

GOLDFIELDS KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER



Mahuru / September 2021

Kia ora, Talofa lava and Hello

Welcome to spring, with this new season now upon us Te rā (the sun) is shining and we are looking forward to the nice weather!



Next Term is the start of our Summer terms. It is South Otago Kindergartens policy that in Term 4 & 1 everyone needs to have sunblock and sun hats to play outdoors, so can you please start applying sunblock to your child before kindergarten and send them along with a sun hat. We have a limited supply of hats for children to use if necessary. Teachers reapply sunscreen after lunch around 12pm. If your child needs a specific sensitive sunscreen, bring it to kindergarten so we can use it for them.

Alert Level 2

Thank you so much for your support in following our Level 2 changes. We are so thankful for the community spirit and how you all pulled together.



Some kupu we have been practicing this term is hanawiti - sandwich, aporo - apple, arini - orange, huakiwi - kiwifruit and kua mutu - finished.

WELCOMES & FAREWELLS

We are saying haere rā to Aila this month, we wish you and your whānau all the best as you settle into your new house and community.



Welcome to Julie, our new teacher who started with us this week. We are so excited to have you join our teaching team.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Daylight Saving Starts:**
- Sunday 26th September
- **Dress Up Day:** Monday 27th Sept
- **Term 3 Ends:** Thursday 30 Sept
- **Kindergarten Closed:** 4 - 7 October
- **Term 4 Starts:** Monday 11 Oct

WAITING LIST

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.

Kindergarten Cellphone:

021 242 0429

Make sure you have the correct contact number for contacting Kindergarten and teachers.

WATER PLAY



There will be water play for the rest of the year, so please pack extra changes of clothes.

GROUP PLANNING

This term we have been focused on **Ngā Hononga / Relationships**. It was wonderful to see our tamariki so keen and eager to settle back into Kindergarten and share what they had done in their bubbles. Thank you to those whānau who have shared some pictures of their time at home.

This will be a new ritual for us here at Kindergarten where we will print and display the family “moments” you share on story park. The tamariki have been excited to see their home experiences on the wall and korero with their friends about these.



Some recent highlights this term have been Cook Islands language week and Te wiki o te Reo Maori. Our tamariki have continued to strengthen their relationships and have found the value of engaging in Tuakana-Teina relationships. These are the relationships between younger and older learners.



New Tuk Tuk Bike

We are very lucky to have some new equipment, you may have noticed our new Tuk Tuk Bike that the tamariki have been working towards since the start of the year. It is so wonderful to be able to acknowledge their hard work and effort.

