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NEWSLETTER 2019



Kia ora whanau

Welcome back to a new year at Bright Beginnings Panmure. This year see's some changes to how things are done around the centre. Please read on to learn more.

GROUP INQUIRY:

As part of strengthening our curriculum, Tegan, Jawa and Nikita will be guiding the teaching teams and families to encourage a different approach to group learning called "Inquiry" or "The Project Approach". This style of teaching encourages children to question, hypothesise, and research their own answers with support from adults who provide materials or opportunities that children can not reach without guidance. The purpose of the adult in this style of learning is to record and document children's thought processes, assess how or what can be added to challenge or extend this developing conceptual knowledge and provide support. It is a approach that allows children to direct their own learning and come to their own conclusions.

This years focus concept is Respect.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT AND COLLABORATION:

What makes a great group inquiry is the collaboration between children and parents and teachers and parents. Due to wanting to provide tamariki with optimal opportunities for success, Families will be encouraged to have more input regarding children's learning throughout this year.

This input may include:

- Getting parents thoughts documented for wall displays or planning books.
- Attending planning meetings of each room to have input on ways to move forward.
- Sending home tasks to be completed with children to create and strengthen communication about concepts at home.

The best part about encouraging families to be more involved is you will be able to see your children's learning in action and begin to recognise ways to support this learning at home.

BIRTHDAYS

January Birthdays: Ava (Manuka), Stephanie (Kowhai), Te Whetu (Kowhai), Pam (Pkawa teacher), James D (Pkawa), Abigail and Marcus (Pkawa)

February Birthdays: Lyla (Kowhai), Rufus (Kowhai), Taniya (Pkawa teacher), Harper (Pkawa), Fern (Pkawa), James M (Pkawa), Noah (Pkawa), Rayne (Pkawa), Ryan (Pkawa), Jezahnia (Pkawa).

NEW CHILDREN

Manuka: Mason.
Kowhai: Te Whetu, Penelope, Orlando, Justin and Calisha.
Pkawa: Farhan, Lelani

TRANSITIONING CHILDREN

Manuka to Kowhai:
February- Jackson and Valentino
Kowhai to Pkawa:
February- Jace, Ario and Soren.

2019 STAFF

Manuka Room: Gita, Morgan, Meena and Mandy.

Kowhai Room: Tegan, Jennifer, Laeticia and Nisha.

Pohutakawa: Jawa, Taniya, Pam and Katie/Swati to share fourth teaching role.

REMINDERS

- If you have any loose or natural parts around your home that you no longer need, please bring them to the center for children's use. This can include things like - wire, wood, nuts, bolts, pliers, nails, tin cans, old pillow stuffing, ribbon, paper etc.

We kindly request that parents remember to pack Hats, Swimming togs, drink bottles and rain jackets (just in case) as children will play outside in all weather.



Upcoming Event: Waitangi day celebrations- February 4th and Sea week beginning of March.