

Newsletter

May-June 2021



Bright Beginnings
Early Learning Centre

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Panmure

Updates

Events and Celebrations: -

May 2021

We celebrated Mother's day on 7th May 2021. Thank you to all the beautiful Mum's for taking time out from their busy schedule and for making Mother's day special.

June 2021

We are celebrating Matariki on 18th June 2021. This special occasion marks the start of the Maori New Year. Matariki embarks a time to get together to share a kai. To make this day special we are requesting parents to share one vegetable so that we can cook HUA WHENUA (VEGETABLE SOUP) & MAORI BREAD for lunch time. We are also planning to have a dress up day in any of the Māori colours (Red, Black and White).



Staff Updates:-

Manuka Room:- Fatima, Swathi, Deepti, Ariadne

Kowhai Room:- Sancy, Jennifer, Nahid

Pohutukawa Room:- Jawa, Sarita, Annie.

Heather will be helping Kowhai and Pohutukawa room until further notice.

Birthday Celebrations in May

Zatanna, Priansh, Amelia, Mellelisi, Mahalia, Audrie, Abigail, Nicolas, Molly

Birthday Celebrations in June:

Caleb, Connor, Matthew, Evie, Zoe, Osaze, Indie-Rose

Kaiako Birthday

Raj, Jawa, Nikita, Nahid

Transitions:-

Manuka to Kowhai:-
Abigail and Osaze

Kowhai to Pohutukawa:-
Bethany

They are all settling well in their new environment.

Policy Review: -

Supervision of children policy
Excursions (Trips) Policy
Special Need Policy

We are reviewing the above policies. Please read them and give your suggestions.

Manuka Room

Manuka room children are learning different aspects off the environment based on children interest which includes nurturing, taking care of and protecting their environment (kaitangatika). Kaiako is providing various learning experiences to promote the importance of taking care of the environment by doing gardening in our playground. Children are taking initiative towards the classroom environment such as setting up tables, helping friends in looking after their belongings and many other experiences.



In the beginning of the year, Bright Beginnings Early Learning Centre has introduced Story Park which is an online communication platform that connects Kaiako - Whanau and Tamariki. It is a huge success because most of the parents are participating by commenting and uploading their child learning happening outside the Centre. If you have any queries, please feel free to ask Kaiako.



Kowhai Room

In Kowhai room we have been focusing on our inquiry "Environment". Kaiako have been sharing ideas where we would like to extend children's learning. As an extension from our brainstorm Jennifer uploaded a community post on Story Park for families to share their ideas and thoughts. Kaiako now will extend children's learning in different directions to encourage how children can develop a variety of learning avenues on "Environment". Kowhai room has formed a new teaching Team and kaiako have discussed areas that we believe we can develop children's interest through recycling and re-using items, and how we can respect our environment and taking responsibilities.



Pohutukawa Room

The Pohutukawa children have been engaged in many experiences relevant to the topic of environment. The Preschoolers learned the significance of Anzac Day, as we made lots of paper poppies to commemorate it. Then the beginning of May signaled the start of winter, few children took the lead in tending our vegetable garden, we planted winter vegetables such as onions, rocket lettuce, brussels, sprouts and beetroot. We also planted flowers of purple, yellow and white in our deck that made our garden look amazing. We also celebrated Mother's Day on May 07, 2021 and it was a big success. Overall, the Pohutukawa children continued to enjoy and look after their environment.

As part of our School Readiness Program, some of our preschool children visited to the Panmure Bridge School on Friday 11 June 2021. They attended the cultural kapahaka which was performed by the Panmure Bridge Students. Our children got an opportunity to learn the most important components of Kapahaka such as its intrinsic link to cultural and Maori identity, elements of Whanaungatanga (relationships), importance of people and its connectedness. Glimpses of the Kapahaka performance are uploaded on Storypark.

