

Kids 1st Childcare & Learning

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Tena koutou katoa he mihi mahana ki a koutou. Hello everyone, warmest greetings to you all. Happy new year!! Wonderful to see you all again after the Christmas holidays. A big welcome to our new families and their children Vivienne Buckle, Christy Pallassery, Khalea Carson, Eva and Isla Cullen. We look forward to getting to know you and your whanau and having fun times as you learn. Quite a number of children have started school this term; haere ra to Ash, Charlie, Dylan, Kimberley and later this month Stevie, Sam and Cade. Thank you to all these children for making teaching such a fun and rewarding occupation. A Big thanks to their whanau for their support. Happy school days; we look forward to seeing you when we have a visit to or from the school.



Left to right: Kimberley, Sam, Cade, Dylan, Ash and Charlie.

Dates to remember:

Fridays 17th Feb and 1st March

Nature Programme excursions (for the eldest 9 children participating every second Friday) please be at the centre by 8.00 a.m. Bring water and suitable footwear please.

Staff Update

Congratulations to Amber and Harlyn who are expecting a baby in June!

Opening Hours

We are now operating between the hours of 7.30a.m. and 5.00 p.m. Please chat to Sally if you wish to change your hours or add more days.

Monday 20th February Monthly Coffee Morning.

Drop in for a coffee and baking.

Maori Language

To promote Maori language within the community each month we include a little Te Reo Maori. Try this when reading a book to your child: "Huri te wharangi" (Turn the page.)

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)	

Professional Development Kim Hope from EPL provided an inspiring workshop for our teachers on maths in the early childhood setting. Our current maths focus is

"Measurement." Take a look at our display and encourage your child to measure when playing; make it fun and relevant to your child's life. Left: Ashley and Olive measuring water and Ethan explaining the use of a thermometer.



Lost Property...please check. Please label all of your child's clothing, bag, lunch box, etc.

Please, remember leave toys at home; they are easily lost and can cause upsets. Only bring a comfort toy if your child sleeps here. **Thanks.**

Healthy Eating and Active Movement = Healthy Children

What you feed your child in their early years can set them up for healthy eating patterns for life. Some tips from the Heart Foundation:

Morning and afternoon snacks:

- children have small stomachs so it is important to serve small amounts of food regularly
- morning and afternoon snacks for little children are very important
- avoid serving very sweet and sugary foods as in between as they contribute to tooth decay and dull the appetite for more nutrient dense foods.

Source: Healthy Heart Award Programme Manual for Early Childhood Centres

Active Movement

Sam, Charlie, Ash and Levi enjoying hockey together. Playing sport is great for our body, mind and spirit.



Ellie,

Mason Bell and Layla practice target shots; great for developing hand-eye co-ordination, turn taking, recognising numbers and more!



Callum and Cooper playing soccer.

Literacy...



Kensi role plays being the teacher reading the words of our karakia.





Have you seen our new water feature? The tamariki are having a great time



Olive (left) and Sophie below proudly show off their art work.



Below Rhys and Vivi work together to build the train track.

experimenting with this; developing their own theories about the world through exploration.

Hazel, Sienna and Lucia learning through their social role play.



Have you seen the new trucks? Sam and Levi working the new trucks in the sandpit.



Christy experiments with cooking in the sandpit kitchen!



Lucia, Sophie, Hazel and Manea practicing their poi dance.



Khalea having a great first day at Kids 1st!

Ka kite ano (See you again).
Noela, Sally, Nikki, Robyn, Sarah, Christie and Amber.