



*Encouraging children to stand tall & be sweet*

## NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2018

Kia ora whānau & friends – how the months have flown by, it is September already, which means that we should be having more sunny days than wet days in comparison. So let's make sure that we are starting to bring in our sunhats for those hot days.

### LEARNING STORY FEEDBACK.

Thank you to all those families who have been sending in their learning story feedback. This is great for the teachers professional development, allows us a insight into what your child's interests are at home & shows us how to plan for your child's individual learning path.

We continue to encourage as many of you as possible to give this invaluable feedback either via email (as most of you have) or recording you comment on the new comment 'post-its' that are on the sign in table. These can then be directly stuck into your child's portfolio which they have access to whenever they like. **We really value our whānau contribution.**

### STAFF NEWS

Welcome to **Lauren & Sinco**, our newest additions who other started in August. They are both settling in well and have already made massive contributions to our team and the children's learning. Please take the time to ask them anything you would like, both these beautiful humans are very approachable

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and have proven track records of being amazing educators and team members. We look forward to watching them grow and learn more with us here at **Pineapples Early Learning Centre.**

### 20 HOUR SUBSIDY

Just a reminder that when your child is eligible to receive the 20 hour childcare subsidy that you must declare any other providers where you child receives care from. E.g Any other early childhood centers, Nannies Au Pairs, Playcentre, In home care centres, Barnardos, Porse, etc,

### BUILDING UPDATE



As I am sure you are all aware the building process is taking far longer than we ever anticipated, so please bare with us, as the carpark has become very full at times and a reminder to make sure you are careful with your precious one in the carpark and around the building site. We have finally got pre-lining approval (all be it 3 weeks late), which means that the lining (gib) will starting going up this week.

We are slowly making plans for setting up the new areas, with the flooring, cabinetry and wall coverings having been picked and ready to go. If any of you have any ideas or anything that you would like to see



happen or contribute to the new extension please do not hesitate to pass this onto Amy.

On the upside the scaffolding is now gone and the drainage has been completed and some of our trees have been removed to make way for the new fire exit access.



feel free to pass this onto the teachers & please ask us if you have any questions.

### **CHILDREN'S PROGRESS**

Please remember we are available at any time to discuss your children's progress but should you wish to know more or discuss their development in more detail, please feel free to make a time for this in the office.

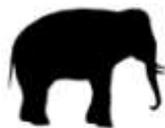
### **PARKING**

A general reminder to please follow the exit and entry arrows painted on the driveway. The entrance is the far one (where the staff park) and the exit is the one closest to our neighbors – Terrazzo. Also can we be aware of where we are parking too, we know the carpark is quite restricted at the moment with the construction, but please make note that you are not blocking others in.

### **CURRENT PLANNING & CHILDRENS INTEREST**

This month's planning is all about animals. We have noticed over the last couple of weeks that our children's interest in animals has grown again.

We have had multiple individual and group interactions with the children who are voicing a lot of interest in the animals they have been exposed to recently.



We will be looking more closely into how we are going to extend & document this learning over the next couple of weeks/months and are looking forward to watching how this interest will develop.

If your child has anything about animals that they wish to share you have any feedback on this planning cycle, please

### **CLOTHING**

We are doing a big push for those all parents & whānau to check the clothing rack on the back deck for any items that may belong to them and please take them home. We have an increasing amount of excess clothing being left behind each night, and during the day it is becoming a hazard with children tripping over items that are left behind. We are going to be going through the clothing next Friday – 3<sup>rd</sup> August, and anything that we cannot use a spare clothing will be packed up and donated, so please collect your child's items ASAP

***We would also like to remind all parents to name all their child's clothing items.***

### **PARENT SURVEY**

We have compiled a small/easy parent survey around some of the activities, our future planning, resources, our programme, our communication and

how we are preparing our children for school.

We encourage parent/whānau feedback and we appreciate any input that you are happy to give us.

We are all about providing your tamariki with a experience and environment that will encourage their growth and form bonds between the staff and your whānau, so please take 5 minutes to complete this survey and help us better you experience.

## STRATEGIC GOALS

We are also in the process of reviewing our Annual Plan and Strategic Plan – which is based around setting the centre and the staff goals for the coming 3 years. We would appreciate our whānau input around where they would like to see the centre go in the future and what you think that what areas of improvement we should be looking at. The framework that we use for our strategic plan is ERO's Ngā Pou Here, in brings together the factors that affect a childcare centre. We will be setting goals in the following areas:

- **Pou Mātauranga:** Curriculum Design – *How effective is our curriculum for our children?*
- **Pou Whakahaere:** Governance, Management & Administration – *How do the centres philosophy, vision, goals and systems promte positive outcomes for our children?*
- **Pou Arahi:** Leadership & Building Capabilities – *How effective are our leaders in the service, when it comes to encouraging the best outcomes for our children?*
- **Pou Tikanga Whakaako:** Teaching and Learning – *How effective are our teaching and learning practices?*

## POLICIES

We are currently catching up of our policies that are up for review for September. We are reviewing the following policies and welcome your feedback in the process. These will be up on display outside the office over the following week for your perusal & feedback.

- Cleaning Policy
- Laundering of Linen Policy
- Nits Policy
- No Smoking Policy

## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

As always at this time of year we will be reviewing our Emergency / Evacuation policies along with our Fire and Earthquake procedures. Over the next couple of months we will be having practice fire and earthquake drills and this is a good opportunity to talk to your child/ren about what you might do at home in the case of an emergency.

## NITS

Please remember to keep checking your child's hair for nits. We have been really lucky so far with no real issues thus far, but we realize the need to stay onto of this before it rears its ugly head again

Once again thank you all for your support over our first month of being here.

A special thank you to the wonderful staff – **Lara, Gay, Holly, Tash, Georgia, Lauren, Sinco, Emma & Kyla**, who have made my time here so far an absolute dream.

**Nga mihi**