

Milton Kindergarten

News Letter

Term Three 2017

Kia ora whanua,

As always, Milton Kindergarten has been steadily rolling along with our day to day learning programme and are pleased to announce that our report from the Education Review Office has us well placed on the spectrum of early childhood education! I would like to thank our tamariki and whānau, who supported us through this journey.

Nau mai haere mai

As you may have noticed, there have been a few changes in faces here at Milton Kindergarten! Firstly, we sadly say goodbye to Sally and Kylie but we welcome **Cate Liddell**, Cate has a Bachelor of Teaching Endorsed in Early Childhood and is fully registered bring with her a range of experience to add to our community.

This term, we would also like to welcome to our learning community Macy, Oliver, Annaleese, Skyla, Lucah, Aubrey, Fletcher, Mason and Emily. We would like everyone's help to support them to feel welcome here at Kindergarten!

Ka kite ano

Unfortunately, it's a part of life to move on to the next exciting chapter in our lives and at Milton Kindergarten we have had some tamariki move forward onto their primary schools. Shelby and Juliet have moved Tokoiti Primary and Nayely has moved with her whānau to Canada! We wish all these families good luck on their new adventures!

HOUSE KEEPING

- We still would like to maintain our end of the day mat times and feel it is important that parents/caregivers endeavour to support us in this important learning opportunity! If you are planning on picking your child up early, please do so before mat time starts. We would love for you to join us the mat if your child is struggling to stay when they see you arrive.
- As the weather is quite fickle these days, we would appreciate as many spare changes of clothing as possible! Water and messy play is a huge part of what we do here and we are running out of spare clothing! If you have any of our spare clothes, we would like to send a gentle reminder to please bring them back!
- **Lice** are little bugs who tend to keep coming back! Make sure you check your children and treat them when necessary.
- We have also had a few cases of chicken pox—see keep an eye out for fevers and spots.
- We would like to remind whānau about the donations roster! We are sometimes missing out on morning kai which has a huge impact on how our tamariki learn!
- We noticed that there were a lot of children coming early into the kindergarten and being left unattended before 8.45am. We want everything to work for you and therefore we put out a survey to you about what you need from us. The majority voted to keep our session time as 8.45am-2.45pm and children need to be supervised before and after this time, teachers are in morning meetings.

GROUP PLANNING

Last term are group focus was Kaitiakitanga, (expectations and processes). This term we are learning about being Whakauku or being sustained and focused in our play/work.

Indicator one: Children will follow their interests.

Indicator two: Children will “go big!” and extend on their ideas.

We would like to give special thanks to Amy who has given up her time to come and share exciting experiences with the tamariki on Tuesdays.

Children have moved along their continuum of learning and are now able to create their own plans for play. Some of our children are setting their own individual goals, whilst teachers continue to support children on this journey,

As we progress through our learning plan for the term, it is great to be able to hear children share their “big idea’s” with their hoa (friends) and kaiako (teachers) . We have been loving hearing from tamariki about how they plan to achieve their goal. We have been encouraging a “big idea” concept which challenges our ākongā (learners) to think more in depth about what their goals are and how they’re going to achieve them.

Tamariki have been spending time on projects such as building intricate railway systems, organising puppet shows, rivers in the sandpit, construction with large foam shapes, so much more! Such great imagination and problem solving skills!

GROUP PLAN IN ACTION



FUNDRAISING

For our fundraiser this term, we are making calendars! We will be taking photos of the children in various places to help raise money for new resources from our wish list! The sub-committee (Kim and Sid) has been working hard and secured the sponsors for each month. Though their work they have also gained a load of fire wood to raffle from the 'Fire Wood Guys'. We now have a face book page Milton kindly friends and whanau started by Amy. We have begun our sausage sizzle fundraiser— Tuesday sausage sizzle and Friday Sav's Which we will be running until the sheep

SELF REVIEW

Our Kindergarten is going to be reviewing how well we, as teachers, make our commitment to biculturalism evident in our practice. It is a part of our annual plan that has extended on our self review on individual and group planning. It is a passion of our teachers and we feel it is our obligation and honour to uphold the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi; to be in partnership with Māori tangata whenua, iwi and hapu, protect the taonga of language and culture, and participate in upholding the language and culture.

GENERAL

Term Dates:
Term 1: 23/01/2017—13/04/2017
Term 2: 01/05/2017—07/07/2017
Term 3: 24/07/2017—29/09/2017
Term 4: 16/10/2017—20/12/2017

Healthy Heart Award
Milton Kindergarten is still working towards their healthy heart award and therefore would like to thank all the parents and families for all their support in encouraging healthy lunch choices for our taonga ataahua (precious treasures) that are our children.

Lets end with a whakatauki (proverb)

“Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi”
With your basket and my basket the people will live.

To me, this is a lovely reminder to look after each other and work together for best possible outcomes for our most precious little people.

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