

# Panui – November

## Whiringa-ā-rangi 2017



Tena koe, Hello, Bula

Welcome to term 4. We have been lucky with our weather, it has been so nice to see Te rā (the sun) shining, please remember that we ask you to ensure you to apply sun screen on your children before kindergarten, we reapply it at lunch time. Our policy states that in Term 4 and 1 everyone must wear a sun hat outside, we do have some spare hats here but we advise you to send a named hat from home, this will help prevent the spreading of head lice.

We welcome Beau Gazeley, Charlie Conder, and Ashtyn Padgett-Lewis to our kindergarten whānau. We farewell Jaxon and Cambell Padgett-Lewis off to Waitahuna School, as well as Sophia Conder and Kendal Homer to Lawrence Area School.



### Group planning

This term our group planning is for children to develop 'ngāwari' (resilience)

Our indicators this term are that children will

- develop skills to manage their feelings and behaviours through the engage programme
- follow kindergarten expectations



### ENGAGE research project

We are taking part in a research project called ENGAGE, the aim of this project is to support children to build self-control this includes impulses, thinking about the consequences of actions, being able to remember a list of instructions, or applying different rules in different situations.

The programme involves children engaging in a range of experiences that target skill areas such as attention and memory, inhibitory control, motor co-ordination, and emotional control. Each week there are 5 new games/activities to do for a total of 30 minutes a day and the level of each game will be reflected to the children's current abilities, increasing the level of difficulty over



We were very lucky to have had Anne Cheng come into kindergarten and talk to the children about the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival and works with the children and Teachers to make lanterns so we could take part in the The lantern parade. The parade coincides with the third day of the Mid-Autumn Festival celebrations which are a traditional send-off or farewell to the moon. The festival is also known as the Lantern Festival or the Moon Festival and is the second most important event in the Chinese cultural calendar.

It traditionally falls on the 15th day (full moon) of the eighth month in the lunar calendar.

The parade started at the Tuapeka Health Centre, we all walked down to Ross Place and finished up at the community green to enjoy a hot chocolate, food and singing. It was great for us to have had the opportunity to be part of the first lantern parade for Lawrence.



**We are operating a waiting list at kindergarten. It is very important you let a teacher know if you intend on increasing your days or changing them so we can try and accommodate these for you. Please also if you know of any children in the community that aren't enrolled to invite them in to visit us 😊**

## HOUSEKEEPING

- All children need to come to kindergarten with at least one change of clothes and a sunhat. Please name all belongings (and keep anything precious at home).
- We ask all families to please keep toys at home.
- The last day of Term 4 is Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.
- Personal devices at kindergarten are not permitted to take any photos or footage without consent
- Our policies that are out for consultation is health and safety policy this is located by the sign in sheets, please take 5 minutes to have a read and sign.
- Please check teachers have your updated address, phone number, and emergency contacts if they have changed.
- We have a strict no drink bottles policy at kindergarten, this is for health and safety reasons. Drinks are provided at each meal time and there is a water cooler for children to access water throughout the day from cups provided at the kindergarten.

Some of you will have heard that Starz has decided to follow her passion of farming and nannying, finishing at kindergarten on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. We would like to invite you along for a shared morning tea on her last day (9.45am, bring a long a plate of kai). We wish Starz all the best at the Millers Farm, fulfilling her passion of being a land girl. We will let you know shortly who the new teacher will be in the Goldfields Team.

*Melissa, Amber and Starz*

This month for the Know Me Eat Me programme we will be learning about lettuce. We will be carrying out a range of experiences including a science experiment looking at how lettuce drinks water, making a bird nest salad as well as eating lettuce, and different ways we can enjoy it.

