

## Renovations

Books are a big passion for so many children at York Place. Our new bookshelf has arrived so we can have these at easy reach. Lots of tamariki enjoy a story when they arrive in the mornings or to have some quiet time during the day.

We have a new tunnel under the slide in the preschool playground which surprised the tamariki when it arrived. It has proved fun with many creative endeavours such as a cave during a bear hunt yesterday. In the nursery we have a new garden to explore. Thanks to Jonathon for all his work during the weekends.



## Bookings

If any preschool families would like to change one of their days to a Friday this would be helpful. Currently Wednesday and Thursdays are at full capacity.



## Nursery/Tui Room

Cause and effect experiences have led a lot of self-initiated learning this month as the tamariki experiment, problem solve and explore open ended resources such as the balls and pipes, buckets and sand, water play and lots of rolling objects down the slope. As kaiako we observe this and extend the experiences through language, and support when needed. It has been lovely to see the tamariki working alongside each other as they further develop their social skills through these experiences. We are encouraging a sense of agency as many of the older tamariki show an interest in washing their own faces, wiping down tables, sweeping and also putting away their lunchboxes, plates and cups. To help the tamariki build their sense of agency we understand they are capable of initiating their own learning and empower them to make their own choices and decisions. Our current focus is on Manaakitanga – extending aroha/ love to others through helping, supporting and encouraging others. This will lead on from from Whanaungatanga as it also focuses on securing a sense of whānau.





## Preschool/Pukeko Room

Our group focus in the Preschool has been imaginative play, where tamariki take on the role of someone or something else and act out their feelings and events. Kaiako have been setting up special areas around Preschool to provoke further creative and dramatic play e.g the hairdressers, doctors. Tamariki have also been asking kaiako to create spaces to support their play further e.g. a boat, tent, motorbike. It has been wonderful to see the tamariki fully engaging in these spaces, sharing space and resources as well as accepting the ideas of their peers.

This wonderful play has extended into construction play as the tamariki purposefully build and create using different resources and then incorporate their constructions into their imaginative play.

Our morning meeting (our special mat time for our 3-5 year olds) has become very popular, with the tamariki eagerly waiting at the door after morning kai in anticipation for what they are going to do. It is wonderful to see the tamariki actively participating in the different experiences and games the kaiako offer, while supporting and further developing numerous skills that they will need to one day enter a new entrant class.



Please ensure your child has a wide brimmed sunhat for outdoor play so we can make the most of the weather. Caps do not provide suitable protection for the ears and neck so please leave these at home.

Thank you for families collecting loose parts. We are still collecting so if you have any items, especially natural resources we would love these.

A reminder to email through a family photo for us to put on the wall. We are displaying these near the back door and the children love revisiting these, and seeing themselves and their family.



## Our tamariki and staff

Happy school days to: Sienna, Connor, Darren, and Ari.

Welcome to our new children: Tobias, siblings Billy and Toby, Charlie and Liam, and Zeke.

A special welcome to Robyn who is joining our teaching team in the Pukeko class on Friday. She is a qualified and certified early childhood teacher with many years of experience.

## Notes

When your child has any vaccinations, please provide us with a copy to keep on their file. We can photocopy these from your Plunket books or you can take a photo and email these through.

## COVID-19 Updates

Please ensure that you have your mask on when entering York Place. Use the left side of the driveway when entering and exiting to socially distance from other whānau. Remember to sign in and out each day.

Please keep your children home if they are showing any signs of being unwell to prevent the spread of any illnesses. If your child contracts COVID, please let us know so that we can alert our York Place whānau to be extra vigilant looking out for symptoms.

