

Good Beginnings Infants & Toddlers

October Newsletter

Roll

We are about to say ka kite to our friends **Aiden, Lockie,** and **Amאיya** as they transition to the Educare Centre. They have thoroughly enjoyed their transition process, getting to know the kaiako and tamariki at the 'Big Centre' and getting familiar with the routines and environment. We wish them all the best for their future learning journey.

Our roll continues to be full with any spaces becoming available being given to current children waiting for extra days. Sorry we can't meet everyone's needs at this time. Please email admin@goodbeginnings.co.nz if you are requiring extra days so you can go on our waiting list. A form for 2024 hours will be available at the end of October for you to request more or a change of hours for the new year.

Staffing

It is great to have **Lauren** and **Heather** back at the centre after their time away. Lauren is in the final months of her degree, and we wish her all the best with this. Going forward **Hee-Jung** will continue to work between the two centres, which is very helpful for our transitioners when they are in the process of visiting the Educare Centre.

Infocare | Accounts

Thank you for your patience as we come to terms with the new software system. Unfortunately, at this stage Infocare does not combine siblings accounts. **If you have more than one child please pay statements separately, using the reference on each child's account.**

Onesie Day

Thank you for all of the support and donations on our Onesie Day this year. Between the centres and Good Beginnings donation we managed to raise **\$300**, which goes towards the build of a new hub in the Wairarapa for our Ambulances and Paramedics. A big **thank you** to Jess and Chris for bringing the Ambulance to both centres for the children to look inside and learn about the equipment.



Programme



Our tamariki are still loving our new prams and we are going on as many adventures as we can to places like Marist Rugby Grounds to kick balls around and play, and to the Queen Elizabeth Park to play on the small gated playground. These outings are extending **childrens sense of belonging within their community**, and also supporting their current interest of **Taha Tinana** (Physical Wellbeing). We are also planning a hikoi (walk) to our local Masterton Library to support childrens interest in pukapuka (**books**) and to support their **development with verbal language**. Our children are at an age where they are starting to **build friendships and play alongside others** so as kaiako we are supporting and guiding

interactions by using simple phrases that they can understand and use, and explaining situations for tamariki by verbalising what we see around them. This helps them to take a moment to process what is happening and then be able to act accordingly. There are many **pro-social skills** starting to happen such as taking turns, showing patience and kindness to others, and inviting others to join in play.



Internal Evaluation

Thank you for contributions during this evaluation. After additional feedback and kōrero we have made changes to our programme, planning & assessment. There is a new **information sheet** that will be added to your child's portfolio books (located on the wall shelves and can be taken anytime) **outlining the process of our programme planning cycle**. You will start to see more of our **planning cycle in learning stories and in your child's portfolio book**. Please take the time to read these if you want to learn more about the planning & assessment we do for your child. **We would love your input** on these with your child's interests at home and your hopes and dreams for them and what matters for you while they are at Good Beginnings. This helps us to make sure we have **important and relevant information** when planning for your child's learning and development. Research shows when parents & whānau are actively involved in their children's learning it has a positive impact on learning outcomes for children. Opposite the portfolio books there is a **new wall display with childrens photos and their current interests, and your whānau aspirations** (hopes & dreams). This is titled Ngā Tamariki Mahere which means 'Children's Plan'. If you have any questions about any of the new displays or information please feel free to talk to any of the kaiako. We will also be transitioning from our current online portfolios to have them through **Storypark** in the coming month.

Christmas Dates

As we head towards the end of the year there are important dates to note in your calendar.

The centre will **close** at 5.30pm on Friday the **22nd of December 2023** and **reopen** on Monday the **8th of January 2024** at 7.15am.

The all important **Children's Christmas Party** will be held at Marist Club Rooms (Dixon Street, Masterton) on Saturday the **16th of December 2023 from 10.00am to 12.00 noon**. The centre will offer kai and some exciting entertainment – from horse and cart ride to bouncy castles. We ask parents to bring a wrapped and named (first & second name) book by the start of December for Santa to give your child on the day.



Mā whero, mā pango ka oti ai te mahi
With red and black the work will be complete

This whakatauki acknowledges the need for both to work together in order to complete the task.