

## Whanau Picnic



This is a lovely time to get together outside of York Place for a social gathering. Get to know the other families and kaiako in a casual environment. Fingers crossed for some lovely weather. If it rains, we will put a cancellation on Seesaw.

## Carpentry Table

Late last year Jonathon designed and built a new carpentry table for our Preschool Class. We have set up some safety rules and are beginning to introduce the tamariki to this. With child sized tools this is fantastic for hand eye coordination, fine motor control, turn taking, and creativity. We look forward to seeing many creations.



## Learning focus

In the Nursery we have been so excited to welcome new friends to the York Place Whānau. We have continued to have a strong focus on whanaungatanga for all of our tamariki, taking time to build strong relationships and aroha. We have been enjoying lots of waiata, poi and action songs as well as loving water play on warm days.





We have also had new children in the Preschool class with two year olds moving up from the Nursery and some new tamariki to York Place so lots of social learning has been happening. Everyone has been very welcoming of the new children. They have been inviting them into play and showing them our routines.



## Summer weather

A reminder to name sunhats and all clothing so we can help the tamariki to identify their own hat when coming outdoors and ensure other belongings make it home. Our weather is unpredictable so ensure children also have a **waterproof jacket** rain so they are not stuck inside on drizzly days.

We love to get wet and messy at York Place so please pack at least one full spare change of

clothing daily. You also need to supply a bag to put wet clothing in. This could be a swim bag, a recycled bread bag or anything that is waterproof. If you have borrowed any spare clothing, can this please be returned.

Our trial of allowing tamariki to arrive without sunscreen to get some vitamin D exposure first thing in the morning is working well. We will continue to sunscreen morning and after lunch to ensure that protection is there while the UV rates are high.

## Our tamariki & kaiako

Happy school days to: Neve, Olivia, and Toby

Farewell to: Bruce, and Sipa, Charlie & George who have moved away.

Welcome to our new children: Harper, Leilani, Nuala & Maeve, Kora & Bobbi, Maeve, and Jonah.

Welcome our new student kaiako Aimee who is beginning her studies with us this year. She will be in the Preschool class two days per week.

At the end of December we said farewell to Shauna as she moves onto her new journey in specialised support for school aged tamariki. We wish her the best in this new chapter.

A warm welcome to Sophie who has joined us in the Preschool Class. You may remember her from a placement she did with us while competing her studies. It is a pleasure to have her return. She is very passionate about the outdoors so she is sure to be joining the Pukeko Explorers on their weekly adventures to the bush soon.

