

Kumeu



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Food suggestions.

First we would like to thank the parents for the lovely variety of healthy food that we are seeing in the lunchboxes of your children. We are also grateful to those who have lunchboxes designed to limit waste especially plastic waste.

We have noticed that some children are quite hungry when they first arrive at kindergarten and many are eating quite a lot of their food before morning tea. As the children staying all day need food for three separate eating times; morning and afternoon tea and lunch we ask that you please add a little extra especially if you find your Childs lunchbox empty at the end of the day. If you have any questions about this please feel free to approach one of the teachers who may be able to chat with you on this subject.

Mahinga kai update.

The tamariki have enjoyed eating the broccoli florets and stalks raw. They are enjoying eating the pineapple sage and are waiting eagerly still for the carrots to develop under the ground and also the celery to grow fast.

The snow peas are growing and climbing up the tepee.

We observe the tamariki using the garden as a wonderful learning area and find them chatting as they walk in it sharing conversation and ideas together. Just wonderful.

The virtue we are teaching at present is **TRUTHFULNESS.**

Truth is the bedrock of integrity on which we build all our other virtues. Truthfulness is being honest in your words and actions.

Don't tell lies even to defend yourself and see the truth for yourself.

Don't try to be more than you are to impress others.

It is an ongoing commitment to live by what is most real and authentic in our own nature.

We use honesty in all our dealings.
BE YOURSELF, YOUR TRUE SELF.

Te reo Maori.

We continue to use Te reo in our daily teaching, in waiata , books (pukapuka) and c.d's and mat time (whaariki) activities.

It is a pleasure to hear the tamariki singing around kindy in te reo and the connection they have with it.

Current Focus

We are presently engaging the children in many activities looking at Matariki/Māori New year. Through use of books, songs, and other resources, children are learning all about this time of year, the importance of whānau and time spent together. Many thanks to Tina from Huapai library who came to visit to share her books and knowledge in this area. We are also currently working with children on their names, both first and surnames, recognition and the correct formation.

Sharon Holt Resources - Published by: The Writing Bug LTD

Many of you will probably be aware of our beautiful and very popular Maori resources by Sharon Holt. We are sharing this name/contact with you as many of you express your child's love of these and you may wish to get your own copies. The books are bright, engaging and the songs very interactive. They are one of our most loved/used resources. Please see a teacher if you wish to know more about these.

Staff Professional Development/Literacy research project

Staff continue to work on sourcing current theory and readings in a variety of areas relating to literacy. This learning is exciting and not only benefits us as teachers but also the children we teach. We look forward to sharing more with you as we progress on our learning journey.

St John in schools visit

A big thank you to Mack from St John for coming to visit our centre.

Some of the things we learnt about:

The three different emergency services

The number we need to call - 111

Which emergency service we should call when we need help

What we can expect to see inside an ambulance

The correct way to put on a bandage





Meeting Joy Cowley - New Zealand author of over 1000 children's book

Jacquie, Gabriella and Joanna (centre owner) were lucky enough to attend a seminar with Joy Cowley titled 'Finding Truth in Story'. This was very timely with our current literacy research project in full swing. She talked of how she started her writing journey and of the importance of 'stories' in our lives. 'We are a story-making species. As soon as two people get-together, we have a story. This is the way we document our lives, our traditions, and our history.' Our stories tie to our experiences, a child makes meaning of their world through stories. It was an incredible honour to meet the infamous Joy Cowley and share her/our passion of language, literacy and children.

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

Arohanui from us all,

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