

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

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**NEWSLETTER September 2016**

Tena koutou katoa, he mihi mahana ki a koutou. Hello everyone, warmest greetings to you all. A big welcome to our new tamariki and their whanau, Alyx Challenger and Chase Cotterill. We look forward to a fun learning journey with you. Haere ra to Kohana and Kinai Pirini and Bobbie Dawson who are off to school in October. Happy school days to you; we thank you and your whanau for being such a big part of the life of Kids 1<sup>st</sup>.



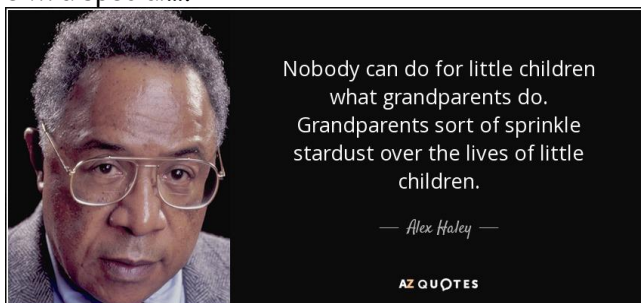
Left to right: Kohana, Kinai and Bobbie. Congratulations to Marlie, Harlyn, Sara and Matt Abraham on the arrival of Georgia!



Pet month was a great fun time with photos of pets being displayed and goats, lambs, dogs and even a chicken visiting! We also had a visit from the vet who

filed Sparkle's teeth. Learning to care for and respect animals is something we value at Kids 1<sup>st</sup>.

A huge thank you to all the dads and grand dads that came in for Dad's Week. Your children/grandchildren were just so delighted to have you spend time with them here. Another big thanks to all the grandparents and great grandparents that visited over Grandparent's Week. These links with whanau are something we truly value at Kids 1<sup>st</sup>. Having a strong sense of belonging is so important for children to grow into confident members of our society. Author Alex Haley's quote is extra special....



Nobody can do for little children what grandparents do. Grandparents sort of sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children.

— Alex Haley —

AZ QUOTES

**Dates to remember:**

**Fridays 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October**

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.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October** **Waipu Primary Calf Club Day**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October** **Fun Ag Day Trip**

A fun morning at Waipu Primary. Parent helpers will be required. Permission forms will be sent out shortly.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 5.30p.m. - Welcome BBQ**

Informal whakatau to welcome new families.

Everyone welcome. Please come along to welcome our new families. We will provide the kai.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October** **Monthly Coffee Morning...**

**Drop in for a coffee and baking.**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** **PARENT EVENING 7p.m.**

**BRAIN DEVELOPMENT AND NEUROSCIENCE IN MODERN LIFE...**

Educational Psychologist Speaker Branka Vasilic will discuss what neuroscientists now know about the child's brain and the impact this has on development.

And... **NUTRITION FOR CHILDREN**... Clinical

Nutritionist

Jan van der Lee discusses how to prevent obesity in our children living in the modern world.

*Wine, nibbles, tea and coffee. Very interesting - mark this on your calendar.*



**XMAS CLOSING DATES:**

We are closing on: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 3p.m. and... Reopening on: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

**Maori Language**

To promote Maori language within the community each month we include a little Te Reo Maori. Try counting to five: How did your counting in Te Reo Maori go. Tahi (one) Rua (two) Toru (three) Wha (four) Rima (five). Okay, let's try counting on to ten. Ono (six), Whitu (seven), Waru (eight), Iwa (nine), Tekau (ten).

Kia manawanui! (Keep going!) 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** Our Early Childhood Conference "Celebrating Northland's Tamariki" was last Saturday. We all found this very interesting and informative.

**Lost Property**...Is your child's clothing named, if not please do so; our lost property mountain is growing and surplus will be given to the Op Shop next week!!

**Healthy Eating and Active Movement = Healthy Children**  
**Help children eat what is good for them**

Children will commonly refuse new foods the first time it is offered. Offer the food repeatedly to increase the chance of it being accepted by the child. The food may need to be tried up to ten times before it is accepted!

Explore different fruit and vegetables with your children and different ways of preparation. Involving your children in food preparation is a good way to entice reluctant eaters to try new foods. Children who help grow their own fruit and vegetables are more likely to try their produce. *Source:*

[www.heartfoundation.org.nz](http://www.heartfoundation.org.nz)

**Staff**...Amber is back from her practicum, so many children have missed her! Christie is now on maternity leave for six months. Our team will be covering her days.

Noela - Monday, Nikki - Tuesday, Sarah and Amber - Wednesday. We will have a chat to you if we are taking over being your child's primary caregiver.

Yay, summer is approaching quickly, so with that a few reminders..



Please pack a few changes of clothes for your child. Sunblock and hats are compulsory from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October, a hat with a brim all the way around or peak and back flap are best for sun protection. Please dress your child with the majority of their body protected from the sun and sunblock your child before they come in.

Stamp their hand so we know (stamp at sign in desk). We have sunblock here if you forget. We sunblock the children again after lunch and stamp their other hand. If you do not want us to use our sunblock on your child please bring in your own for us to use with your child's name on it.

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

Please check your child's hair daily for head lice and treat if infected. We have an electric comb which we are happy to lend you.

Please check and return any of our spare clothes, we are running low. Thanks.

## Maths....

Our self-review on maths continues. We decided to have a maths focus for each month, with "Pattern" starting in October. Encouraging your child to make patterns, read patterns, identify patterns and guess what comes next in a pattern will further develop this important concept.

Natural Resources...If you have anything suitable for creative use please bring along.

## Dad's Week...

### Our photo gallery...

Thanks to Neil Troost who came along to make stools with the tamariki! Flynn tests out the stool.



## Pet Month...

Kimberley and Piper the goat.



Mason Bell and his great

In every conceivable manner, the family is link to our past, bridge to our future.

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Alex Haley  
American Novelist

grandparents.

## Grandparent's Week...



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

## Nature Programme...