



Newsletter October 2017

**Tu mai e moko. Te whakaata o o matua. Te moko o o tipuna
Stand strong, O moko. The reflection of your parents.
The blueprint of your ancestors. (Te Whaariki 2017)**

Kia ora, Ni hau, Bula, Talofa lava, Jumbo, Malo o lelei, Namaste, Hello, Gidday, and Ayubowan to all our families and whanau.

We have begun a project with our tamariki and they will be involved in work that will span for a few months focusing on the same interest. The provocation for the project came about with the tamariki's interest to 'create' using various media namely construction with blocks, using card, play dough which have turned out to be wonderful artefacts. The tamariki are using

beads as a starting point and are making necklaces, bracelets and wall hanging with these.

We endeavour to use these beads for creating a wide variety of artefacts for our up-coming celebrations which are Diwali and Christmas.

We invite parents and whanau to join their tamariki in this journey by sharing a symbol and/or logo that they could use for creating their own work.



"This will be an opportunity for us to draw tamariki's interest in the arts and link them to something meaningful for them, and their culture"
- Yogeeta

"We will provide tamariki with a variety of resources to work with, these will be more challenging and thought provoking for them. They will have opportunities to deepen their ideas, be creative and take flight in their learning journey"
- Christine



"The tamariki will have opportunities to experience different avenues of visual arts through hands on experiences"
- Jyoti

"In Maori tradition children are seen to be inherently competent, capable and rich, complete and gifted no matter what their age or ability, and we can see this coming through in their creations"
- Khushi



As stated in our letter to you regarding the bead project, we invite you to be part of the creations the tamariki are producing. We requested a logo from the whanua/family, and we have got one from the Hemera family.

"About 500 years ago the Waitaha people created drawings on rock walls in the South Island. Mila's koro, Ross Hemera draws inspiration from these to create his artwork. This image is of a Manu (bird)"

We will use this to start off our mural outside, and will ask Mila's Dad to help us.



Under two programme

"With Summer nearly upon us the tamariki are drawn to outdoor play. Many opportunities for outdoor play are given to them with the weather getting warmer. The tamariki love being outside with their friends, and also venture further to the over two area to play and learn alongside their older peers" Anu



The two youngest members of our whanau spend time engaging with their new surroundings, and interact with people around them. They captivate everyone's heart with their beautiful smiles.

Important Notices

All parents and caregivers dropping off or picking up children please sign the daily in and out register. This is a requirement of the Ministry of Education, and a safety measure put in place in case of an emergency at the Centre. The register is used to record and confirm that your child is present. Also, please note that the children have to attend the centre for a minimum of six (6) hours each day.

Please keep your child at home if he/she has a high temperature or any other infectious disease. According to Ministry of Health regulations the child should be kept at home for at least 48 hours after symptoms have ceased.

Please encourage your child to put their name on the white board when they arrive in the morning. This is a learning tool which teaches your child to recognize their name and is part of the Centre routine. The over two children also sign in their names on arrival.

Please notify the centre if your child is going to be away for the day. Please do not hesitate to talk to us about any concerns or special requirements you may have that will help us make your child's day a happy one. We are always available to talk to you about any queries that you may have regarding your child's development, care and/or our programme.

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Please provide your child with a sun hat, preferably with a flap at the back that would protect their neck. We adhere to a very strict sun smart policy and children without hats will not be permitted outside.

Centre emails

We request parents to please check centre emails which are sent regularly. Parents who have not provided us with email contact please do so.

Diwali Celebrations Thursday 2 November 2017

We invite all parents and whanau to join us for a shared morning tea.

The children are busy preparing for the celebrations, practicing music and dancing, making dandias (dancing sticks), diyas (clay lamps) and also making their own costumes.

Centre Christmas Party

The centre Christmas party will be held on Friday 8 December. Details to follow.

Christmas closure

We will close for Christmas on Friday 23 December 2017, and reopen on Monday 8 January 2018.

