

Matariki

We have begun celebrating Matariki with lots of learning and experiences happening in the classrooms.

Matariki celebrates the Maori New Year and is a time for harvesting and sharing. On **Wednesday 22nd June we will have a pyjama day**. Please snuggle up in your pj's and bring a piece of fruit to share for morning kai.

Kai for Octacan

We are collecting cans for the Octacan fundraiser. If you are able, please drop off your cans to the collection bins beside the sign in sheets. We will deliver these to the Octagon on Thursday 23rd June.

Latest renovations

We have lined the lower walls in the preschool conservatory area and they look really smart. They will be much harder wearing and easier to wipe clean.

The hallway near the babies sleep room now has a gate opened via a magnetic button to allow easy access to the hallway for teachers, and prevent preschool children from accessing this area.

Our next project is a divider between the preschool dining area and the conservatory. This will support our kaiako to set up kai times faster without tamariki in the space. The gate will be open for the majority of the day for open access to this space.

Our classrooms

The Tui kaiako have been focusing a lot of our time ensuring pepi feel safe and secure as they

settle into the Tui room. Kaiako have noticed that the social and emotional competence skills have also been developing quickly, whilst displaying self-help and self-regulation skills.

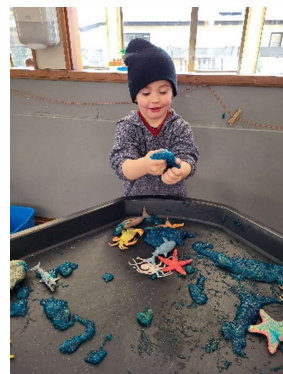
Nga tamariki have really been enjoying painting and climbing recently. There has been lots of gross motor play, where the tamariki have really been challenging themselves and taking risks whilst doing so. We have noticed that the tamariki have been gravitating towards the whānau play area, lots of dramatic play and role-modelling.

We have been focusing on how intentional we are with respectful practice and behaviour with our tamariki providing positive praise rather than negative reactions to ensure our tamariki feel empowered and valued upholding their mana.



The tamariki in the Pukeko class have been a buzz of Matariki excitement. At mat times we have been exploring the 9 stars in the Matariki cluster, discovering that each star in the cluster relates to a part of te taiao (the natural world). With each new star the older tamariki have helped to create a point to add to our giant star.

The Preschool is looking amazing with all the wonderful Matariki art work, which the tamariki have thoroughly enjoyed creating. New waiata and pukapuka have been introduced, with the Matariki Macarena becoming a firm favourite. We will take a video of our Preschool singing stars for SeeSaw.



Sign in

Please ensure that you are signing your child in and out each day. These records are required to confirm attendance for the Ministry of Education, but also are crucial if there was an emergency to know exactly who is on site at all times. Thanks for your support with this.

If any part time preschool families have flexibility with their booked days, we are looking for a family to swap either a Tuesday or Thursday to a Friday. Please flick Sarah an email if this is possible.

Our tamariki and kaiako

We are thrilled to welcome Caitlyn back from her maternity leave. She will be bringing little Lachie into the nursery classroom.

Lizzy will sadly be leaving us for a new adventure at another ECE centre. She will be missed by all, especially her dance parties.

Yama will be following our transitioning children into the preschool and spending most of her time in this class going forward.

Happy school days to: Harley, Charlie and Emelia who all begin school next month

Welcome to our new tamariki: Curtis and Liam, Corin, and Kohaku.

Teaspoon & resource amnesty

Our teaspoons are regularly disappearing and most likely getting packed away in children's lunchboxes. If you have a wee collection at home or even just one, could you please return them. Also any resources that have come home in tamariki's pockets or bags would be greatly appreciated.

COVID & winter illnesses

Thank you for keeping your tamariki home when unwell to prevent the spread of bugs. We have RAT tests available so if you would like one for your child, please just ask any of the team.



This gives us all peace of mind, to rule COVID out if they are unwell.

Please ensure your child has a **warm jacket and hat** to wear while at York Place. We recommend lots of layers and thermals now that the winter chill has set in. **Gumboots** are also a great option for the winter to stay warm and dry with warm thick socks.

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