

Good Beginnings Infants & Toddlers

March 2020 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME / FAREWELL

Kia ora kotuoa. Welcome to another riveting GBIT newsletter!

A great big welcome to the new families that have joined us over the past couple of months. We look forward to watching your child learn, grow and sharing many special moments with you. We hope your time with us is both exciting and rewarding.

Over the following couple of months our friends Natalie, Zeb and Samantha will start their exciting transition journey down the road to GBEC



ASPIRATIONS/GOALS

We are updating our aspiration/goal board and will be giving out yellow stars. You can either take them home or fill them out here. We would love to have your feedback for our display board

STAFFING

We would like to welcome the wonderful Heather to our teaching team. Heather is about to start her second year at NZ Tertiary College studying for her Bachelor in Teaching ECE, she has already made wonderful relationships with all of the children. Now Becks is back at study she will be having one day off a week.

CHILDRENS BOOK DAY

We are having another dress up day for Children's Book Day This will be **Thursday April 2nd** Come dressed as your favorite book character for a day of fun! Feel free to bring in your named book too!



INTERNAL REVIEWS

We recently revisited our internal review on transitions. We have reflected on what we are doing and why. Many of you have provided us with feedback through questionnaires, surveys and through general conversation. Thank you all for this vital information. We have started to implement some new teaching techniques such as the 'waiting bibs' when children are waiting for kai, as you are aware at this age waiting can be a very difficult skill to learn, and we have reflected on the 'happy last day's party' to be more culturally inclusive and call it a poroporoake instead.



Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti
aroha o tātou mahi

Let the uniqueness of the child
guide our work

COVID-19

We are in constant contact with the Ministry of Health & Education in regard to this virus and will follow their recommendations.

PROGRAMME

Outdoor play continues to be popular with most children spending long sustained periods of time engrossed in the outdoor area and equipment. There has been lots of Manaakitanga, where the older children like to take care of the younger tamariki in a Tuakana/tenia way. We have also had a group interested in the gardens and being kaitiaki and taking on the responsibility of looking after the plants. There has been lots of messy play, painting, gloop and water play happening giving children the opportunity to create investigate and explore. We also recently celebrated Chinese New Year, by having a red and yellow dress up day, painting lanterns and decorating the room.

SPARE CLOTHES

With the changeable weather and creative play, we have been having at the moment please ensure that your child has SEVERAL changes of clothes including those for different temperatures. As the mornings are also getting cooler please make sure your child has a warm top or jacket.

