

MILTON KINDERGARTEN

Term 2, 2022

Term Dates 2022
Term 1:
 24th January- 14th April
Term 2:
 2nd May- 8th July
Term 3:
 25th July- 30th September
Term 4:
 17th October- 21st December

Term planning: Promoting Te Au Māori

Key links: Developing working theories, promoting atua Māori, developing Te reo Māori (that moves past directional language)

Attitudes: playfulness, curiosity, exploration.

Using a notice, recognise and respond formula to enrich children's play and learning though Te Ao Māori



Mauri catches the sun – all the ways this pakiwaitara can be extended into children's learning



Meaningfully incorporate te reo Māori and tikanga Māori into the everyday life of the place of learning “

National Education and Learning Priorities

Provide opportunities for teachers/kaiako and educators to build their teaching capability, knowledge and skills in te reo Māori and tikanga Māori, and support them to strengthen their teaching practices to integrate te reo Māori throughout.

Exploring and extending, using natural resources, and how Tawhirimatea plays his part in shaping our natural world



Challenging and refining children's working theories, as they make links with what they know about modern day hero's and villains' and atua Māori.

A big welcome

We have several new children that we would like to welcome to Milton Kindergarten. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your whanau!



Andre



Delilah



Harvey



Jacob



Mason



Mia



Millie



Riley



Indi



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COVID-19

Kia ora whanau,

The News Letter provides our current situation, with the following additional measures.

Due to the high numbers of influenza and covid cases we will resume drop off and pick ups outside.

We will release your children when you arrive at kindergarten at pick up time and if you could arrive at or after 8.45am so a teacher can meet you at the door.

We thank you all so much for your support at this time, and our aim is to keep everyone as safe as possible and ensure we have teachers at work doing what they love, for your children.

We will keep you updated with any changes

Date: Wednesday 8th June 2022

 South Otago Kindergartens
Update for Whānau

Tēnā koutou,

Firstly, thank you to each and every one of you for playing your part as we try and find a way to minimise the effects of Covid and influenza that is constantly doing the rounds in our communities.

This is just a reminder as to what would help ensure that we can keep our kindergartens open during these challenging winter months.

It is evidenced that teachers have been the work force that has been hugely impacted by the Covid outbreak in Aotearoa and now we have the additional challenges of the influenza that is hitting our communities alongside Covid. As an employer we are trying to minimise the risk to our teaching staff but also we are trying to ensure that we can continue to operate and keep our kindergartens open which may not be an option if all our staff get sick at the same time.

We are asking for your support as we try and work through this.

Important things to remember

- Please wear your mask when inside the kindergarten building and for drop off and pick up
- If your child is showing any symptoms of sickness please keep them at home
- Can you please inform your teachers if you or your child or family member has Covid or Influenza, we are collecting data to send to the Ministry as they are making decisions based on this data around the effects on child attendance and this relates to how we are funded. We need accurate information to help secure funding and remain open.
- Please remember each kindergarten is constantly adjusting to help minimise the spread within their individual communities so you may be asked by the teaching team to follow different processes as the wave goes through the community. I ask you to please support them with these procedures. They are not put in place to annoy anyone, we are just trying to ensure we remain open and available for all our families to attend.

We will continue to strongly encourage vaccination for all those eligible. Our workforce at the moment is all fully vaccinated, and our communities are also highly vaccinated.

We will continue with our other health measures, including handwashing, hygiene, ventilation, cough etiquette, and staying home when sick.

Thank you

We thank you for your patience and continued engagement with us. We understand this is yet another period of change, and so we appreciate your ongoing support for kindergarten. We will continue to work together to ensure your children come to a place that is warm and welcoming where learning is fun.

Ngā mihi nui
Gillan Crawford
Senior Teacher

Find out more at [Covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz)
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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.

Please check your child's hair regularly for head lice

Sports programme- please ensure if your child is 3 and 4 that they have a pair of running shoes for 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.

Donations

As you are aware from the start of the year we changed our donation system to a termly donation of \$5.00. This payment is due as soon as possible either via bank transfer or we can accept cash and we can then deposit the money (the payment details are below). We would like to thank those whanau that have already completed their payments.

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**Please use MILTON as the reference.
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the teachers.**

It is with a heavy heart that we will be saying farewell to Wiki at the end of the term, as the Maternity cover comes to an end.

As always it is not goodbye, as once you are a member of the Milton kindergarten whanau, you will always remain so.

Wiki is an incredibly kind, fun and knowledgeable teacher. She has taught us so much, and in particular with our bi-cultural program.

The children adore Wiki and I know they will all feel her absence in the kindergarten. It is my deep hope that Wiki may return to us some day in the future. And if not we know that Wiki will be supporting children and teachers somewhere!

We want to say a huge thank you to all of you for your support with your feedback on story park. We have been loving all the interaction and feedback you have been giving us and it helps us towards your child's learning also. Its wonderful and a privilege when you share stories form home with us.
Please keep up your feedback.

REMINDER

Kia ora whanau. We are aware that many whanau in the community are experiencing high levels of stress and anxiety, these are challenging times presently, with lots of uncertainty for many.

We ask that whanau at kindergarten do their best to recognize these current struggles and do their best to be kind to others. As a kindergarten, we are looking at ways our community can work together, if you have any ideas please talk to Emma - together we are stronger!

Teachers are available to support whanau, in any way that we can, this is our place, so let's protect it for our children.

