

Kids 1st Childcare & Learning Centre

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Tena kotou katoa whanau.

What an awesome month; so much excitement with the Olympics in Rio and at Kids 1st right here in Waipu! A big thank you to all the whanau who came along, watched and helped out.

Welcome to our new children and their whanau; Mason Costain, Chase Patterson, Van Jones and Ethan McAulay. Haere ra to Phoenix Lemon and Isaac Chapple who are off to school. Best wishes and happy school days to you both. Haere ra to Ashton Miller who is moving, it has been a pleasure having you all at Kids 1st. As part of our transition to school programme Waipu Primary New Entrant classes are visiting us on Wednesday 7th

September, we invite you to come along as it is a great opportunity to meet the teachers and discuss your child's transition. To celebrate Father's Day we are having a Dad (or special person) Day running all week from 5th to 9th September. Bring along hut and woodwork ideas or just get involved with your child.

Dates to remember:

Monday 5th to Friday 9th September

Dad's Day (or special person) from 8-9a.m. or anytime that suits. Hut making, woodwork or just play with your child.

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd September

Grandparents Week Grandparents (or special person) invited to come along to Kids 1st and get involved in some fun play with their grandchild. Anytime that suits.

Fridays 16th and 30th September

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

Wednesday 14th September Monthly Coffee

Morning...

Drop in for a coffee and baking.

Saturday 15th October Waipu Primary Calf Club Day

Maori Language

To promote Maori language within the community each month we include a little Te Reo Maori. Try counting to five: Tahi (one) Rua (two) Toru (three) Wha (four) Rima (five) 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)

Healthy Eating and Active Movement = Healthy Children
Check out this great website: **"Loading up the lunchbox"**

"Spending the day learning and playing requires the right sort of fuel. Good nutrition can lead to better concentration and improved learning, as well as healthy growth and development. Lunchboxes can be a tricky area. But it's important to load up your child's lunchbox with tasty food that is both healthy and appealing."

Where to start:

Involve your child in decision making. Plan together the 'top ten sandwich fillings' and place this on the fridge. Not only does this make for easier grocery shopping but also for hassle-free lunchbox preparation." Source: Heart Foundation.

Staff...Amber will be on a 4 week practicum for the month of September. Lana Doherty will be covering for her.

Professional Development Ministry of Education Child Psychologist Branka Vasilic provided a very informative workshop in August for our staff on the reaction in the human brain to anxiety. It was extremely interesting and useful; therefore we are planning a parent workshop later in the year; watch this space.

Lost Property...Is your child's clothing named, if not please do so; our lost property mountain is growing!!

Self-Review We are currently reviewing our Philosophy; thanks to those who completed the survey. We are also reviewing maths in our centre and undertaking research into best practice so we can improve learning outcomes for your children. We will keep you informed of our findings. As a parent your early input into your child's maths education involves making it fun any opportunity you can find by counting, measuring, comparing, time telling, patterning through music, rhymes and songs, sorting, identifying shapes, spatial awareness; and very importantly giving your child a positive attitude towards maths.



Sophie assesses the height of the cross country jump at our Olympics...

Our photo gallery...

Our tamariki learning maths concepts through their play...

Maths....



Flynn and Levi using a measuring tape to measure their shotput throws at our Olympics...

Maths....

Sienna completing a puzzle which includes colours, counting and numbers....



Maths....

Marlie with her builder's apron full of tools including a measuring tape..



Chase experimenting with the magnetic polydrons....

Will and Bobbie check Will's BMX time trial on the iPad at our Olympics...



Olympic values...
friendship
excellence
respect



Thanks to all of the whanau who came along to our Olympics. Great fun was had with the tamariki participating in shotput, equestrian, gymnastics and BMX with an emphasis on the Olympic values of RESPECT, EXCELLENCE AND FRIENDSHIP.

Our newsletter is now on our website - tell your friends and whanau!

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



Kids 1st Olympics...