



*He taonga te mokopuna, kia whāngaia, kia tipu, kia rea*

*A child is a treasure, to be nurtured, to grow, to flourish.*

## *News letter*

*January-February 2019*

*Kia ora parents/whanau here's our first Newsletter from Bright Beginnings Early Learning Centre for 2019. In our first Issue, read about:*

- Welcome parents, children and new staff*
- Centre programme*
- Having your say*
- Reminders*
- Upcoming Events*
- Birthdays*

*Welcome: We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new children, parents and whanau that have joined us this year. All children are settling in well and are having lots of fun. We also welcome our Educators Renita, Molly, Roshika, Fazeena and Simarpreet to our teaching team.*

*Policy review: 'Thank you for your say.'*

*We are reviewing our Centre Policies, and thanks to all the Whanau for taking the time to read and giving your feedback. Your feedback is valuable to us.*

*Manuka Room: Respect for infants' confidence and competence means considering them to be equal human beings, capable of problem-solving and decision making. Viewing the child as capable means allowing them time and space and trusting them to develop and explore without unnecessary intervention. We look forward to beginning our journey in Primary Care giving.*

*Kowhai Room: We are pleased to continue and extend our current theme from 'Relationship' to 'Respect.'*

*The teaching team have been exploring ways to increase opportunities for toddlers to see them as competent and capable young people they are and to be given the time and respect that enables trusting, authentic and co-operative relationships to develop. "Children's learning and development are fostered if the well-being of their family and community is supportive: if their family, culture, knowledge, and community are respected; and if there are a strong connection and consistency among all the aspects of the child's world" (Ministry of Education, 1996, p.42). We related this to Manaakitanga as it looks at the child's well-being in a holistic sense. Respect in our opinion is a significant value to comprehend and an essential concept for Tamariki to be aware of as they develop into capable and competent learners.*

*Centre Programme:*

*Manuka/ Kowhai/ Pohutukawa and Kauri room:*

*The teaching team have recognized and have designed the programme based on the language of 'Respect.'*

*Pohutukawa Room: it's great to see all our Tamariki settling back in the classroom with the sunny weather. Our children are spending more time outdoors engaging in physical gross motor activities, bike rides, sandpit play, messy play and water play. Children love the family pretend corner with all the new kitchen resources, dress ups and self-care resources. Pohutukawa room will continue with our programme planning focus on 'Nurturing Nature.' incorporating the concept of 'Respect' To start with our Kaiako together with our Tamariki drafted the Pohutukawa treaty which offers good choices, taking care of our learning resources and respecting our environment. We are Looking forward to starting the year providing various provocations and learning opportunities for our Tamariki.*

*Kauri Room: Our Tamariki in the Kauri room have started to radiate 'Respect' as a part of programme planning. The older children are always welcoming and supporting the transitioning children coming from Pohutukawa room and are modelling their Tuakana Teina relationship. Children are encouraged to celebrate cultural diversity, and we celebrated Chinese New Year along with our Whanau. Children are also making their discoveries using all their senses, curiosity and knowledge while playing number games, action word game, floor puzzles and much more.*

*Reminders: Please make sure to close the door while entering and exiting the Kowhai room. This is to maximize children's safety while they are in our care and supervision.*

*Happy Birthday to: Nolan, Yuvraj, Akeshi, Dunya, Roman, Shivaansh, Raaghav, TeAkau, Hunter, Joanna, Kaila, Brock, Havama, Ash and Renita for January and for February - Muawwaz, Sara, Divyam, James, Aahana, Ria, Keiris, Ananya and Fazenna*

*Nga Mihi Nui*

*Team at Bright Beginnings*

*Early Learning Centre*

*Mount Roskill*

*Upcoming Events:*

*1st March 2019 Centre visit to Butterfly Creek*

*18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019: Parent-teacher interviews.-Building authentic partnership with parents to support children's learning.*