



**Learning Links**  
Childcare

## Important dates

### TeReo for the month:

Kia Ora- Hello

Tēpu- Table

Enoho- sit

Etū- Stand

## Newsletter - October 2020

### Kia Ora Whanau

October is disappearing fast and we appreciate your understanding while we have had lots of relievers. We are now in term 4 and that means it is time to wear hats and sunscreen again. Please ensure your child has a named hat and changes of clothes or togs so that they can participate in water play during the hotter weather.

Christmas is approaching quickly so please let us know what your plans are for over the holidays. This is so we can staff accordingly and our Kaiako can plan for time with their own families. You will find the forms on the front desk.

Please check your child's weekly attendance and sign as there are a few that are outstanding. These are put on the clipboard every Monday.

There is a lot of lost property still to be claimed, we will leave it for another week and then we will remove it. If you are missing anything please check the shelf out the front.

Thank you to those families who have completed our Survey, it is fantastic learning about your cultural backgrounds and what is important to you. We are focusing on our BI cultural curriculum at the moment and your feedback will support us to provide more meaningful and cultural experiences for your children. If you haven't done a survey please can you fill one out and return it by the end of October.

We welcome Rebekah Stock to our team. She is a fully Qualified teacher in the older children's room.

## Little babies

Kia Ora friends and Whanau,

In the babies room our tamariki have been busy exploring their gross motor skills as they are learning to move their bodies. There has been lots of walking, rolling, crawling and climbing.

We have now moved on to a new learning focus of becoming Kaitiaki. This is about encouraging children to become guardians of their environment both natural and material. Our pepi will be offered opportunities to water the plants, plant seedlings, and learn more about the world around them.

We welcome kenley into our baby room and we look forward to learning more about her and her family.

Thanks

Heather, Brodie, Kirsty

## Older babies/ toddlers

In our older babies room we welcome Dara and Brax into the older children's room.

### Transitioning Children:

One of our older children Jack A has now begun his transition to Alexandra Street and will finish with us on the 30<sup>th</sup> October. Our friends Flynn and Nikau have now finished at Rewi Street and we wish them all the best with their learning journeys.

We have begun a new learning focus which is on becoming Kaitiaki. Through this children will be encouraged to look after their belongings, the environment and our resources. They will be offered opportunities to water our plants, plant seeds, develop responsibility and learn more about the world around them.

Our older tamariki have been developing their independence and self help skills at kai time as they wash their hands in the bathroom sink and serve their morning and afternoon tea using tongs. This gives our tamariki the opportunity to make healthy choices for themselves and learn about hygiene. What fantastic preparation this is for when they turn two and go across the road.

Thanks,  
Rachel and Dorta

Thanks