



Bright Beginnings Early Learning Centre, Panmure

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Group Inquiry

Inquiry-based learning begins with a question, problem or idea. It involves children in planning and carrying out investigations, proposing explanations and solutions, and communicating their understanding of concepts in a variety of ways.

Based on the above approach, Kaiako and tamariki are exploring the theme of Environment this year. Each room is learning about different aspects of environment based on children's interest. Some emerging ideas under this main topic are: Environment as a third teacher, Nurturing, taking care of and protecting (Kaitangatika) their environment.

During Christmas break whilst most children were away, our outdoor play area was getting revamped. The vegetable garden was planted with corn, beetroot, spinach, carrots, lettuce and more. When children came back they saw the plants growing with fruits and vegetables hanging on its branches. As part of nurturing and protecting our environment, tamariki engaged in watering the plants, harvesting them and watching them grow every day. Tamariki also participated in saving water by washing their hands carefully without leaving taps open.

Cultural Celebrations

Kaiako from each classroom also involved whanau this year in celebrating cultural events. The aim of involving whanau was in strengthening the whanau- Kaiako-tamariki relationship as well as enhancing self-esteem of tamariki through linking home-centre experiences. We had Stella's mum in the baby's room who engaged the children by making Chinese lantern and sharing with the babies through 'show and tell' mat time. The Kowhai room had Jayden's mum share with the tamariki about the Chinese month whilst Lucien's mum showed how to use chopsticks and some Chinese myths with the preschoolers. The preschoolers also celebrated the Waitangi Day by revisiting the class rules and performing HONGI.

School Readiness Programme

The Pohutukawa room completed a full cycle of doing the 26 letters of alphabets with the tamariki. Children loved the 'show and tell' component where each child brought the object starting with that letter throughout the week.

This year we are adding another component to our programme by adding a set of reading books to our library where children can borrow books for a week and read at home with parents. Like in primary schools, they will write the name of the book in a diary and which will be maintained by the Kaiako. This will prepare the children for another routine they will be facing in the primary school (that of reading regularly at home).



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New Tamariki

A hearty welcome to the following tamariki who have joined the Bright Beginnings family!

Manuka

Remy, Baani,
Indie- Rose, Jayden

Kowhai

Shaun

Pohutukawa

Miriama and Verna

Birthdays

The Centre will be completing 5yrs on 29th March this year and we are looking forward to celebrating this success with all our tamariki.

March

Retro 05/03

Shahida 18/03

Harlyn 29/03

Baani 31/03

April

Isabel 22/04

Carlos 26/4

We wish all our Tamariki a very Happy Birthday.

Staff Updates:

We welcome Sarita to the Panmure team who has joined us as a permanent staff.

Nadia's last day will be 26th March, 2021. She will be missed by all. Wishing her all the best.

A new Milestone

Transitioning to Primary School

Rufus: 19/02

Retro: 5/03

We wish you both success in your learning journey in your primary schools.

Transitions

Kowhai to Pohutukawa

A warm welcome to Jaydon who transitioned in March. We wish him an enriching time in Pohutukawa room.

Azrael will be transitioning to Pohutukawa at the end of March.

Policy Review:

We are in the process of reviewing our Pandemic Policy for the month of April, 2021. We would appreciate our whanau to contribute their feedback / suggestions to these policies kept on the front desk.

Cancellation of events

Due to lockdowns in Feb/ March the following events were cancelled:

February: Trip to the Auckland Museum

March: Parent teachers Evening



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