

Good Beginnings Infants & Toddlers

JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME/FAREWELL

A big welcome to the new families that have joined us over the past few weeks. We look forward to watching your child learn, grow and to sharing many special moments with you. We hope your time with us is both exciting and rewarding. We recently farewelled Knox, Peyton-Rose, Olive, Luke and Madeleine who have transitioned to the 'big kids centre'.

INTERNAL REVIEW

At the moment we are currently working through our action plan in regard to 'How effective are we in understanding Te ao Maori to enable educational success as Maori?'. Teachers are working to incorporate more Te Reo Maori and waiata within the centre programme. We would also like to include more of your whanau aspirations within our documentation and planning so it would be great if you could let us know these.

STAFFING

Nicky has taken the opportunity to transfer to the big kids centre to support Falene in leading the team. Nicky's last day at the Infants & Toddlers centre will be Friday the 2nd of August.

Becks will be on placement from the 5th to the 30th of August as part of her training.

We welcome **Ellee** Nation (a trained teacher) who has recently returned to the Wairarapa to our relievers group. She will be working at the Infants & Toddlers while Becks is on placement.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We as teachers are bound by a code of ethics (along with our contracts) that means teachers cannot and will not communicate with you about centre related matters via social media (which includes Facebook, messenger, Instagram etc). As a centre we value professionalism and following correct protocol. This is why we ask that any centre matters are dealt with through the correct process (via the centre's means of communication – daily notebooks, cell phone, land line or email). Teachers are encouraged and advised to keep their personal and professional lives separate so please do not take it personally if friend requests are not accepted. Thank you for your support and understanding. ☺

PROGRAMME

We have had a busy few weeks with lots of exciting things happening at the centre and outings into the community. We have recently been to see all the fish and other animals at the pet shop and for a trip to buy some new resources from the warehouse. We have also had a real fire engine visit to support the children's interest in our favourite book "Nee Naw".

We have been doing some baking and as part of our Matariki celebrations we made some vegetable soup which tasted yummy and actually went down pretty well with all the children! On our trip to the warehouse we purchased a new mandarin tree to celebrate Matariki with and have since planted this and been looking after it carefully (watering it and learning to be gentle with it).

Another big interest at the centre at the moment is babies and family play and we have been lucky enough to have a visit from Alex and meet her beautiful new baby girl Eleni.



FAMILY TREE

You may have noticed that our family tree is continuing to blossom. The children absolutely love looking at everyone's different leaves and talking about their beloved family members, so if you haven't already brought yours back please do so. Don't hesitate to ask a teacher if you need another leaf!

Children learn more from
what you are than
what you teach.



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