

Welcome to our new families we hope you will enjoy your time with us.
Please remember we are here for you and your family and aim to meet the aspirations of all.

▪ Kia ora



SUNHATS

Please ensure your child now brings a **named sunhat**, remembering that caps are not allowed at kindy. We promote those recommended to us by the cancer society ie. Legionnaire or bucket style, to ensure good coverage of face and neck.

Hats are compulsory in the fourth and first term. If these are placed in your child's cubby for easy access this is a great help to us and your child.

WHATS HAPPENED THIS MONTH?

We held a successful parent/teacher interview evening for parents of four year olds. This was a lovely opportunity to share information and set goals to support and extend learning.

Shake Out!

The centre took part in the 'Nations Shake Out' where the children learnt how to 'drop, cover and hold' in the event of a real earthquake.

On Thursday 18th of October we had an amazing visit from a lovely beekeeper called Bridget. She showed us her hive and the way bees construct each part of it using a hexagon shape. Bridget demonstrated her smoking machine and other tools. She kindly made and shared honey crackles for morning tea Yummy. Please ask your children about the visit and there will be photos of the visit in your Childs portfolio.

TE REO MAORI

We encourage our tamariki to use Te Reo Maori throughout the day. Here are a few words you may have heard:

Our focus at present is the mahinga so here are some words to name the veges and fruit planted at present.

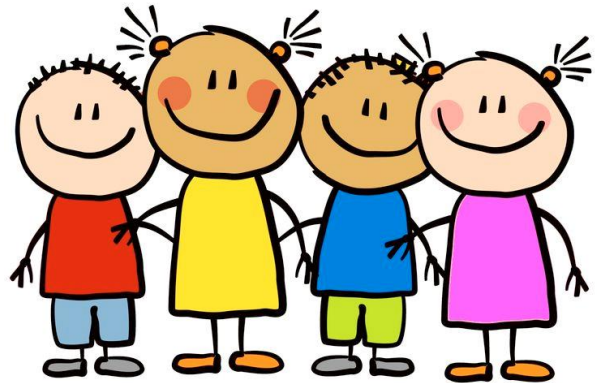
Strawberry	Ropere
Beans	Pini
Apple tree	Hua rakau aporo
Corn	Kanga
Carrots	Karoti
Lettuce	Retihi
Lemon	Remana



Respect/Whakaute

Our current values focus is respect.

Showing respect to someone means you act in a way that shows you care about their feelings and well-being.



Enough food?

Please ensure your child has enough food for their time at kindy. Some children are finding it hard to save some for all the different eating times.

Packaging

We are trying to be as 'planet friendly' as we can. Please consider packaging as you pack your child's lunch box.

Thank you

To all of you who have already provided an alternative to a plastic bag for wet and soiled clothes. If you haven't yet please support us to reduce use of non-biodegradable items.

Planning

Our planning each month utilizes a resource that incorporates monthly kaupapa/principles. We aim to teach our tamariki about tikanga/practice within the Maori culture.

Ako-teaching and learning.

Ako is grounded in the principle of reciprocity and also recognizes that the learner and whanau cannot be separated.

Ma te tuakana ka kotika te teina, ma te teina ka totika te tuakana.

It is through the older sibling that the younger one learns the right way to do things, and it is through the younger sibling that the older one learns to be tolerant.

Whare Ako Update

We have decided that the Whare Ako area would be better utilized as a block construction play area. Hence, we will be relocating the Whare Ako activities to be available in the mat – time area.

We are currently awaiting cupboards that are being made to support these activities. So, watch this space for these exciting changes!!

The case of the missing underwear.

We have found that many of our spare underwear/clothing items are going home and not coming back. As we often need such items could we please ask if anyone has any of these at home or if you would like to donate some that would be great.

Invite To Parents/Caregivers.

Do you have a skill, interest or passion etc that you would like to share with us??

Or do you know someone that might like to contribute to our kindergarten programme?

If so, please feel free to further discuss with a teacher or give us a call 09412-9361.

In doing so, enhances our learning for children ☺

Play an instrument, storytelling, dance, knitting, sewing, cake decorating, pottery, jewelery making, face painting, carpentry, weaving, gardening, singing, cooking, circuit making, etc



Here we are doing the Whare Ako activities together outside in the sunshine. The children were able to choose from some already arranged on the mat or they could go inside and help themselves to the ones inside on the shelves. We are finding this very successful as the garden setting makes for a wonderful learning environment.

Children's belongings

Please ensure that all your child's belongings are named. Clothes, hats, shoes, lunch boxes and drink bottles. We have permanent marker pens if you need them, please ask a teacher.

Can we also ask that you regularly check the lost property located by the sign in area (small items) or on the deck.

Fish and chip night!

Come and have your fish and chips with us

Friday the 9th of November 5-7pm

This is a lovely opportunity to meet other families and your child's friends.

Bring your fish and chips and a bottle if you wish. See you here !

Please remember we are here for your families. We believe the key to success is working in partnership.

Gabriella, Jenny, Jacquie, Helen, Val, Suzanne, Shirlene, Cath,
Stephen and Joanna