



Milton Kindergarten

Term 2, 2020

This term our group goal is Mana Whenua (a sense of belonging)

Indicator one: Children will be settled at Kindergarten

Indicator two: Children will be following the Kaitiakitanga

This term the children, their whanau, teachers and the community have experienced an unprecedented situation with Covid19 resulting in a national wide lockdown. Children's lives have been dramatically different over this time. As such, the teachers want to ensure they spend time ensuring all children can return to kindergarten and focus on their smooth transition back in to kindergarten, where effects of Covid19 continue to make changes to the way we live. Teachers will ensure that children experiences as much normality as possible, whilst supporting them through any changes. Teachers want to know and support children to share their own stories about look down to support this process.

Teachers will guide children through routines, with visual supports, role modelling and encouragement. Teachers will support children to revisit their experiences while they have been away through role modelling sharing of stories and revisiting Seesaw activities.

Teachers will use the language of learning around settling and kaitiakitanga.

Last term we fare wellled Brittany who went and joined the Police force. We wish her the best of luck on her new adventure. This term we have welcomed Katrina to the team, she's really looking forward to getting to know all of you.



Term Dates 2020

- Term 1 22/01/2020 – 09/04/2020
Term 2 28/04/2020 – 03/07/2020
Term 3 20/07/2020 – 25/09/2020
Term 4 12/10/2020 – 23/12/2020

“We are in the midst of a highly teachable moment. There is no doubt that this period will be referred to for the rest of our lifetimes. We have a chance to go deep and to go broad. Globally, we are in this together. Depth is being forced on us by great suffering, or as I like to say, always leads to great love.” – Richard Rohr

“Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much” – Helen Keller

As you know, we have been using the online learning app See Saw. Kaiako have found this to be a highly effective way of communicating and staying connected with children and whanau. The response from you all has blown us away and is truly amazing and we've loved seeing all of the wonderful work that has been contributed.



We'd like to THANK all of you for the wonderful job you have done during lockdown. We know it hasn't been easy and as a community we have faced it together. We're so grateful for your response to online learning and the packs we sent out and have loved the hard work you've put into ensuring your children have been staying connected with the Kindergarten community.

It's been great to see children settle back into Kindergarten so well. Children have been so excited to see friends and teachers and explore the environment.



A reminder that our session finishes at 2.45 and so does our licence to have children at Kindergarten without their caregiver. We would also like to remind you that after session, teachers do have meetings and professional learning that we need to attend and therefore can you please collect your children on time or find an alternative pick up if you are going to be late.

Housekeeping:

Please contact us if your child is going to be absent- this is so we know you are okay and so we can trace any illnesses.

Please ensure your children's belongings are named.

As the days are getting colder, we still like to be outside most days so please make sure your child has warm clothing. This includes jackets and shoes.

Please make sure you're child has a changes of clothes in case they happen to get wet or cold from water play or being outside.

Please check your child's hair regularly for head lice - this is going around.

Sports programme- please ensure if your child is 4 that they have a pair of running shoes for Tuesday and Thursday for the sports program.

Please ensure you sign your child in and out! This is extremely important at the moment for the purpose of contact tracing.

Please check the lost property bucket!

Reminder please can children leave home toys at home- this ensures nothing gets broken or lost.

Please can all parents/ whanau ensure they complete their parent help and donations- if you are unable to do this please swap with someone else. When this is not done it puts added pressure on teachers and/ or the whanau that continuously do it when others don't arrive. Many hands make light work and it is a small task over the whole term. Parent help ensures teachers can provide a range of resources for children to follow their interests and spend their time engaging your children in learning.

Contact Tracing.

Please remember after you have signed in each day, to fill out the contact tracing form on your way out. This is to keep us all safe and ensure we are tracing our movements within the community.

Thank you for your support with this. There is also an app you can use on your phone if you'd prefer this form of contact tracing instead.

