

Kids 1st Childcare & Learning Centre

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NEWSLETTER March 2018

Tena koutou katoa. Warm greetings to you all. We welcome our new tamariki and whanau; Fred Rawson, Chase Ruddock and Olive Townsend. We look forward to getting to know you all. Noah Britton and Lucia Mitchell are off to school, haere ra and best wishes for happy school days. Haere ra and best wishes to Jacob Rose and whanau who are moving out of the area.

Wow, March was a great month; Waipu Primary New Entrant classes visited and our tamariki met the teachers. Our Healthy Heart Day was awesome, thank you to whanau (family) who

came along, helped and made hats for our Healthy Heart "Eat a Rainbow a Day and Hat Parade." The tamariki made their own healthy lunch using a rainbow of fruit and vegetables! The hats were amazing! Pukapuka Pete visited prior to the Bream Bay Learning Community "Pukapuka Party." We hope you had a great Easter, this promoted lots of creativity, literacy and imaginative play before and after Easter. April is going to be AWESOME too!

Dates to Remember

Thursday 12th April 2.30p.m.

Farewell Afternoon Tea for Jordan Ford. Please bring along something to share.

Nature Programme Dates: for the eldest nine children. Friday 4th and 18th May. There is no Nature Programme through the school holidays. 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.

Commonwealth Games:

Monday 16th to Friday 20th April from 1045 to 1130a.m.

With the Commonwealth Games in full swing we are having our own games! Children to come dressed as an athlete! Get creative, what can you come up with? A different sport will be played each day with medals presented! We invite whanau (families) to come along and watch. We would love some parent helpers if you can please see staff if you can help out.

We ask for your support when picking up your children. Whilst we love to see all them, 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..

Ma = white Whero = red Pink = mawhero
Mangu/pango = black

Staff Update: Jordan is leaving us on Thursday 12th April; she will be missed by us all. Farewell afternoon tea at 2.30p.m.

Our Programme

Play is the work of children... it is how they learn and make sense of their world.

Grace playing with rakau sticks. Respect for Maori culture is important to us at Kids 1st. Zoe and Evie play with the kitchen equipment. Giving children time and space just "to be" is important to us at Kids 1st; building social relationships through play.

Tui loves harvesting our feijoas!

Healthy eating and learning how to grow food is valued learning at Kids 1st.

Sparkle is back now the weather is a little

cooler. Zach and Evan groom her, Elle confidently rides her for the first time! Lilly gives her a big

cuddle. Mila and Layla give Sparkle a pat. Learning to love and respect animals is important to us at Kids 1st. Our pony helps children build on dispositions which we highly value: respect, kindness, caring, gentleness, responsibility, independence, interdependence, courage, confidence and

much more!

Max, Harvey, Kensi and Van with the new trucks and diggers! We value the children's past experiences which

they bring to Kids 1st.

Grace and Alyx in awe of the caterpillars! Nature ... we value the learning experiences this brings. Have a great month, hope to see you at our Commonwealth Games! **We are open through the school holidays.**

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

