

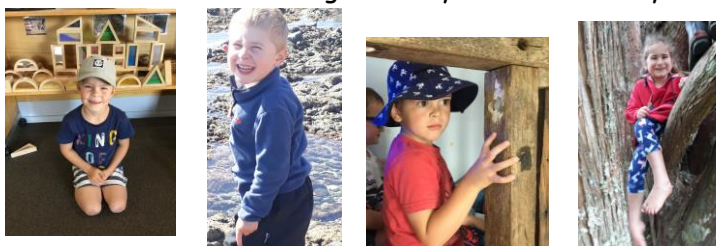
Kids 1st Childcare & Learning

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NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2019

Tena kotou katoa. Haere mai, welcome to our February newsletter. What a great month, thanks so much to the whanau who came along to our Healthy Heart Day and whanau who brought along healthy kai for a shared kai. The tamariki loved the beautiful healthy foods you provided.

Haere mai and welcome to our new tamariki and their whanau; Wyatt Sandoval, Finn Ellery and Indie Abraham. We look forward to getting to know you all. Haere ra to Harvey Dye, Will Green, Izaiah Paringatai-Rowell and Peyton Andrews who are off to school. Haere ra and arohanui to Eliza Laidlaw and her whanau who are off to Wellington. Very best wishes to you.



A big welcome to our fantastic two new teachers Alice McLennan and Theresa Warren. Please introduce yourselves and make them welcome. Alice is relieving for Christie's maternity leave and Theresa has taken Robyn's position as she retired at the end of last year. Theresa and Alice have written a bit about themselves attached to the newsletter.

Dates to Remember

Nature Programme Dates: for the eldest nine children. Friday 8th and 22nd March,. 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.

Maori Language: To promote the use of Te Reo Maori in our community we include some phrases in our monthly newsletters. Try counting with your child in Te Reo Maori.

Tahi, rua, toru wha, rima!!
(one, two, three, four, five)

Healthy Eating + Active Movement = Healthy Tamariki

As a centre we are involved with the Pa Harakeke (gold level) of the Healthy Heart Award, promoting healthy eating and active movement. We thank you for joining us in this journey by supporting our Healthy Heart Day and invite you to continue to support us in promoting your child's health by educating them at home about healthy choices and being active. Starting these habits from an early age sets them up for healthy habits. We



hope to be able to display our updated Gold Award soon!!

1. **Professional Development:** Sarah, Katy-Sue and Amber shared some of their learning from taking part in professional development in Oral

Language. When reading with your child the emphasis is on the **oral language** (back and forth conversations) that comes from enjoying the book together.

Here's some great tips:

1. Take the time...(read to your child every day)
2. Strive for five...(five conversations between you when reading a book)
3. Ask open ended questions...(e.g. What do you think might happen next? How might he feel?)

Our programme:

Our maths focus is counting. By encouraging your child to count you will be setting them up for early mathematics. Try counting on our maths wall displays as you walk in and out our corridor every day, this repetition is very important.

Independence is the disposition we are focusing on at Kids 1st. By seeing your child as a capable and competent person and encouraging them to do things



for themselves will help set them up as independent. Check out our display.

PLAY is the work of our young children; it is how they learn about social relationships, how to communicate and get along with others, learn about how things in their world work,



explore maths, science, technology, arts, language, what their bodies can do and more.

