



Milton Kindergarten

Term 3, 2020

Playing to our strengths

Indicator one: Children will be talking about their strengths

Indicator two: Children will be developing skills and knowledge to enhance their strengths

. Through consult with whanau, they have shared that they enjoy reading the wow moments more and feel more informed. Using a notice, recognise and respond framework for children’s learning, weekly mean that teachers are documenting learning as we go- making visible the many steps and recognising what children are working on.

Teachers have spent lots of time discussing and reflecting on their ability to extend children’s interests and also build on children’s strengths. Though exploration of the literature, teachers have identified ways to identify children’s strengths- what children do often, well and with energy. The next steps/ goal for individual children will be gaining knowledge and skills to enhance these strengths.

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

“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you” – B.B King



The children have loved having Colin Mitchell spend time with us at Kindergarten fixing the wooden boxes. They’ve been right in there helping put the screws in and carrying tools for Colin. Its great to have Colin share his expertise with us.



Last term we focused on Mana whenua (sense of belonging) as we settled back into Kindergarten. This involved following routines, the kaititaktanga and supporting others.



This term children have been building on their strengths and talents. Teachers have been supporting children to extend on these and also been encouraging them to see themselves as experts and to share their strengths and talents with their peers.

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.

Last term we fare welled Charlotte who went to continue her learning journey at Tokoiti School.



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.

There is also an app you can use on your phone. We strongly recommend you choose this form of contact tracing instead. Thank you for your support with this.

This term we are starting the Tooth brushing programme as well as the fluoride varnish programme. Tooth brushing will happen every day after lunch and we are lucky enough to be provided with toothbrushes and toothpaste for everyone.

The fluoride programme happens every 6 months. Once on the dental bus at the start of the year and again in September at kindergarten.

You should have all received an information sheet and consent forms that need to be returned.



On Wednesday 9th September it is Teddy Bear day!

Hopefully Colin will be able to bring his Teddy bear collection in to share with us.

Children will need to bring their teddy (or favourite toy) to kindy, where we will have some games and an afternoon picnic together.

Subject to level alerts and restrictions.

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 warmer, we are spending more time outside in all weather. Please make sure your child has warm clothing for the colder mornings and lighter clothing for the warm afternoons. This includes jackets and shoes.

Please make sure you're child has a changes of clothes incase they happen to get wet 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

This term we have Sacha Cochrane on her final practicum with us. Sacha will be here from Mon 10th August – Fri 11th September. She is looking forward to getting to know all of the children and their whanau.



