

# Kids 1<sup>st</sup> Childcare & Learning

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**NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2016**

Tena koutou katoa, he mihi mahana ki a koutou. Greetings to you all. Welcome back from your Christmas break. It has been wonderful hearing all the tales of Christmas and summer holidays from the tamariki. Welcome to our new whanau and tamariki; Liam Hansen, Noah Paringatai-Rowell and Izabella and Sofia Lentino. We look forward to getting to know you and your whanau as you become part of our Kids 1<sup>st</sup> community. Haere ra to Sean, Jed, Isabella, Emma-Jane and Harry as they head off on a new adventure at school. We wish you all the very best and a happy and fulfilled life. A big thank you to these parents who have always been willing to help out on the Nature Programme. Haere ra friends.

## Dates to remember:

### Fridays 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February

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.

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February Monthly Coffee Morning...

Drop in around 10 a.m. or stay for the morning. Mums, dads, grandparents, you are all welcome; this is a great opportunity to meet your child's friends and become involved.

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

5.30p.m.

Welcome BBQ

Keep this date free; come

along to welcome all our new whanau at our very 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.

## Staff

All our staff are qualified Early Childhood Educators having studied for three years or more for our degrees or diplomas.

Amber is in her third year of study, go Amber!! Not long now! We have a wide range of experiences and are here to support your child and their whanau in their learning journey. Do come and see us if you need further information or support.

## Maori Language

To promote Maori language within the community each month we include a little note. This month try out this phrase. *Kei hea to potae?* (Where is your hat?).

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)	

**Our programme:** Our curriculum is based on the Te Whariki, the NZ Early Childhood Curriculum with the following strands interwoven.

**Belonging (Mana whenua) and Wellbeing (Mana atua)...** connecting links with family and the wider world, emotional wellbeing and building trusting relationships with others are key to having a sense of belonging and wellbeing - things we value and encourage at Kids 1<sup>st</sup>.



Amy and Kara enjoy each other's company very much; a lot of their imaginative play is centred around animals; Amy is

often role playing being her pet dog and Kara is the owner!

**Contribution (Mana tangata)...** taking responsibility,

learning with and alongside others, individuality. Olive, Cade, Mason and Blake helping out alongside each other and having fun as we clean some equipment.



**Communication (Mana te reo) and Exploration (Mana aoturoa)...** confidence to express an idea or feeling in a range of ways; oral language, gesture, arts,

literacy, numeracy. Active exploration of their world around them; thinking, reasoning, problem solving. Layla exploring the bug display.



If you are busy and need your child to stay for a longer day or come for an extra random day we are happy to accommodate this if there is a space available. If you are wanting to add another day permanently, see Sally soon as gaps fill up quickly.

*We are focusing on the disposition of resilience. Some words/ideas to help build this important disposition with your child:*

- Encourage them to be positive; if they miss out on something encourage with them to use words like: "Oh well never mind, maybe next time."
- Encourage them to problem solve... "How could you solve this problem?"
- Encourage your child to adapt and be flexible.
- Encourage a "can do" attitude to life... "You can do it!"
- Encourage control of self... "Stay calm."
- Encourage a sense of humour - to be able to laugh at life's frustrations.
- Encourage self-belief and high self-esteem.
- Encourage them to focus on their strengths.

## Active Movement...

Each week we focus on a different fundamental movement. Building a positive attitude towards active movement and healthy eating are great life skills.

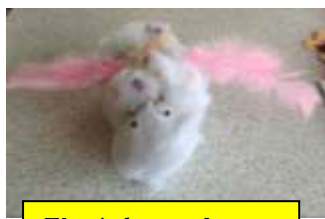
Asher and Anabel enjoy the swings... both in their own unique way.



Kara's bug...



Kinai's flying bug...



Elise's bug...Amy

We are making bugs, butterflies and other mini-beasts with recycled boxes and bottles. Please bring along over the next couple of weeks something your child can use.

Any dads/granddads available to help out with woodwork projects with the children? Please let us know when?

Liam pursues his interest in machinery....



Izabella pursues her interest in art...



Ashley's woolly bug...

Please try to park close together within the car park to give others room to park also. Thanks.

Healthy eating...Check out Robyn's beautiful display for lunch box ideas above the kitchen bench.

Well that is it for this month; hope you all have a great February!!

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