

### Jump Rope Program

We have been lucky to be included in the Jump Rope program again this year. This consists of twice weekly visits for 5 weeks this term and again in term 3. The Polytech students running this module will be working with our older Preschool tamariki with physical games and activities supporting the tamariki to gain new skills.

### ERO visit

The Education Review Office (ERO) will be visiting us the week of 27<sup>th</sup> March. They look over all of our compliance paperwork and assessment and planning practices. A lot of this is done before they arrive via email, and zoom and then they will be at York Place for two half days visits. Please look out for them and say hello as it is lovely for them to meet our tamariki and whānau.

### Whānau Evening

Thanks for joining us at the Woodhaugh Gardens for a relaxed picnic. It was fantastic to see our families outside of York Place and we all had a fantastic time.

### Tui Class

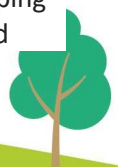
Our group planning has been focusing on Whanaungatanga/relationships as we have been settling in new children. We have been ensuring kaiako take time to support settling tamariki 1:1 with responsive, respectful interactions to ensure they develop strong relationships and a sense of belonging. Our tamariki have been settling in very well! Kaiako have been setting up the environment with a variety of provocations to encourage exploration and social interactions for tamariki

to develop relationships with peers and broaden their sense of belonging. Sustained shared thinking has been evident with tamariki engaging together and developing relationships and connection over shared interests.



### Pukeko Class

With our current group planning centered around "Enhancing mana through kaitiakitanga", kaiako have introduced a new daily responsibilities chart into the Preschool for our older tamariki. There are three different responsibilities and each day a different child is chosen to take on that role. This is a positive way to encourage the tamariki to be more aware of the different ways they can be proactive in being kaitiaki as well as nurturing one of our Centre Values - Kohahitanga. Our younger tamariki are starting to show an interest in helping set up at kai times and offer their assistance by tidying up resources, wiping tables, placing the plates, cups of water and



lunchboxes, as well as counting how many chairs we will need. How lucky we are to have such amazing and helpful kaiako in the Preschool!

To tie into this we have also been discussing our Centre Values in more detail, getting the voice of the tamariki and making it more meaningful to their days at Preschool. From this we are creating a wall display and interactive book with photos of the tamariki displaying these values. The wall display has already been a great point of discussion as the tamariki point out the pictures, revisiting their own and others' learning experiences as well as providing a chance for further discussion with kaiako.



## Tamariki and kaiako

Farewell to: Jensen, Lucas & Connor

Welcome to our new children: Renley, Cormack, Millar, Oscar, Roimata, Freddie, & Sophie

Shauna will be taking maternity leave beginning next month. We wish her all the best with her new baby. You will still see her around the centre as a parent of Olivia in the Pukeko Class and she will be back before the end of the year.

Special welcome to our new kaiako Emma who is covering Shauna's maternity leave. Emma is a fully registered kaiako with many years of experience. We are thrilled that she is joining our team and she will be bringing her 2 year old daughter Sophie to join our Pukeko class.

## Hats and Sunscreen

Please ensure your child has a clearly named wide brimmed bucket style hat to wear while at York Place every day. There have been lots of children arriving lately without a sunhat or only a cap which does not provide suitable protection. The preschool class spend the majority of their day outdoors so this is very important.

Reminder to sunscreen your child/ren every morning before drop off regardless of the forecast as often the UV rate can be high on an overcast day.

## Parking

Please be quick when dropping off & picking up during the peak times to support other parents to share the 10 minute park.

The driveway is there as a last resort if the 10 min park is full. Please respect that this is the teachers park and recently many teachers have had to wait 10 minutes circling the block unable to start their shifts, or unable to leave at the end of their shift. Please do not use this park if there are any spaces on the street.

## Renovations

The new recycling and rubbish bin area was completed last month. Coming up next is the new sandpit space. As this is quite a big project, there will be a section of the preschool cordoned off for a short period while this is completed.

## Illnesses

There have been a few bugs going around lately, gastro and COVID. Please keep your child home if they are showing signs of being unwell so they can fully recover. If they are brought back too soon it can slow their recovery without getting the much needed rest at home as well



as spreading the bugs to other families.

If your child is showing signs of being unwell, you will be called to collect them. Please refer to our Infectious Disease/Illness Exclusion Policy (currently being reviewed) and Ministry of Health guidelines in ECE, both available to view on Educa for further information.

