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MANUKA ROOM:

Group Inquiry: Kaiako and the tamariki are expanding our learning on our centre's umbrella concept this year which is Environment. Recently, we are focusing on promoting the importance of taking care of our room environment and understanding the wider concept of the Environment which includes the people around us. In order for the tamariki to learn this concept, we planned activities which develop their sense of taking care of others and helping out in the room such as tidying up the toys and encouraging them to give their friends' bags to their parents and others.



KOWHAI ROOM:

In Kowhai room, kaiako have been focusing on our group inquiry Environment, where all our tamariki have showed signs of moving into different directions of learning about recycling and the importance of water along with (self-help skills) being encouraged during kai times to use appropriate bins for rubbish, flannels and dirty dishes. With

kaiako support, discussions and experiences provided with activities, children can further extend their learning through inquiry-based experiences. Kaiako will continue to support tamariki where each child's interests and continue to strengthen their learning.

Library Visit:

To make learning more interactive and fun, we had organised a visit by a Librarian from Panmure community Library on 28th June, 2021 (Monday). Children were very excited during Rhyme time followed by an interesting story time. Such sessions help children get to know sounds, words and language enhancing early literacy skills and developing child's imagination. They also learn to value books and stories.

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POHUTUKAWA ROOM:

Pohutukawa tamariki are engaged in recycling making artistic flower vase using empty plastic bottles which also connects well with our group inquiry that emphasizes on Environment. Practicing sustainability empowers children to construct knowledge, explore values and develop an appreciation for the environment and its relationship to their worlds. This lays the foundation for an environmentally responsible adulthood. The tamariki are also learning how to research by using our interactive board (Google) for more recyclable materials and why we recycle.



Cultural Celebrations: This month, we extended the tamariki's learning on the most significant celebration in Maori culture which is Matariki (Maori New Year) that happened last 18th June 2021 for this year. The celebrations can last up to four weeks so we planned various activities for them to understand and respect this wonderful event throughout these four weeks. These activities are good opportunities for the tamariki to understand and respect the Maori culture.

How did tamariki and kaiako celebrate Matariki?

- ❖ Kite (Manu Kahu) making – the tamariki made a collage and also did painting. Kaiako used the artwork and cut it in the shape of a kite. This activity let the tamariki understand that kites have always played an important role in Maori culture. When the kites are flown to the sky, it signifies the start of Matariki, the Maori New Year.
- ❖ Drawing using Maori colours – the tamariki engaged in drawing group activity using red, black, and white papers and crayons. This activity familiarises the tamariki with the Maori colours.
- ❖ Lantern making – the tamariki did painting activity using black papers and star playdough cutter with silver paint. While doing this activity, we also sang the “Tirama, Tirama” rhyme. This activity let the tamariki learn and enjoy the Maori New Year celebration.
- ❖ Poi dancing – the tamariki danced to Maori nursery rhymes with the Poi while wearing Maori costumes. This activity familiarizes the tamariki with the Maori nursery rhymes and costumes.
- ❖ Maori dress ups

ERO Visit Update:

The Education Review Office (ERO) visit to conduct a review of our Centre went really well last week. They are very happy with our systems, our teaching practices and our overall environment for our tamariki and whānau. Thank you to the families who met the ERO officials and gave your awesome feedback. It really means a lot to the entire team and management. And thank you to all our families for your ongoing encouragement and support.

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CHILDREN/STAFF BIRTHDAYS!

We would like to wish a big happy birthday to the following children / kaiako:

Manuka room:

Winter

Fatima (kaiako)

Kowhai room:

Oliver

Lachlan

Kauri

Jusiah

Pohutukawa room:

Rizwanah

Senan

Dallas

Sreemukhi

Jaydon

Sarita (kaiako)



Reminders and Notices:

Please could you label your children's clothing as a few have been misplaced already. This will help kaiako to identify clothing if your child removes them. Thank you to those parents who have already started labeling your child's belongings.

Dear Parents / Whānau

Bright Beginnings Early Learning Centre Panmure is currently offering an exciting promotion for the month August, 2021:-

Be part of our referral programme, refer a friend and get two weeks of FEES FREE!

Furthermore, all new enrolments will also receive two months of FEES FREE!

Contact us to book an appointment and come take advantage of this wonderful offer. (09) 5707427

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CELEBRATIONS:

Parent – Teacher Evening

As a Centre we have always endeavoured to strengthen our bonds with our children and whānau and we wish to keep this connection to be ongoing. We have built our relationships with families on trust and transparency and will continue to follow the same in the future. Connecting Home and Centre makes us a great community of learners. Our team believes that parents' inputs are very valuable and in an effort to give our whānau more one-on-one time with the educators, we had organised Parent Teacher Evening on 5th August, 2021 between 06:00 pm and 08:00 pm.

Thank you parents for making our Parent Evening a big success by enthusiastically participating in all the activities. We all had a great evening and made some great memorable moments. We look forward to more such events to make our bonds even stronger.



Daffodil Day

We will be celebrating Daffodil Day on 27th August, 2021 (Friday). Daffodil Day is significant for everyone as it is a symbol of bringing each one of us to come together in the fight against cancer. We at Bright Beginnings are also coming together to be

a part of this fight against cancer. We are baking with children every week this month to raise some funds to be able to donate them to the cancer society. If you would like to help, kindly put your share in the basket kept at the front desk.

Warm Welcome

A big welcome to Israfil and Myra-Rose who have joined the Manuka room, Lea, Amelia and Mellilisi joined the Pohutukawa room.

TRANSITIONS

Winter and Abby are ready to transition into the Kowhai room.

Ruwaidah and Jahanavi have transitioned into the Pohutukawa room from Kowhai room.

A New Milestone

Caleb, Coonor, Matthew, Rizwanah, Dallas and Sreemukhi after celebrating their 5th birthday with us, have graduated from preschool and are moving on with their learning journey to primary school.

We would like to congratulate everybody who has transitioned into their new learning environment miharo!!

