



Where lifetime learning begins....

Newsletter

Kia-ora parents/whanau:

We welcome the warmer weather and the countdown to Christmas. We would like to extend a special welcome to our new family members Carlos, Jackson, Charlotte, Mumina, Luke and Noah who all started with us over the months of October and November

Birthdays:

Make sure to send your best wishes to the following children/ teachers who are celebrating their birthdays over October and November: Ananya, Ollie, Hunter, Syarn, Elisha, Jackson, Vincent, Preston, Kattaleya, Mumina and Milan.

Also a big happy birthday to Tegan and Jade who celebrated their birthdays in the month of November.

Centre Project:

Together we learn, together we grow

Over the past few weeks, the children in the Manuka room have been very excited to have the older children from Pohutukawa room come over and be their buddies. The older children have been generous enough to bring their favorite toys and play with the little ones,. They have been engaging in lots of activities together like singing, dancing, reading and art activities and building those close bonds.

The 'Buddy-system' is a great way to practice positive and social behavior and grow together.

Centre Project:

Building our Dreams

In Pohutukawa room, we have been busy building our dreams using a wide variety of materials to extend children's interest. We are using the Active board to research for set up ideas/learning experiences to provoke their thinking. Children expressed their dreams to the educators which we built them into books. Some of the ideas were A plane, A bed for our Lego man, A racing car, A flying boat, My bed etc. children are proud to illustrate them in their creative way. We used recyclable materials to build their imaginative houses and we are proud to display on the wall. We did volcano experiments where we can built our own volcanoes and used special ingredients mixed together to see what happens .

Through this group interest the children have been inspired to create anything they can imagine and dream of. We look forward to seeing where this learning journey will lead to.

"Who am I"

In Kowhai room our current group interest is based on "Who am I". Our children are exploring "Who they are" through being creative and using creative ways of self expression. They are developing a responsibility to lead their own learning. The children are becoming curious explorers and learning to problem solve by discovering who they are.

Children are learning who they want to become what their interest are and gaining a sense of security and belonging through expressing their thoughts, ideas, feelings and concepts.

Haere mai to our new kaiako

We would like to welcome Jade Knight to Manuka room. The teaching team are looking forward to working with her. Please introduce yourself and your child/ren to her.



Christmas Party:

The children's Christmas party will be held on Saturday 9th December starting at 10AM and finishing at 2PM. Please make sure all forms are handed in by 17th November 2017. We look forward to seeing the children and their families there.



A special thanks to whanau:

Big thanks to teachers and parents for helping us make our Diwali a wonderful celebration. Lots of fun, creating and yummy food, just what we like. Halloween was a great success too with cool costumes.

Thank you to all our whanau who helped us with our trip to 'Auckland Zoo'. This was a great trip and enjoyed by all. It is great to see such strong relationships forming between children, parents and teachers. We appreciate your support.

Our team have written a learning story about these experiences. To view this, Please check your child's portfolio.

Christmas Holiday Period:

It's nearing Christmas holidays. We will be open right through the Christmas period, only closing on Statutory holidays:
Fri 22 Dec: 7:30 am—3.00 pm (EARLY CLOSE)

Mon 25 Dec: CLOSED
Tue 26 Dec: CLOSED
Mon 1 Jan: CLOSED
Tue 2 Jan: CLOSED

We will be operating centre during these days:

Wed 27, Thu 28, Fri 29 December 7:30-5:30
Wed 3, Thu 4, Fri 5 January 7:30-5:30

WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.

We look forward to seeing you next year. We can't wait to see you all back in the new year and hear about your holidays.

Summer has arrived: please remember your child's **NAMED hat, drink bottle, spare clothes and swim wear.** On the hot days we will be getting wet!



Healthy Food Habits

Please consider the food you give your child/ren for their morning kai. The teaching team encourage and focus on healthy food. The kaiako who is with the tamariki at the kai table often will talk about making a healthy choice and encourage them to choose their healthy item to eat first. Treats are an occasional food and are great to have at home. Thank you for supporting us to teach this important message.

Nga mihi nui
The Bright Beginnings Team