

Good Beginnings Infants & Toddlers

OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME/FAREWELL

We are delighted to be welcoming you back after such an eventful month! We hope you have enjoyed this time together with your whanau and made many happy memories.

Thanks to those families who have commented on stories, it has been lovely for us to see what you have all been up to. For those who would like to share any news/stories about your time at home, you can do so by either commenting on your child's story or emailing us on our new email gbit@goodbeginnings.co.nz

Welcome to the new families who have just joined the centre. It is lovely to have you as part of our Good Beginnings whānau and we look forward to sharing many memorable times with you.

We also farewell our friends Rebel, Sophie, Summer-Joyce and Jackson who have started at Good Beginnings Educare Centre.

Thank you to everyone for supporting us with our level 2 procedures.

STAFFING

Due to COVID-19 restrictions Heather has returned from her teaching placement early.

Alex and her fiancé Jake are expecting their second child. Alex is looking to take maternity leave in early February 2022.



STAINABILITY TIP

Did you know that bottle lids are unrecyclable and it is extremely dangerous to put them in your recycling!

These often fly out of the recycling plant and can injure staff who are working there.

Any object the size of yoghurt punnets or smaller are also unable to be recycled.

Glossy magazines or ice cream container lids can often get mixed in with paper contaminating the load.

Recycled and repurposed items (such as milk caps bottles, plastic containers, PVC pipes, reels empty spice boxes, curtain rings, bubble wrap, old wrapping paper) are some of the best resources when it comes to pretend play.

We are always grateful for any donations you may have.



PROGRAMME

Kate from M3 has been visiting the centre on Tuesdays to tell us about tea o Māori stories and mindfulness. The tamariki have loved these experiences - learning more about *In the Beginning* and *matariki*.

KUPU MĀORI - TE REO PHRASE

Awhina mai mātou - come and help us



CHRISTMAS

We are currently working through the logistics of holding our **Children's Christmas Party** under Alert Level 2. We will update you as soon as we have finalised this. The date will stay the same - **Saturday 27th November 2021**.

The centre will close on Friday the 24th of December 2021 at 3.00pm and reopen on Monday the 10th of January 2022 at 7.00am.

INTERNAL EVALUATION

Prior to lockdown our centre focus has been on sustainability and what this looks like in our environment.

Here at GBIT our children are learning and developing their sustainability skills. We are promoting their awareness of the environment through daily interactions and routines, interactions and resources, activities and discussions. We promote sustainability and learning in a variety of ways -

Nature Explorers: The children explore different environments and habitats, to include a bug hotel and looking after our plants

Gardening: The centre has a veggie garden that the children care for, we plant, grow and produce products which the children can then try.

Collecting food scraps: We have a scrap bucket for leftovers from meal times and we either feed it to our worm farm and Madeline's whanau collect it for their chickens.

Recycling: Several of our teachers went to a professional development on recycling and are very knowledgeable about what can and cannot be recycled - see our sustainability tip!

Saving Energy: Children and educators are encouraged to turn off lights, heaters and other appliances when not needed, to save on electricity.

Water Saving: Children are encouraged to turn taps on low and turn them off when not in use.

Thank you to those who filled in the survey this gave us lots of valuable feedback, and congratulations to Vella's whānau who won the little prize that went along with it.

Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata,
haere whakemua

If we take care of the earth and take care
of people, we will take care of the future