

Good Beginnings Early Learning Centre

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NAU MAI, HAERE MAI

Tēnā koutou Good Beginnings whānau! We have had a slow and steady start to 2022, with the majority of our tamariki back from their holiday break by the beginning of Hui-tanguru (February). Over the past few months, we have said farewell to **Elijah** and **Liam**, who have both gone off to begin the next chapter of their education journey at primary school. **Ka kite korua** (goodbye to you both), **noho ora mai** (all the best)! As we say goodbye to two dear friends, we also welcome **Saskia** and her whānau to our centre. **Nau mai ki Saskia!** We would like to also welcome back **Kaea-Amarni**, pōwhiri hoki e hoa!

STAFF NEWS

Our Good Beginnings teaching team would like to announce the arrival of **Kaiako Suné's baby boy Luhan**, who made his grand entrance on the 12th February.

Whakamihi (congratulations) **Suné and whānau**, nau mai haere mai Luhan!



HOLIDAYS

The centre will be closed for **Easter** on Friday the 15th and Monday the 18th of April 2022.

We are also closed on the **ANZAC DAY** the 25th of April 2022.

Please let us know if your child will be away for the April school holidays.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Scanning in using the Covid Tracer app is no longer a requirement when entering the centre. We continue to be under the red traffic light level, so face masks continue to be mandatory for whānau and **manuhiri** (visitors). Please also sanitise hands, and social distance where and when possible. Please don't hesitate to approach **Kaiako Sophie** with any questions, comments or concerns regarding this. Thank you everyone for your support over the last few weeks.

CHANGE OF SEASONS - CLOTHING

We have said **ka kite** to **Raumati** (Summer), and are slowly making our way into **Ngahuru** (Autumn). With this change of seasons, we ask that you provide a variety of clothing for your tamariki, as the weather can change drastically throughout to day. Warm clothes, jumpers, thermals, and jackets are essential, but please also pack their bags with **tarau poto** (shorts) and **tīhāta** (t-shirts) for them to change into if it warms up during the day. **Kamupūtu** (gumboots) are also a good idea, so we can get outside and jump in puddles if we would like to!



PROGRAMME



Wow, what a busy few months we have all had. Ngā tamariki have been learning lots about **sunflowers** as they have been watching them grow since planting them before Christmas. With this learning experience, ngā tamariki have been exposed to a variety of curriculum areas, such as **science** (life cycles), **literacy** (learning correct terminologies for parts of the flower), **art and craft** (creating sunflowers in a wide range of mediums), **mathematics** (counting the bees), and many more. The sunflowers are just about at the end of their lives here at Good Beginnings, which opens up interesting discussions and conversations amongst ngā tamariki and ngā kaiako.

As always, water play and messy play are still a major part of our programme. Lately, ngā tamariki have also been enjoying the carpentry table, where they are establishing ideas of **respect** and **responsibility** which comes with working with tools. Ngā tamariki are also developing their **hand-eye co-ordination** as well as **gross and fine motor skills**. **Mahi toi** (art work) is a huge part of our daily routine, with the children having opportunities to create, explore, and express themselves every day. Look out for your children's creations either by the sign in sheet, on the drying rack, or in their bags.

Ngā tuakana (the older children) have been really enjoying **dramatic play** lately (family/whānau role play, dress ups, acting out stories). We even had a **Teddy Bears Picnic** which was all arranged by **Rhiannon** and **kaiako Lynne!** We had honey sandwiches, fairy bread, waiata, and a picnic outside with our favourite teddies. **Tinō pay tō mahi Rhiannon**, great work! We all had lots of fun.



We have **Easter** coming up in a few weeks, ngā kaiako would love to hear about how you and your whānau celebrate this special occasion! Keep an eye out for Easter themed crafts, stories, and experiences for your tamariki to enjoy.