

Whānau picnic



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Hui Group

On Thursday mornings after morning kai, our oldest tamariki all come together, with Shauna, for our Pūkeko Hui time. It is a special group time with a strong focus on dispositional learning, independence and social competency. These hui times are a way to help achieve a more cohesive connection between Preschool and School and the programme draws on the

current interests of the tamariki, while preparing them socially, emotionally and educationally for School.

Our current focus is on active movement and spatial awareness, building on and nurturing those important physical skills, strengths and coordination to help lay the foundation for new skills learned at School. We have explored spatial relationships with carpet squares, placing our bodies under, on top, next to etc the carpet square, as well as through drawing on the white board and placing tiny animals in different positions around a container. We have worked on our fine motor strength and control while playing different games using tweezers and challenged our gross motor muscles by holding different positions while waiting for the 30 second timer to beep.



Pukeko Explorers'

Every Tuesday during school terms a group of our oldest tamariki join kaiako and go on an exciting excursion to Woodhaugh Gardens. The purpose of these weekly excursions is to connect with, and learn more about our natural environment and how to care for it.

The current learning focus for our Pūkeko Explorers' is *"Developing courage & curiosity (Paakiki) with the Living World."* Throughout this learning focus, tamariki will be using



resources such as books and online searches to identify bugs, birds and plants they come across during their exploration.

Our tamariki are always incredibly excited to head out on Pūkeko Explorers' and share the most wonderful stories of what they have explored once they return to Preschool.



Freedom of movement

We are a team of heart centred kaiako to whom relationships and respect for children are of utmost importance. At York Place we view tamariki as strong, capable learners and for our infants and toddlers this is no exception.

We are inspired by a RIE approach and feel passionately about offering infants and toddlers "freedom of movement". This is a philosophy created by Dr Emmi Pikler and Magda Gerber which means we encourage tamariki to move and develop in their own time without intervention from us e.g we wait for babies to sit and stand independently before putting them into these positions.



We support younger babies to eat while sitting on our knees until they are confidently sitting themselves up. Below is a diagram of the sequences of natural infant gross motor development, we find it incredible observing this unfold with each infant in their own way and in their own time.



Our tamariki & kaiako

Happy school days to: Aiden, Hermione, Gus, and Oskar

Farewell and best wishes to: Marshall and Toby on their new adventure in Australia, and Henley with her move.

Welcome to our new children: Cleo & Sipa

Remember to sunscreen before drop off and bring spare clothes each day.

