

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

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**NEWSLETTER** May 2018

Kia ora whanau. Hello families. A big welcome to Vann Roughton. We look forward to getting to know you Vann. Haere ra to Cooper, Flynn, Liam, Caius and Mila who are off on their next adventure ... school! Happy school days, we look forward to hearing all about it. The eldest children are visiting Waipu Primary New Entrant classes on Friday 15th June. Permission forms have been sent out, these must be returned by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June so we can organise transport. We really need helpers, please support your children in their transition to school by making yourself available.



Bike Week was fun; along with being active, developing balance skills and co-ordination our tamariki were learning about road safety and bike safety. Thank you for bringing along their bikes for this.



We have had a few children with chicken pox, hand foot & mouth and impetigo (school sores.) All of these are infectious diseases and unfortunately children are excluded from coming as follows:

Chicken pox: 1 week from the

appearance of rash, or when the blisters have dried.

Hand Foot & Mouth: 3-5 days or blisters have dried.

Impetigo: until sores have dried up or 24 hours after antibiotic treatment.

## Dates to Remember

**Nature Programme Dates:** for the eldest nine children. 1<sup>st</sup> June, 29<sup>th</sup> June. 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.

**Waipu Primary Visit:** 15<sup>th</sup> June. For the eldest children; forms have been sent out. Please return asap.

Reminder: Are your children's clothes and bags labelled??? Please label your child's bag on the outside, this would make our job so much easier. Our lost property mountain is growing; please take home your children's clothing and shoes every day.

**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..

Ihu - nose    Whatu - eyes    Taringa - ears

**Staff Update:** Robyn is off and away to Europe for 11 weeks to see her son and family. We look forward to the emails Robyn.

## Professional Development:

Our workshops with Brainwave Trust have been fantastic. Last Sunday we built a brain, discussed the implications of smoking, alcohol, drugs and stress on the unborn child. We discussed the types of stress on the developing brain and the effects this has (huge). Check out the website: [www.brainwave.org.nz](http://www.brainwave.org.nz)

## Principals Visit

We are part of the Bream Bay Kahui Ako (Community of Learners). The principals from our local schools visited our centre in May. Our tamariki welcomed them with a traditional Maori welcome (whakatau) and they had a good look around our centre to get to know what we are all about.

## Our Programme

**Learning through play and exploration..**



Rosie and Lilly exploring their woodwork techniques. Great for fine and gross motor skills. Left: Eliza explores the maths concepts of sorting, size,



colour, counting, pattern and shape; both two and three dimensional with the magnetic polydrons. Above: Izaiah's love of numbers is extended through counting in 10's on the abacus.



Below: Tui, Lucy, Eliza, Frankie and Nina with their babies. Playing with others helps build children's confidence in building relationships, oral language and the

dispositions of friendliness, caring, kindness, inclusiveness, empathy and much more. We value play, we value exploration, it is the work of children!

Have a great month, stay warm and cosy! Ka kite ano. Noela, Sally, Sarah, Robyn, Christie, Katy-Sue, Amber and Kate.