

Kids 1st Childcare & Learning

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Tena kotou katoa. Haere mai whanau. A big welcome to our new tamariki and their whanau. Welcome to Aiden Holland; Penelope Meadow; Paige Patterson; Max Winters and your family. We look forward to getting to know you all.

Haere ra and best wishes to Reade Murrie and Lucy Moke who are going with Katy to her new centre. Sadly we say goodbye to Katy-Sue Murrie our wonderful teacher who our children and staff have had the pleasure of knowing. Katy's last day is this Friday. We are lucky to have had another wonderful teacher Alice McLennan teaching while Christie has been on maternity leave; Alice finishes her contract this Thursday; however we will still see her as she will be on our relievers list. We will be having a shared afternoon tea at 2.30p.m. on Thursday to say goodbye. While Christie was on maternity leave they built a home in Tikipunga; so Christie is now working closer to home in Kamo. A huge thanks to Christie for her awesome input into the lives of our children here at Kids 1st for the last seven years. Thank you all for your wonderful ways with our tamariki. Best wishes on your new ventures.

Dates to remember:

Nature programme - for the eldest 9 children.

Friday 9th and 23rd August.

Farewell shared afternoon tea: Thursday 8th August, 2.30p.m.

Maori Language: To promote the use of Te Reo Maori in our community we include some phrases in our monthly newsletters. How's it going? Try this:
Haere mai ki te tepu. Come to the table.

Healthy Eating and Active Movement = healthy children

As we probably all know milk and water are best. A small Just Juice contains 8 teaspoons of sugar, a can of coke 19 teaspoons and energy drink "e" 21 teaspoons. Energy drinks are particularly bad for children because of the caffeine and the sugar content.

Introducing our new teachers

A huge welcome to our new teachers, all of who have relieved here before so know some of the children already. We are very happy to introduce very experienced teachers passionate about early childhood. They have written their pepeha to introduce themselves to you all.

Terry Bishara



Tena Koutu Katoa.

Ko Terry taku ingoa.

Ko Rangitoto toku maunga.

Ko Rangitoto College toku kura.

Ko Colin taku Papa.

Ko Judy taku whaea.

Ko Martin toku whanau.

No Tamaki makau-rau ahau.

I am very happy to be joining the wonderful team here at Kids 1st in Waipu. I am a fully registered Kindergarten Teacher having trained back in the late 70's at what was then North Shore Teachers College. I regard myself as..."an oldie, but a goodie". All my teaching has been in Auckland at Myers Park, Milford, Ponsonby, Westlake/Forrest Hill and Birkdale Kindergartens. Each Kindergarten has given me more enriching experiences to add to my passion for children's wellbeing and learning. My strong interests and strengths in teaching are music (I play basic guitar and piano), art, science, outdoor activities, sports, reading and communication. I believe in building strong relationships with children that are reciprocal, and respectful to foster children's critical thinking and enjoyment of life.

I look forward to getting to know you all and being part of your child's first steps into an exciting journey of a life-long love of learning.

Kim Hope



Ngā mihi nui! Tēnā Koutou,
tēnākoutou, tēnā koutou katoa
(Greetings to you all.)

Kō Gore Hill tee maunga (Gore Hill is my mountain)

Kō Thames te awa. (the Thames is my river)

Kō Roy Hope tōku mātua (Roy Hope is my father)

Kō Lorna Hope tōku whaea (Lorna Hope is my mother)

Kō Gothic tōku waka (the Gothic is the ship I came to NZ on)

Kō Trevor Murray tōku tāne (Trevor Murray is my husband)

Kō Kim Hope āhau (I am Kim Hope)

Nō Waipu taku kāinga noho (I live in Waipu)

Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

I am delighted to be joining the teaching team at Kids 1st which I hold in high regard as a fabulous Early Childhood Education Centre. Waipu beach and township has been an important place in my life, and that of my family, since I was a young teenager. Trevor and I moved up permanently 6 years ago. Between us we have four children and 10 grandchildren (ranging in age from 5 months and 12 years old). They all love coming to stay. Early Childhood Education (ECE) was my career choice right from when I left school. I have been privileged to have been involved in this sector and in adult education, all my working life. Some of my

experience includes being a kindergarten teacher; teaching on a mobile preschool unit; working as senior teacher for the Auckland Kindergarten Association, and more recently, working for an organisation that provides professional development for Early Childhood teachers. I love working with young children and being able to support them to have rich learning opportunities within all areas of our ECE curriculum (Te Whāriki). This provides a strong focus to follow the interests of each child using a play based approach, in which play leads to learning and learning leads to play. It also recognises that children's whānau (family) are an integral part of the centre. A particular focus I have been pursuing recently is related to outdoor play and the importance of nature. I feel very fortunate to be joining a team of teachers that also highly values this. I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know your children and family. Please feel free to ask me any questions you may have.

Dawn Whitford

"Kia ora tamariki and whanau of Kids 1st.



My name is Dawn Whitford, and I am very excited to be joining the Kids 1st team. To share with you a bit about myself, I am originally from Richmond, Virginia, on the east coast of the U.S.A., and I have been living in New Zealand for the past fourteen years.

I began working with children twenty years ago as a mentor and tutor during my university days when studying for my Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary Social Science at James Madison University in Virginia. Since then, I have worked with children as a teacher, a nanny, a caregiver and a support worker.

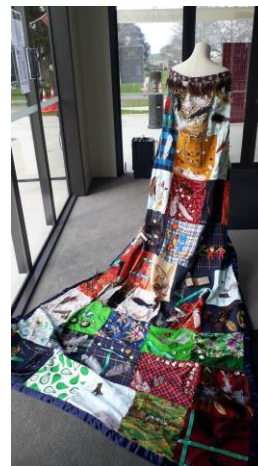
Over the past four years, I have helped to support ECE teams as a relieving teacher while living a bit further north on the Tutukaka Coast. The experience of working in ECE has gifted me a much greater understanding of how incredible these early years are for inspiring curiosity as well as the fundamental importance of discovery and learning through play.

I am also a registered Clinical Nutritionist, so I can often be found experimenting with recipes in my kitchen and testing them out on (sometimes reluctant) family and friends. My favourite past time is simply spending time at any one of our beautiful local beaches. I look forward to getting to know your families as I commit to doing my best to help nurture your child's learning while supporting the amazing team of kaiako and staff here at Kids 1st."

Head lice... please keep checking for these little critters every day. Please, please check your child's hair daily and treat if your child has eggs or head lice. We have some useful pamphlets available and an electronic lice comb we can lend you.

Our programme:

The tamariki on our Nature Programme; building strong relationships with the group and developing a love and respect for the environment. A big thanks to the parents who help out. We can't do it without you!



Our tamariki produced this beautiful korowai which was displayed at our Waipu Art 'n Tartan Wearable Art Awards. Check it out, it is now displayed at Kids 1st.



To aid a smooth transition to school we visited Waipu Primary with the eldest children. Thanks to all our wonderful parent helpers. Kinae and Nakota in the New Entrant classrooms.



We would love you to bring along boxes, plastic containers and other recyclable materials for our children to be creative with. Thanks a lot. Have a great month.

Ka kite ano. Noela, Sally, Sarah, Amber, Katy-Sue, Theresa, Alice and Kate.