

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

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Tena kotou katoa. What a great month, a trip to Takahiwai Marae, Bike Week and being awarded the HEALTHY HEART GOLD AWARD!!!

Haere mai and a big welcome to Ocean Robertson and his whanau. We look forward to getting to know you and your whanau. Please introduce yourselves to our new families and make them feel welcome. Haere ra to Lily Winter, Vann and Otis Roughton, Tui and Bodhi Diamond and Karley and Connor Roberts and their whanau. We wish you the very best and hope you will visit us soon.

Haere ra to our wonderful teacher Christie Shaw, Mackenzie and whanau who have moved to Whangarei. Christie has been on maternity leave and has accepted a position closer to home. We will all miss you very much Christie, very best wishes to you all.

A big thanks to all the whanau who helped out on our visit to Takahiwai Marae. It was a great learning experience. We learnt about marae protocol, the links the local iwi had to Waipu, heard the legend of our maunga Mount Manaia, and did some weaving, poi, rakau stick games and waiata. A huge thanks to Takahiwai Marae for hosting us.



Wow, what a great month we had!! Kids 1<sup>st</sup> received the HEALTHY HEART GOLD AWARD!!! Our local representative Abby Alger presented the award along with a guava tree for our orchard. A huge thanks to all the teachers who put so much effort into promoting healthy eating and being active.



## Dates to Remember

**Nature Programme Dates:** for the eldest nine children. Friday 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<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 asap.

**Maori Language:** To promote the use of Te Reo Maori in our community we include some phrases in our monthly newsletters. How did the counting to 15 go last month? Try counting with your child in Te Reo Maori to 20 now.

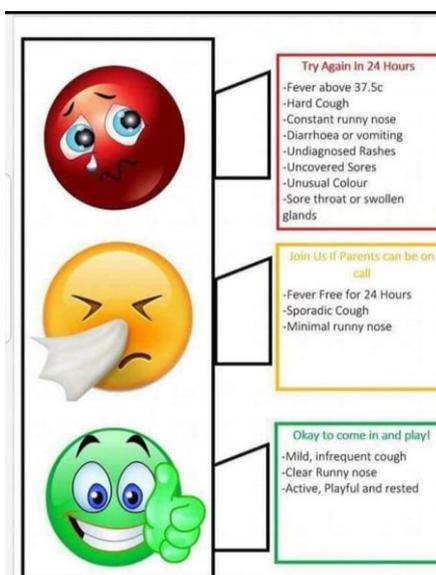
1-5: Tahi, rua, toru wha, rima!!

6-10: Ono, whitu, waru, iwa, tekau!

11-15: Tekau ma tahi, tekau ma rua, tekau ma toru, tekau ma wha, tekau ma rima.

16-20: Tekau ma ono, tekau ma whitu, tekau ma waru, tekau ma iwa, rua tekau!

## Winter ills and chills-



Winter has well and truly arrived and with it all the illnesses. Here is a great guide to whether your child should be home or is well enough to attend.

**Professional Development:** Thank you for participating in the survey which is part of Sarah and Katy-Sue's professional development in Oral Language.

## Our programme:

*Left: Van, Tui, Nina and Frankie are preparing the olives off our tree to preserve in brine.*



*Above: Nicholas and Kinae enjoying playing together in our whare.*

*Left: Indie waters our seedlings for the garden.*



# Bike week...

Left: Xavius busy with machinery and a spade in the sandpit.  
Below left: Thea and Neko being creative with recycled egg cartons.



## Takahiwai Marae Visit



## Flax Weaving poi



Lots of learning came from our bike week... We learnt about road safety, wearing a helmet, directions, spatial awareness, STOP, GO signs, sharing bikes, respecting each other and each other's bikes, we enjoyed a big book about wearing seat belts and we had fun being active!!



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