

Good Beginnings Educare Centre

AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

Teaching Team

Welcome to **Nicky**, we are very excited to have her join the Educare team! Nicky has had many years experience in early childhood education and has spent the last two years at our Infants & Toddlers centre. **Nicola** will return to working between the two centres.

Teresa & Kimberley are continuing with their training - completing assignments & attending courses. **Rebecca** is doing well with her teachers refresher course so she can regain her registration. **Nolla** will complete her mentoring programme to gain full registration at the end of 2019, early 2020.



Thank You!

A BIG thank you to everyone for supporting our policies (developed in relation to the Ministry of Health guidelines) and keeping your child at home while they are unwell and still contagious. We know this can be a trying time with work commitments etc, so we wanted to pass on our appreciation of your support in trying to minimise sickness.

Sign in Sheet

It is PARAMOUNT that you **remember to sign your children in and out** of the centre. In an emergency, this is the role we use to ensure all children are accounted for and safe.

Internal Review

We are in the stages of finalising our previous review on 'How effective are we in understanding te ao Māori to enable educational success as Māori?' and are in the beginning stages of our new internal review focusing on oral language. You will have recently received a pamphlet explaining the professional development programme (OLLI) that Nicola and Teresa are participating in. We **Thank you** for your support in giving permission to include your child in the video observations needed to participate in this programme.

Transitioners

To School:

Haere rā Isla, Briley-Rose and Kara who started school term 3.

To Good Beginnings Educare Centre:

A great big welcome to Brayden, Hunta and Peter who have recently started at GBEC. We would also like to welcome, Olive, Madeleine, Knox, Luke & Peyton-Rose as they have recently transitioned from our Infants & Toddlers Centre.

Suitable clothing

The cold, frosty and wet weather is upon us creating a wet and muddy outdoor environment for us to explore!

As physical education is such an important part of children's learning and development we endeavour to be outside as much as possible. Please provide **plenty of changes of named warm clothing** for your child, including a jacket so that they can join in the fun and learn through exploration of the natural environment.

If your child is not well enough to go outside and participate fully in the centre programme then they are considered not well enough to be at the centre - Ministry of Education.

Reminder we no longer have plastic bags for use at the centre. Please ensure you provide a **reusable bag** or your own plastic bag to store wet clothing. Mum2mum wet bags are available for purchase through the centre for \$6.



Roll

We have spaces available on Fridays if anyone is needing an extra day - this can either be permanent or casual. If you are interested please see Nicola or email gbec@xtra.co.nz. Thanks.

PLEASE DO NOT leave your children unsupervised in the outdoor environments of the centre. This is clearly a safety risk and the wider community only see a child unsupervised which is not a good look for the centre.

Programme

Ball Play is a huge focus within the centre programme.

Rugby and football/soccer games are a daily event, as children work together developing co-ordination, running and kicking skills, negotiating rules of the game and learning to work as a group. Netball and basketball skills are also often practiced as children throw, pass, catch and bounce the balls to each other. The tamariki also challenge themselves to throw the balls in the ball hoop by extending the distance and or height that they throw the ball from. They have also been enjoying playing Tee Ball and using the kickboards to propel balls into the air!

Balls in the pipes and marbles in the maze are another huge focus as children use team work to develop their own ball runs learning about gravity, speed, balance, persistence and perseverance.

Through these games and experiences the tamariki are demonstrating their developing *Rangatiratanga skills* as they set their own goals and challenge their own learning. While also developing their *social skills* as they participate in these group play experiences.

Literacy learning is also another focus of the children's as they continue to develop their skills for recognising letters symbols and names, printing letters and writing their own names, and names of their family and friends. Reading and listening to stories and audio stories is another favourite activity. Georgia-Mae from the Masterton District Library recently came in to lead a story time with the tamariki and she brought along some new books to read to them. Thank you to Rebecca for organising this for the children. Dee Cruise also visited and used props to tell the children local Māori legends.

To Celebrate *Matariki* this year we read our matariki story, listened to our Audio book, revisited our favourite matariki waiata and dance, and learnt some new ones. We made a variety of star artwork and cooked vegetable soup using produce from our garden and vegetables brought in by our centre whānau, Thank you for your contribution! We also made buns to go with the soup. A BIG Thank you to the whānau that could join in and got to enjoy the soup the tamariki prepared. If you haven't already, don't forget to fill out a new aspiration star for your child's learning - these can be found next to the sign in sheet.

During *Samoan Language week* we regularly did the Samoan Sasa dance - clapping song, and we introduced a some new Samoan songs - we are continuing to implement these into the curriculum. 😊



Onesie Day

To support the Wellington free ambulance we will once again be participating in Onesie Day on the 6th of September - details will follow closer to the time.



Ma tini ma mano ka rapa te whai.
Many hands make light work. Unity is strength.



Lost Property

Once again, our lost property container located out the front door is *overflowing!* Here at Good Beginnings Educare Centre we value and encourage children's independence and self-care skills and we support children to take care of their belongings. However, if they take their clothing and shoes off in the playground and do not put them away, it is very helpful when their clothing, shoes and Bags are **named** so that we can return these items to their rightful owners.

This month's phrase is Samoan:
lelei tele - good work/very good

