

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

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## Newsletter July 2020

Haere mai, welcome to our July newsletter. Wow, the year has flown, roll on sunny days! Ka pai tou tatou Matariki! Happy Maori New Year everyone! Tomorrow (Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August) is our Matariki Celebration. We have been preparing the hakiri (feast). The tamariki have been great at preparing the vegetables for the soup.



Above: Preparing vegetables for our Matariki soup...

Left: Practicing waiata for our Matariki Celebration...

A big welcome to Sarah Herbert who is starting in August. Haere ra to

Pippa Bailey who is off to school in August. Happy school days Pippa, it has been awesome having you at Kids 1<sup>st</sup> alongwith your whanau. You are ready for your next learning journey: confident and competent, kind and caring. Best wishes to you and all your whanau. Do come back to visit us and tell us about your school!

### Dates to remember: Matariki Celebration:

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August, 5p.m. at the Waipu Presbyterian Church. Please bring a plate of healthy food to share along with all your own plates, a cup for soup and cutlery please. All whanau invited!!

**Waipu Primary Kapa Haka:** Performing for us on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 11a.m. Do come along if you can.

**Fathers (or special person week):** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August through to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Come along and bring a game to play, a woodwork project, or an art project and have some fun with your child. You are welcome any time of day that suits you.

**Science Week:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> through to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August. Have any science ideas or items of interest you can share with us this week? Please bring them along....

**Nature programme:** for the eldest 9 children. Please let us know when you can be a parent helper. Dates: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> August and 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September. We need your help parents or we cannot go. Please see one of the teachers to put your name down.

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**Healthy Eating and Active Movement = healthy children.**

Walks, bikes, playground and beach visits are all great for keeping active. Inside dance and gymnastics can be fun and active too. Being active in winter with our children is important for physical health and mental wellbeing. A play outside in warm clothes, a raincoat and gumboots is always fun, puddles are just the ultimate for young children.

**PLEASE BRING A RAIN COAT EVERY DAY...**



## Staff Update:

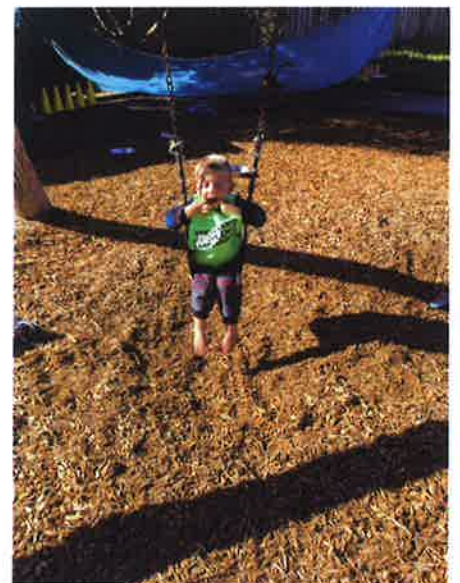
A big thanks to all our wonderful kaiako (teachers) who have worked so hard to get everyone settled back into the centre. We have a true "A" team, with wide knowledge and experience. Do ask if you have any queries. We can help with getting referrals for speech/language, behavioural, social and medical needs. Some of us are doing a First Aid Refresher this month Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>.



## Our programme:

Learning through play....

Active movement promotes confidence, courage and risk assessment...



Building a love of books... Swinging, jumping and climbing helps develop our balance.



Creativity is explored as the children create a group mural of Rangi the Sky Father and Papatānuku the Earth Mother along with their children the

Have a great month everyone. Ka kite ano. Noela, Sarah, Dawn, Terry, Robyn, Kate, Delaine and Jenna.