



Encouraging children to stand tall & be sweet

NEWSLETTER JULY 2018

Kia ora whānau & friends – the last 6 weeks seem to have flown by & I think we can safely say that we have all now settled into the centre. Welcome to all the new tamariki & their whānau who have joined us over the past 4 weeks. We welcome you with open arms and aroha.

A huge thank you to all our families for the amazing support & love that we have been receiving since we have been here, and all the amazing feedback that we have been getting 😊 We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the amazing welcome. Also, thank you all for your patience with all construction & extra traffic coming onto the site, we are hoping that we are coming closer to completion every day.

TERM DATES

Welcome to the start of term 3 – welcome back to all the children who spent the last school holidays with their families. Thank you to all those families, who returned the holidays forms as well, we encourage all families to let us know when their children are going to be away so that we can staff appropriately & a reminder that all holidays & school breaks are charged at normal rates. Our next school holidays are at the end of term 3 – Monday 1st October to Friday 14th October 2018. Holiday slips will be put out closer to the time.

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We have no public holidays coming up in August unfortunately so we are not closed at all during August.

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 now 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 **Georgia**, who started with us at the end of June. Most of the parents have meet Georgia but if you haven't please take a moment to introduce yourself when you can. We have a student starting with us on Monday 30th July, for 5 weeks. **Sara Coppell** is in her 1st year of study at Open Polytechnic, as she is excited about working with us over the coming weeks. If you have any questions about how the student programme works, please do not hesitate to come and see Amy or Gay – her associate teacher while she is here with us at Pineapples.

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 your 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 you can all see our new building still under way. With the progress has unfortunately slowing down somewhat, due to the timber framing being too damp to start the lining & painting. You would have notice however the temporary wall in the mat area, as they needed to cut and brace the connection between the centres.



We are however very excited that the back (under 2's) deck and cover are finished.

The children are still continually excited to see the progress each day along with all the trucks, concrete mixers and equipment that are coming and going. The observation of 'real work' has provoked so many questions along with opportunity to engage in dramatic play scenarios, team work and team building construction activities. Please do make sure that you are remembering to adhere to safety requirements around the construction site.

CURRENT PLANNING & CHILDRENS INTEREST

We have just completed our latest planning for Matariki, and this will be removed from display and collated into a planning book – which you are more than welcome to review at any stage. We will continue to follow and document our tamariki's interest in the building going on around us and would love any feedback of learning that you may have noticed happening at home. 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, especially the pictures we were shown of Penelope's new puppy – Enzo.



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 feel free to pass this onto the 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 drive way. 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.

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 – 3rd 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.

POLICIES

We are currently catching up of our policies that are up for review for June & July. 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.

- Nappy Changing Policy
- Professional Development Policy
- Immunisation Policy *NEW
- OSH Maintenance Policy
- Staff & Child Illness Policy
- Staff Injury Policy
- Mobile Phone Policy *NEW

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, Emma & Kyla**, who have made my time here so far an absolute dream.

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