

# NEWSLETTER

#### QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"HOPE IS A THING WITH FEATHERS THAT PERCHES IN THE SOUL; AND SINGS THE TUNE WITHOUT WORDS AND NEVER STOPS AT ALL"

-EMILY DICKINSON

## Nga mihi nui

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#### Haere mai:

Welcome Hudson and Mayan! We look forward to learning more about you and your family.

## Haere Rā:

We sadly say our goodbye to Zachary in March. We wish you the best for your future. You will be sorely missed!

## **Food Safety Policy**

Following the up-dated policy by the Ministry of Health on reducing food-related choking for babies and young children at early learning services, we have made some changes when serving food to our children which includes avoiding giving any kind of dry fruits directly but using in cooking; peeling and chopping up fresh fruits in small sizes and soaking them soft where possible. We seek your support and thank you for understanding.

#### **Upheavals due to COVID-19**

It has been a challenging time being on and off at different alert levels for all of us. We kindly remind parents that our centre will remain open for children who need to be sent in at level 3 or under. We will continue with hygiene practices to keep our children and teachers safe and keep our parents informed of any updates. As a result, Parents and Teachers Evening has to be put on hold and we will share with you the details later on.

## **Group Project**

Each year, Bight Beginnings Early Learning Centre adopts a Centrewide Umbrella concept around a value and views children's pro-

gram planning through that lens. This year, the focus of our Umbrella Concept is "Identity". As we have welcomed some new younger children and have said goodbye to some older kids, new relationships are being built within the centre. Thus, there is a need for tamariki to know more about each other's cultures, languages and identities. Our centre-wide Group Project "Who we are" is incorporated in our curriculum to support our learners discover our sense of identity and belongingness. We definitely want to hear your ideas or stories that relates to you and your child's culture.

## **Storypark**

Our teachers have started to postgroup stories and individual learning stories on Storypark and you are most welcome to read, share and comment. Thank you for those who have already been sharing lovely words and pictures with us. We highly appreciate your contribution to the learning community.

## **Upcoming Dates:**

Wednesday 10th March – NZ Sea Week

Monday 15th March - Earthquake Drill Wednesday 17th March - St Patrick Day

Tuesday 6th April - Centre Anniversary Wednesday 7th April - Other Emergency Drill

Thursday 22nd April - Earth Day Friday 23rd April - ANZAC Day