

Kids 1st Childcare & Learning

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NEWSLETTER November/December 2018

Meri Kirihimete! Merry Christmas! We wish you all a very Merry Christmas, safe and happy holidays and a wonderful year ahead. Thankyou everyone for coming to our Christmas party, it was a beautiful



Robyn carries Taylor up to see Santa.

evening at Waipu Cove to celebrate with you all. We thank you for your support throughout the year. A big welcome to Ruby Van Veen, Matilda Griffiths and their whanau. Haere ra to Vann and Otis Roughton who are moving, best wishes at your new kindergarten and Pippa Sharp who is off to school. Haere ra and very best wishes to Robyn who retires at the end of the year, however Robyn will still be doing

relieving for us so we will see her lots. The teachers and families will miss you dearly Robyn. Arohanui from us all.

The oldest children visited Waipu Primary to meet



their teachers and catch up with old friends who are now at school. Thank you to all the parents who came along; a

great turnout and so important for the transition to school.

Dates to Remember

Nature Programme Dates: for the eldest nine children. Friday 14th December. 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. These will start again at the beginning of the school Term 1, 2019.

Xmas Closing Dates:

Closing day Friday 21st December at 4.30p.m.

Reopen: Monday 7th January 2019 at 8am.

From 7th to 21st January we will be open for shorter hours 8.00 to 3.00 p.m. Normal hours 7.30 to 4.30 resume on 21 January 2019.

Maori Language: To promote the use of Te Reo Maori in our community we include some phrases in our monthly newsletters. Try this: Meri Kirihimete!! (Merry Christmas!!!)

SUN SAFETY: please remember to bring a hat for your child every day, put their name on the inside please. Slap on some sunscreen, slip on a shirt, and slop on hat! (Clothing with sleeves is great for protecting child's skin from the sun.)

Staff Update:

Next year we will have a new team member as Robyn retires. Additionally Christie is on maternity leave from 11 February 2019. We will let you know who takes these positions when appointed.

Healthy Eating + Active Movement = Healthy Tamariki

Keeping active is great for children's development, physical and mental health. Have you thought about asking your children what they would like to do over the holidays? Most often it is something outdoors and active. Setting your child up for healthy eating habits is difficult but do-able. By not having unhealthy snacks in the house it is much easier to manage.

Professional Development: Sarah attended Nathan Wallis' evening. An amazing speaker with a real emphasis on the importance of the first three years of a child's life.

Our programme: Play is the work of children; it is how they learn and make meaning of their world. If given the opportunity to *problem solve* for themselves



children learn to be *problem solvers*. Left: Peyton, Kensi, Max and Vivi



and below Harvey and Will use their problem solving skills to climb a tree on the Nature Programme.

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



Kids 1st Christmas Party at Waipu Cove... Meri Kirihimete!!

