

Kids 1st Childcare & Learning Centre

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Tena koutou katoa he mihi mahana ki a koutou. Warm greetings to you all. Welcome to Izaiah Paringatai-Rowse, Chloe Van Veen and Neko McAulay who all have older siblings at Kids 1st. Welcome to Noah Britton and his whanau, welcome to Waipu and Kids 1st! Our family get together BBQ/whakatau (informal welcome) for all families new and old is this Tuesday at 5.30p.m. Do come along, we will provide the food. It is a great way to make our new families feel welcome and a part of our community. Please RSVP asap!



Haere ra and happy school days to Khalea

Carson and Sophie Laurence who are off to school in April.

Dates to remember:

Whakatau/informal welcome & BBQ - Tuesday 4 April 5.30 p.m.

Friday 5th and 19th May

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. Please let us know when you can be a parent helper.

Wednesday 12 April Monthly Coffee Morning...

Drop in for a coffee and baking around 9.45a.m.

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: "Homai te kapu" (Pass me the cup.)

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

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| 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) | |

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

Healthy Eating and Active Movement = Healthy Children

Our tamariki are often asking us, "Is this healthy?"

How fantastic that such young children can be educated to have this awareness and responsibility for what they eat. How best can you support them with this????.....healthy choices in their lunch boxes and treats only for special occasions is a great start.



Active Movement As parents and educators keeping our children active is essential. The importance of active movement is highlighted in the following excerpt from Sport & Recreation NZ's book "An Introduction to Active Movement."

Opportunities for Active Movement from birth for all children are essential for brain development. Every movement made, makes connections in the mind/body system. Active Movement will strengthen the connections within the brain and body. The development of these connections is vital for memory, sensory

development, communication between the two sides of the brain, processing of information, participation in the arts and the



later formal learning of reading, writing and mathematics. As parents and educators keeping our children active is essential.



Being active at Kids 1st



Art.....Eva and Lila being creative with clay! Great exploration of our tactile and visual senses building fine motor skills



necessary for writing.

Khalea, Chase, Manea and Ashley making puppets inspired from reading the book together "A Bear." Building a love of books from an early age promotes literacy in later years.



Science...

Using gloves, a straw and a paper cup to experiment with and learn about inflation and deflation.



Playing with the magnetic polydrons avails the opportunity to experiment and explore the concept of magnetism.



The Pukapuka Party... Did you come along, what a great day at Ruakaka!

Jeronimo, Clifford and Pete the Penguin visited prior to the Pukapuka Party. The local primary schools and early childhood centres provided fun activities for a great day of promoting literacy in our community.

Kids 1st had clay for the tamariki to create the first letter of their name with and decorate it and

playdough to make gingerbread men, with Noela and Nikki dressed as the little old woman and little old man who baked the gingerbread man!



Mila made many ginger bread men!

Clay letters were made by lots of children.



Our Nature Programme...



Chase, Ashley and Khalea on the Nature Programme.

Manea's dad Casey with Manea, Ciara-lee and Sophie exploring in the bush. Being caretakers of Tane Mahuta's forest is something we value at Kids 1st.



Hope you can make it to the whakatau BBQ.

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