



Newsletter March 2017

Kiaora, Ni hau, Talofa lava, Jumbo, Malo o lelei, Namaste, Gidday, Hello, Annyanh ha se yo, fakalofa lahi atu, and Ayubowan to all our families and whanau.

Our numbers have increased significantly, and it feels nice working with a full house of happy tamariki.

We welcome all the new families and whanau and hope your child's time with us is happy as they develop lots of positive relationships.

The tamariki have settled in very well, and are very busy exploring their new environment and making new friends.



Our new tamariki: Mila, Jaiia, Orla, Rehan. Exodus & Lewis



Important Reminders

All parents/caregivers dropping and picking up tamariki must sign the register. This is a Ministry of Education requirement, and also a record of who is present daily, and a safety measure in the case of an emergency.

We kindly request you to provide a wide brimmed sun hat for your child. We adhere to a very strict sun smart policy, children are not allowed outside without a sun hat. We now have a rack with hooks so tamariki can hang their hats, and the hats are accessible to the tamariki. The centre provides sun block for all children, however, if this sun block doesn't agree with your child, kindly provide sun block for her/him.

We have a box for tamariki to put their toys they bring from home to the centre each day. We have decided on having this in order to avoid loss of these precious items. Please remember to pick them at the end of the day.

Notices

A special thank you to the parents who participated in painting the outside equipment on Saturday 12 February.

We are grateful to the parents who have been assisting us in numerous ways to ensure we maintain the beautiful outside area that our tamariki play in, and love very much. We also take this opportunity to assure you that the trees and shrubs are maintained by the College, and the Arborist visits the play ground for maintenance of trees once every six months.



Chinese New Year Celebrations

We celebrated Chinese New Year and this has been the first celebration for the year.

Catherine, Jonathan's Mum came to the Centre and shared stories about Chinese New Year with the children. Catherine also sang songs and made dumplings with the children. The Children enjoyed the dumplings at lunch time.

Tamariki are given opportunities to experience different cultures within their community of learners, their understanding of themselves in the community is affirmed when they know that their families and cultures have a place and are respected.



Cultural Day

We invite parents and whanau to join our tamariki and staff to a cultural day on Thursday 16 March 2017. We want to celebrate our diversity and showcase the richness of our unique identity. We appreciate if parents could contribute to this by sharing something from your culture with us.



Centre Excursion

We are planning our first excursion for the year. We have consulted the tamariki as to where they would like to go, and their first choice is Butterfly Creek. As you may have noticed the children's interest have been around insects, caterpillars and butterflies. They are very busy learning exploring the life cycle of the butterfly.

The date of the excursion will be Thursday 30 March, details to follow.

Our busy over twos...

The tamariki have many experiences available to them, to encourage robust dispositions to reason, investigate and collaborate, (Te Whaariki) and to learn alongside each other in their Centre community. We believe that tamariki learn best when they are immersed in an environment that is characteristic of well being and trust along with belonging and purposeful activity.

Our Under Twos...

In order to thrive and learn infants must establish intimate and trusting relationships with the people around them, while toddlers are rapidly acquiring physical, social, reasoning and language skills. Our infants and toddlers settle in comfortably to their new surrounding and have lots of opportunity to make friends with their kaiao and peers

