



# Newsletter December 2016

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

We have come to the end of another year, and it has been a very successful one for the Centre. The extension to the build was completed, and the tamariki enjoy the new spaces. We had a positive education review, and also have a full roll. Most importantly our tamariki are happy and thrive in their Centre, where they know that they are very important members of the community.

Our tamariki are the most valuable part of our learning community, and the team continue to support their passions and strengths in the on-going learning process. The tamariki are encouraged to be creative and ask questions as they participate in learning experiences. The Team acknowledge that "tamariki must be taught how to think, not what to think" (Margeret Mead), and provide many opportunities for them to do so. We have taken the tamariki on excursions to the museum and the Zoo, while also taking them to visit the College play ground, the local shops and the library regularly. We acknowledge and enjoy the culture and the diversity of the people within our community, and seek to foster and nurture our own unique Centre culture through celebrations we have throughout the year. We have celebrated Chinese New Year, Easter, Matariki, Samoan language week and most recently Diwali.



## Diwali: Our teams's highlights

*"The Celebration brought the entire whanau of the Centre together to embrace and respect a different culture and have fun". (Khushi)*

*"Diwali is a special occasion when children get to know and understand the Indian culture, including food, costumes, music, dance, and most importantly making meaning of the significance of Diwali, being the festival of lights". (Anu)*

*"As a new staff member, I found this concerted effort really inspiring, as it brought in the real essence of celebrating cultural diversity, as well as making meaning of other people's beliefs and traditions". (Cristina)*

*"The tamariki had the opportunity to participate in cultural art activities of making rangoli and diyas. The tamariki also dressed up in Indian costumes and enjoyed cooking Indian food". (Yogeeta)*



## 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

## Sunsmart

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. 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.



## Toys from Home

You may have noticed we now have a hat box on the counter for the toys that tamariki 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.

## Thank you

We extend a warm thank you to all our parents, whanau and our most precious tamariki. Thank you for a wonderful year, and thank you for giving us the opportunity to work with you.

We wish you and your families a Merry Christmas, a happy New Year and a restful holiday season.

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## Centre Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be held on the Friday 9 December. The proceedings will be as follows:

9.15 am - tama (bous) will perform



11 am - Shared festive



## Christmas Holiday

We will close for Christmas on Friday 23 December, 2016 and reopen on Monday 9 January, 2017 at 7.30 am.

Please note that the Centre will close at 4 pm on 23 December. We would appreciate it if children are picked up by 4 pm please.

Happy  
Holidays  
to all