

Kids 1st Childcare & Learning

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Tena koutou katoa. Welcome to 2018, we wish you all a very happy year to come. A big and warm welcome to Carter Hewlett, Abel and Abram Rodrigue, Elle Jones, Fred Rawson, Peyton Andrews, Edward Couper, Sylvi Dye, Indie Knight and Reade Murrie. We look forward to getting to know your children and their whanau. A big group of children started school this year, haere ra to Ella Green, Mason Bell, Ethan McAulay, Noah Paringatai-Rowse, Blake Ford, Bryley Westlake, Caleb Spring, Meilah Jonhston, Olive Jones, Tait Scrymgeour, Nate Hewlett, Sarah Cooper and Cherokee Karena who are all off to school. We miss you all and love hearing about how school is going for you, so do drop in and see us. With lots of new children starting and families joining our community it is time to have an official welcome. We have a whakatau, which is an informal powhiri and BBQ to follow. We would love all our families to come along to be a part of welcoming our new families to Kids 1st. We will provide the food, just bring your whanau. So keep this date free Wednesday 28th February at 5.30 p.m. at Kids 1st. Love to see you all there. This is a great opportunity to meet the parents of the children your child plays with.

Dates to Remember

Nature Programme Dates: for the eldest nine children
16th February

2nd, 16th and 30th March (eldest nine children)

Please be here by 8a.m. so we can make the most of the morning.

Wednesday 21st February **Monthly Coffee Morning...**
Drop in for a coffee and baking around 9.45a.m.

Wednesday 21st February: Whakatau - Informal welcome and barbeque to follow. Please RSVP as soon as possible.

REMINDER: All clothes, bags and lunch boxes need a clear name on them please.

Maori Language

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

Whanau = family

Tamariki = children

Papa = Dad

Mama = Mum

Tama = boy

Kotiro = girl

Pepi = baby

Kuri = dog

Ngeru = cat

Healthy Eating and Active Children:

Healthy Eating + active lifestyle = healthy children

Have you checked out our latest healthy eating display; a display of the rainbow of foods nature provides us with. The tamariki are making a rainbow of foods to promote eating a wide range of colours daily.

Encouraging lots of active movement is a great way to start your child

on the road to a healthy, active lifestyle. Each week we focus on a different fundamental movement to encourage this very important aspect of child



development. *Olive, Harvey and Zach on the balance bikes. Balance is a fundamental movement; necessary for almost everything we do, from sitting on a chair to writing!*

Staff Update:

Lana is now relieving for us, but everyone else is back on board. For those of you who are new to the centre, all our staff are qualified Early Childhood Educators with at least three years of study to qualify with their degrees or diplomas. Days we work are:

Sally: M,T,W

Noela: W,TH,F

Robyn: T,W

Amber: T,TH,F

Christie: M,T,W

Sarah: M,T,F

Katy: M,T,TH,F

Jordan works part time providing Educational Support.

Our Programme: We work within the NZ Early Childhood Curriculum, Te Whariki, encompassing the principles and strands of this world renowned and highly respected curriculum, by weaving the principles and strands in collaboration with children, parents, whanau and community.

Principles:

Empowerment - Whakamana

Holistic Development - Kotahitanga

Family and Community - Whanau Tangata

Relationships - Nga Hononga

Strands:

Wellbeing - Mana Atua

Belonging - Mana Whenua

Contribution - Mana Tangata

Communication - Mana Reo

Exploration - Mana Uturoa

Our photo gallery...

“Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood.”

– Fred Rogers.



Sylvi enjoying the swing. Swinging is great for developing our vestibular system (balance). Edward playing in the family area. Role play helps children make sense

of their world as they re-enact previous experiences.



Left: Kensi dressed in the korowai (cloak), practising for her jump off when she starts school! Right: Bella, Jet, Lucia,



Lilly and Layla proudly show off their construction made collaboratively.



Ellie, Will and Otis cooking in the family play area - maths, oral language, collaboration, independence.

Kinæ exploring shapes and colours (maths concepts.)



Reade woodworking with tools. Fine and gross motor skills, concentration, perseverance, managing his own risks.



Left: Izaiah digging a drain. Active movement, perseverance, determination, role play.



Above: Van and Harvey moving sand with machines. Role play, collaboration, attention to detail, oral language.



Above: Van, Cooper and Jet playing in the bush area. Imaginative play, active movement, oral language collaboration and co-operation.

Ka kite ano. (See you again.) Noela, Sally, Sarah, Robyn, Christie, Katy, Amber and Jordan.