

GOLDFIELDS KINDERGARTEN

NEWSLETTER



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Tena koe, Hello, Guten Tag

Welcome back everyone 😊 we missed you and after eight weeks it's been a joy to reconnect with you all.

Everyone has grown so much in every way! We would like to thank you for the warm, patient and good humoured way you have supported us through the lockdown and the reopening of our kindergarten. Thank you for all the wonderful supportive messages and comments following our online stories and home resource kit deliveries.

Our group plan focus for the rest of this term is,
"Wellbeing" "Mana atua"

The health and wellbeing of the child are protected and nurtured.

Ko tenei te whakatipuranga o te tamaiti I rotoi tona orange nui, I runga I tona mana motuhake, mana atuaatanga.

Preparations for reopening, the design of new procedures and practices has been an enormous learning curve for us all, so many issues to consider and implement. Some of these are more easily recognised, others are more difficult to see but no less important.

There have been changes around safe eating practices, children having their own spoons, drink bottles and the use of child friendly food containers.

You may have seen the red smiley faces attached to tabletops, these serve as a visual guide for the children showing them where they can sit, eat and work, while maintaining extra space between them.

We have tried to cut down on the amount of touching and handling of lunch boxes by having them kept on a trolley in the kitchen. The children have taken to the handwashing/hand sanitising requirements with enthusiasm. Who knew sanitising hands would be such a draw!

WELCOMES & FAREWELLS

Welcome to Joe, Jock and Shirley, Te Urahina's brothers and sister. We say goodbye Zane who turned five during lockdown and has started school. Haere rā Zane and whānau.

It is a bittersweet time for us as Katy leaves us and starts her school journey. We said goodbye to her and her whānau on Wednesday.

Lockdown also saw the arrival of baby brothers for Liam Murry and Jacob Robertson, congratulations whānau.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Term 2**
18/05/2020 – 2/07/2020
- **Closed Queen's Birthday:**
Monday 1st June

Haere rā Katrina

The sudden Covid-19 lockdown saw us unable to properly farewell Katrina who relieved for us last term and who has gained a position at Milton kindergarten. We hope we will get to see her and properly say our goodbyes, we will miss her.



We no longer have rolling morning teas; we now have morning kai and lunch as a group. This allows for close monitoring of good hygiene practices amongst the tamariki.

We are so appreciative of you taking home your children's sleeping sheets and blankets every day.

At this point we have suspended the parent help and taking home laundry roles.

The texting before drop off and pick up continues to be helpful as it allows us to better manage the spacing between adults and achieve the ministries of Health and Educations directives to limit contact times between adults and maintain the one-meter rule.

It has been a relief to all I'm sure, that we have been able to move to a digital check in out for contact tracing. Well done everyone for coming to grips with this phone technology. 😊



This week is Samoan language week, so look out for some beautiful Samoan inspired art work and support us with our Samoan language phrases.

Thank you,
Tricia, Amy, Mon, Hayley, Jenny and Jemma.




MYSTERY PACK WINNERS

Big thank-you to all the amazing entries, we could tell a lot of effort went into the different creations. Carol (our guest judge who donated the boxes) chose to separate them into categories for judging:

4 Year Olds
Ari: Best Animal
Atawhai: Best Truck
Jayden: Runner Up Truck
Charlie: Best Story

3 Year Olds **3 Year Olds**
Flynn: Best Animal **Flynn:** Best Animal
Gus: Best Truck **Gus:** Best Truck

Siblings
Emme & Otto: Best Animal

