

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

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**NEWSLETTER** July 2018

Kia ora whanau. Welcome to our new children and their families; Spencer Moncur, Henry Dally, Connor Roberts, Blaise Glass, Liam Hall, Cherry Palmer and Carter Powell. We look forward to being a part of your child's early education years. Haere ra to Abel and Abram Rodrigue who are off to school. Happy school days! Thank you to everyone who came along to our Matariki Performance; the tamariki were so excited to be performing for you. It was a wonderful family event with so many of the children's extended family attending. Thank you for your contribution to our hakiri (feast.) Check out the photos displayed in our library area.



A big thanks to Trent Warren who brought along a beehive; all great learning about the world around us.

Lots of bugs have been going around, if your child is sick they must be kept home please.

## Dates to Remember

**Nature Programme Dates:** for the eldest nine children. 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August. 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.

Coffee Morning: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 9.30a.m. Stay for a coffee and watch your child at play.

**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.. Mahanga - head. Uru - hair.

**Staff Update:** Robyn is back this week, a big thanks to Natalie for relieving.

Our current maths focus is "Shape Exploration." You can encourage your child's maths development through fun games searching for shapes, counting the sides of shapes, spotting shapes as you drive along in the car, walking, reading books. Our disposition focus is "Calmness." Developing emotional literacy skills is an important life skill.

## Healthy Eating

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.*

## Our Programme



## Learning through play and exploration..

Play is the work of children; it is how they learn.

Clara, Alyx and Grace role playing caring for the bird puppets.



Sylvi and Taylor are cooking in the sandpit.

Sparkle is back giving lots of enjoyment to our tamariki. Riding is great for confidence, balance, core strength and more. Caring for animals is something we value at Kids 1<sup>st</sup>.

It builds dispositions of empathy, caring, calmness, courage, trust and more.



Ka kite ano. Noela, Sally, Sarah, Robyn, Christie, Katy-Sue, Amber and Kate.