

# Poupoutunoa Kindergarten

## Newsletter

January 2021



“Tell me and I forget,  
teach me and I  
remember, involve me  
and I learn”

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to Poupoutunoa Kindergarten for a brand new term and new year.

The teachers are excited to see all your lovely smiley faces back. The tamariki have settled back in to kindergarten so well. Getting back into routines, and are enjoying getting involved in many different activities here at Kindy.

**Fundraising Update-** we made \$1575 from the Clinton Lions Club Christmas Dinner. Many thanks to all that supported us!!

### Whanau Involvement

This term we are introducing whanau involvement, which is a fantastic opportunity for parents to meet with teachers and discuss their child's learning and aspirations during their time at Kindergarten. Please find attached a time for you to come in during the term and please feel free to let a teacher know if this time doesn't suit and we can find another time or day.

### Upcoming project

We are wanting to make a Kindergarten Scarecrow for our vegetable garden. If any families have any of the following items at home they could donate, please let us know- Many thanks ☺

- old pants/jeans
- a sack
- boots
- straw
- wooden poles
- straw hat
- old shirt

### Healthy Heart

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February we are having a fun “red day” in support of the Heart foundation. Please feel free to dress in red and we will have some fun activities supporting a healthy life style for the children to take part in.

Thank you for your support.

### Wet Bags

Could families please remember to put some form of bag, such as a wet bag/reusable bag in children's kindy bag for wet clothing. We do a lot of water play and need something to put children's wet clothing in when they get changed. This is also a necessity if your child is toilet training.

### Important upcoming dates...

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb - Waitangi Day

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Otago Anniversary

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Good Friday

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Monday

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Teacher only day.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April- ANZAC Day

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June- Queens Birthday

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Teacher only day

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October- Labour Day

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December- Last Day of Kindy for 2021

This term at Kindergarten we are focusing on **fostering children's independence in becoming competent and confident learners**. We as teachers want to support children in becoming independent learners. Developing the skills to give it a go and understanding that failure is ok, as that is how we learn. Teachers want to empower children in developing a 'can do' attitude, where they give things a go for themselves first and then asking a friend or teacher for help if they are still stuck.

To further support children's learning we would like to ask parents to support children in taking responsibility for their own belongings; **such as encouraging children to put away bags and lunch boxes ready for the day ahead. As well as supporting them to get ready for the end of the day; such as putting their shoes on and packing their own bags.**

The younger children can also be supported in this by parents talking through the steps to prepare their child for the day ahead or getting their child ready at the end of the day.



