

Kids 1st Childcare & Learning

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NEWSLETTER April 2018

Tena koutou katoa. Warm greetings to you all. A big welcome to Billy Andrew, Finlay Beaton, Isla McCamley, Ryan Hansen, Charlie Comery and their whanau. We look forward to getting to know you all and being a part of your child's learning journey. Haere ra to Zach and his whanau. Welcome to Kate Mitchell who will be working with us Monday to Thursday as Educational Support.

Our Commonwealth Games week was awesome, wonderful to see our tamariki participating. We had rhythmic gymnastics, shotput, hockey, running and cycling. The enthusiasm, determination and perseverance was amazing. So much fun to be had! The presentation of medals for participation saw a ceremony with our national anthem played in Te Reo Maori as the tamariki climbed up onto the podium.



Left: Elle receives her gold medal for hockey.

Dates to Remember

Nature Programme Dates: for the eldest nine children.

4th May, 18th May and 1st June. Please be here by 8a.m. so we can make the most of the morning. We need at

least one parent helper. Please see one of the staff to let us know when you can help.

BIKE WEEK: 14-18 May - to extend our road safety theme children can bring in their bike or scooter and helmet. These will have to go home each day, thanks.

Car park:

Car parks are at a premium at drop off time around 8.30a.m. and pick up time at around 3p.m. To ensure others get a park, please park within the marked lines, and if possible please move your car as soon as you can so someone else can use the car park. Take great care of your children as people may not see them. Thanks.

REMINDER: We ask for your support when picking up your children. Whilst we love to see them all, can you please closely supervise your other children who come in with you. We try to have a quiet time at the end of the day so our teachers can ensure our children are going home with the correct person. We would appreciate your support in keeping the noise level down. Please help with tidy up time by encouraging your child to help before they leave. For safety reasons please ensure your child isn't eating while walking around. This helps build their sense of responsibility. Thanks.

Maori Language To promote Te Reo Maori we include some ideas in our monthly newsletters for you to try at home with your whanau. Try these..

kakariki - green kikorangi - blue
waiporoporo - purple

Staff Update: Kate Mitchell has joined us as Educational Support, do introduce yourselves to Kate and make her feel welcome. Robyn is off to see her son and his family in the UK for 9 weeks from 13 June. To cover for Robyn Katy-Sue will be teaching on Wednesdays (rather than Friday) and Natalie Alispahic will be teaching on Thursday and Fridays. Have a great time Robyn! Due to family commitments, Amber is away for 7 Fridays, Kathy Troost will be covering for Amber.

Professional Development:

Many of our team attended a Brainwave Trust workshop on Sunday. The developments in technology are significant and neuroscientists have scientific evidence showing the first three years of a child's life are the most important in their brain development. We have two more workshops and will share with you further information.

Our Programme

Our senses send rapid messages to the brain; all great for making those brain cell connections.

Kinae and Isla are exploring the properties of playdough, through the sense of touch and vision.

Through strong bonding relationships as a young child children learn to build trust and hence build relationships.

Reade, Sylvi and Neko.

Through using their senses Nakota, Tui and Neko are sorting and collecting feijoas. Sorting is a mathematical concept.

Cooking feijoas muffins.

Cooking involves using the senses of touch, taste, smell, vision, hearing. It is great for maths, language, team work and science. Zoey, Peyton and Layla.

Have a great month of May!
Ka kite ano. Noela, Sally, Sarah, Robyn, Christie, Katy-

Sue, Amber and Kate.

