Haere ra friends. We organise a transition to school visit with Waipu Primary each term whereby their new entrant classes visit us or we take a group of our eldest tamariki to visit the school. This term they are visiting us; so we invite all our families to meet the new entrant teachers and enjoy morning tea with us. (I usually bake a delicious cake!) The date is Wednesday 6th April from 9a.m. to 11.30a.m. We are celebrating Healthy Heart Day on Thursday 17th March; with the tamariki making their own healthy and delicious lunch (we will provide the ingredients), we need helpers please. There will be a hat parade at 11.30; so please make/decorate a hat (with your child) as a fruit or vegetable for this fun event. Ideas are plentiful on the internet or have a look at our book in the reception area for ideas.

Dates to remember:

Tuesday 1st March 5.30p.m.

Welcome BBQ come along to welcome all our new whanau at our informal whakatau (informal powhiri). We would love all our families to come along to meet our new families and make them feel part of our wonderful community. Bring your extended whanau and enjoy a BBQ dinner put on by us.



Fridays 11th March and 1st, 15th and 29th April

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.

Tuesday 15th March Monthly Coffee Morning.

Drop in around 10 a.m. or stay for the morning. Extended whanau (family) all invited. A great opportunity to meet your child's friends.

Sun smart:

Remember: Slip on a shirt, slap on a hat, slop on some sunblock and wrap on some sun glasses. This month we had a focus unit on Sun Safety. Ask your child about their learning.

Saturday 12th March 10a.m. to 2p.m.

Pukapuka Party (Literacy Party)

A fun family day at the Ruakaka Village Green (next to Fresh Choice Supermarket). We will be there along with local schools and early childhood centres with free fun activities, sausage sizzle, prizes and giveaways. Bring the family along for a fun-filled day with a picnic (or food will be available for sale.)

Thursday 17th March

Healthy Heart Day and Hat Parade 10.30 a.m.

All children welcome whether they attend on this day or not. Decorate with your child a hat as a fruit or vegetable. Parent helpers needed, please see the teachers if you can help out.

Wednesday 6th April 9a.m. - 11.30

Waipu Primary visit us- everyone welcome.

Maori Language

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

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

A BIG thanks to the Wigram family who brought in corn for the children.

Preparing the corn... Tegan, Nate, Olive and Will.

Our programme: *Children make sense and meaning of their world through play...*

Encouraging the development of dispositions for life-long learners...

Marlie and Phoenix building a huge tower together; developing mathematical, engineering and physics concepts and the dispositions of team work, problem solving, resilience, communication, confidence and more...



Anabel, Will and Mason playing together with trucks, trailers, tractors and bark. Developing oral language, relationships and theories about their world.





Nature Programme...

Every second Friday our eldest nine children participate; visiting natural areas around Waipu; developing environmental awareness, protection of our natural treasures, conservation, a love of nature, enjoyment of the outdoors, managing and assessing risks, responsibility, leadership, co-operation, bonding,

independence, resilience and much more as they prepare not only for school but for life!

Above: Nikki discussing the signage at Waipu Cove regarding water safety and conservation.



loving nature...

Above: Sean, Kara, Amy, Macie, Xavier, Elise, Faith and Arlo at the bush area we visit on Millbrook Road. Maci and Arlo climbing the big hill! Developing perseverance, resilience, determination and more...



Checking out the traps at Waipu Cove; learning about protecting our native birds.



Amy enjoying nature as she climbs a pohutakawa tree; taking managed risks, perseverance, confidence and resilience.

Sparkle ... the children's pony...



trust, respect, love of animals...



Riding and caring for animals helps build confidence, respect for animals, responsibility, balance, gross motor skills, trust, safety, turn taking and more...

That is it for this month...Ka kite ano (See you again!) Noela, Sally, Sarah, Nikki, Christie, Amber and Robyn.