

## Current Internal Evaluation

As a team we are investigating how we can become more sustainable as an early childhood centre. The focus is on looking after our environment for future generations. We have ordered a 2<sup>nd</sup> yellow recycling bin to support this process and reduce our waste.

We have talked about the 5 R's:

- Refuse
- Reduce
- Reuse
- Repurpose
- Recycle

Look out for some tips in the centre and in future newsletters on how you can help.

From next week we will be sending all uneaten food and packaging that comes in lunchboxes back home. This allows you to understand how much food is being eaten and we encourage you to reduce and recycle the rubbish.

## Matariki Parent Evening

Thank you for such a wonderful turnout for our parent evening to celebrate the Maori new year on 18<sup>th</sup> July. We shared kai together, socialized and had a fabulous disco. It was a wonderful occasion to catch up with teachers and families.

## Other Events

**Ambi** the model ambulance visited us on 5<sup>th</sup> July from St Johns. Kirsty the educator, discussed the role of our community emergency services then focussed on the role of the ambulance paramedics using props and a story. This linked with the children's recent medical role play.

Megan, Jimena and 2 wonderful parent helpers (Paige and Nicole) supervised a group of older

children to see Kavanagh College's **kapa haka performance** on 6<sup>th</sup> July. The group were so good that they were allowed to stay and enjoy some time in Playspace afterwards.

We have been lucky enough to be included in the Polytec **Jump Rope Programme**. Every Friday for 10 weeks, students from the Polytec are running a programme for our preschool children to keep them active and teach them new skills.

Our **library visits** will be starting up again on Wednesday mornings. If you are available for parent help, please let Marina know.

We will be participating in **Polyfest** again this year. This is a wonderful opportunity for a performance and to learn about maori culture and waiata. A separate notice will be out shortly giving you more information about this.

## Learning focus

This month in the nursery the learning focus is persistence after focusing during July on self help skills which increased toddlers ability to tidy up after themselves, keep themselves clean etc.





In the preschool the July focus was Matariki with children increasing their knowledge of te ao Maori. Several activities occurred such as biscuit stars were made, a Maori tukutuku (kite) was constructed out of bamboo and other natural materials, woven cardboard stars created. A large book has been compiled highlighting some of the many matariki learning experiences. During August the learning focus will be on 'caring for ourselves, others and our environment'.



## Info

If we have a snow day and we need to have a delayed start due to severe weather conditions please listen out to Classic Hits radio station or look up their facebook page for notices.

Please ensure your children are dressed for the weather in appropriate clothing such as gumboots and jackets with spare clothing in their bags so they can fully engage in our programme. Please name all belongings.

Please use the 10 min park when it is available rather than the staff parking to ensure teachers are able to start their shifts on time.

## Upgrades

We have recently installed acoustic panelling in our preschool area and hallway to help with noise reduction. This has made a big difference for our winter months when we spend a bit more time indoors.

The preschool playground is our next focus for development. We are investing in some playground equipment to support climbing and upper body strength.

## Our tamariki & kaiako

Happy school days to: Piper, Indie B, Archer

Welcome to our new children: Lewis, siblings Oliver and Evelyn, Zaiha and Aryam.

Congratulations to Aubreys family on their new baby Kase and Odette's family with their new baby Arlo. They are both just gorgeous!

Staff news: Bernie will be moving back to her homeland England after 10 years in NZ. We will miss her tremendously and will be saying farewell early September.

