



Bright Beginnings
Early Learning Centre

Newsletter July-August 2020

Manuka Room

This month, to continue exploring the topic of 'relationships' we engaged in lots of messy play activities as messy play is very important for a child's development. It provides children the sensory experience that inspires their curiosity and allows them to explore and learn more. We also had new transitioning children in our room and messy play helped them to calm down. We celebrated the International day of friendship which was on 30 July 2020, by reading some books based on friendships and we showed them the pictures of their friends that we will display on the walls and will ask them their names. This will help them to learn their friends' names. For August we will plan some activities based on "Cook Island Language Week". To learn this language we will do special mat time and will also display some activities on the walls.



Kowhai Room

In Kowhai room, our group inquiry focus is on 'Relationships' and how kaiako, whānau and tamariki can strengthen these together. This month a memo has been sent home to whānau to help promote children's learning experiences and activities. These folders have been forgotten and the idea to showcase these was to ask parents to participate in a small draw that their child will be involved in to take the folder home. They are then to fill out a small questionnaire about the folder and contents inside and return it. This will be the beginning of the learning journey that the kaiako and whānau will share, and a way to strengthen the whanaungatanga. Our group wall inquiry has been updated with a variety of children's photos. It shows many stories of how children are developing their knowledge about 'relationships' and how important it is to learn to understand how they develop these during play and alongside others. Kowhai room has been remarkably busy with encouraging children to support, guide and challenge their skills through a variety of experiences such as: bead threading, science experiments, mindfulness, reading a book about 'Purple Elephants', mark making and the list goes on. During mat times, tamariki have been enjoying some of our mat time resources that kaiako created such as 'slippery fish', 'traffic light', '5 cupcakes', and '5 spacemen' etc, and during this time kaiako continuously reminded tamariki about our class room treaty and rules in Kowhai. Tamariki and kaiako are continuing to learn a Te Reo maori waiata each week and have been learning to sing 'Tirama, Tirama' (Twinkle Twinkle) for Matariki and our colour song 'Ma is white'. Tamariki are also learning the days of the week. The next event that we celebrated was 'International day of friendship' (30th July). Your tamariki learnt how to make a friendship bracelet and to create a beautiful collage card which they will share with a friend.

Pohutukawa Room

Group Inquiry: In the Pohutukawa room, we learnt about Matariki and biculturalism. Children did a lot of art and craft around Matariki by painting stars, making kites, and art around Marae. Learning songs in Maori and reading stories on Matariki was something else we did throughout the month.

We have had several occasions where children have led their learning be it through wanting to do a science experiment or wanting to make a butterfly and fish for the outside wall art. Tamariki are communicating confidently about what they want to learn and kaiako are trying their best to incorporate as much as they can. We have even observed that tamariki are articulating their emotions, needs and wishes within themselves as well. It is a very positive development which we are seeing in tamariki.

Our focus next month: As celebrating cultural diversity and whanaungatanga is our focus, we celebrated International Friendship day and look forward to celebrating Cook Islands Language Week along the Daffodils Day in August.

School readiness: our literacy component especially during mat times is taking place very well. We would like to thank all the whanau for sending things from home for show and tell and encouraging learning within the classroom. Children are using the show and tell during mat times to take on the leadership and share their object that they get from home thus building the confidence to stand up and talk in front of their friends.

Off to school: Ario, Soren, Quintin and Ethan have transitioned to school and 17th July was their last day here. We will be saying goodbye this month to Dillon, Caitlin and Spencer. We wish you all the very best to a happy time at school.





Bright Beginnings
Early Learning Centre

Newsletter July-August 2020

Transitions

Manuka to Kowhai

Oliver, Lachlan, Aarav

Kowhai to Pohutukawa

Bridie, Dominic, Poppy and
Eljay

Birthday celebrations in July:-

Rizwanah, Senan, Oliver, Lachlan

Upcoming Birthday Celebrations in August:-

Dillon, Harrison, Caitlin, Spencer,
Dallas, Sreemukhi, Jusiah, Jaydon,
Aarav

Policy Review for the month of June:-

- 1) Food Safety Procedure checking policy
- 2) Treaty of Waitangi Policy
- 3) Staff Treaty Policy
- 4) Choking Policy

Staff Updates:-

- 1) Deepti has taken up the role as a Team leader of Manuka Room.
- 2) Tegan will be moving to our new Centre at Howick around mid September.

As the Doctors advised Nisha for Light Work Duties only, therefore, for next 4 weeks:

Nisha will be helping in Pohutukawa room.

Swathi will be helping in Manuka room.

Jawa will be helping in Kowhai room.

Events and Celebrations:-

- 1) International Celebration of Friendship 30th July 2020
- 2) Cook Islands Language week 3rd -7th August
- 3) Daffodils Day 28th August

**We have Spaces in our Kowhai
and Pohutukawa rooms**

For referring a new enrolment,
we are offering 2 weeks free for
your child