

Newsletter

15th May 2020

Term 2 — Week 3

Dear families,

Term 2 is now well underway, with all of our children now back in attendance. The children have reconnected very well with us as well as each other. It's been very nice to get back to the new normal here at Kindy.

Thankyou for helping us to keep our Kindy and extended community healthy. It is still important that we maintain social distancing between adults and practice good hygiene. We are still signing in and out children to avoid cross-contamination of pens. A reminder to please keep your child at home if they are presenting with fever or respiratory symptoms.

Uncle Tamaru resumed his visits on Tuesday this week (next week he will visit on Wednesday) and Rebecca Mumford will return next week for gardening lessons on Monday and Tuesday mornings. All visitors to Kindergarten are required to complete a COVID-19 declaration form for each visit.

Kindergarten photos will be taken by hills local Stephanie Bettison on Wednesday 3rd June and Thursday 4th June. Order forms are in your child's notice pocket. I will attach the forms to this newsletter as well.

I have placed some information in your child's notice pockets about "Pattern" and "Early number experiences" - hopefully this is useful for you. We have been collecting data about each child's understanding of pattern, and their number sense, and will use this information to support their ongoing learning. Keep an eye on entries to your child's learning journal to learn about your child's current ability and levels of understanding, and the areas for growth/further practice. If you would like to discuss anything with us further, please don't hesitate to ask.

We have been working towards goals in our Learning Improvement Plan (see attached goals). Each term we have at least two "check-in" staff meetings to see how we are tracking, and we are entitled to four student free days to help us work towards the goals. We have already had one student free day at the beginning of term 1, with other dates to be communicated to you as soon as possible after endorsement from the Governing Council.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch! All the best, **Bianca**



Oliver and Edgar sharing a book about dinosaurs. I wonder what they discovered?

COMMUNICATION ABOUT CHILDREN'S LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Seesaw and learning journals:

As you would be aware, we use Seesaw to communicate with you about your child's learning and development. Sometimes we post straight to Seesaw, and other times we create documentation by hand or digitally and then post it to Seesaw. In the past few days, we have been working on updating the documentation in your child's learning journal, so next time you are at Kindy please take a look.

Borrowing your child's learning journal to take home:

We have found that children really love looking through their learning journal at Kindy, and they might also like to borrow it to show their family at home sometimes. There is a borrowing record in the back of the basket of learning journals — please record the date that you borrow and return. As we only have one copy of each learning journal, please take good care of it and return it on your child's next Kindy day. You are most welcome to write notes to your child, provide additional information to enrich pieces of documentation with your perspective, or scribe what your child tells you about an experience or piece of work! Please consider your child's learning journal a shared artifact!

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Calendar dates

MONDAY 18th May

9am Gardening with Rebecca

TUESDAY 19TH May

9am Gardening with Rebecca
6:30pm Governing council meeting

WEDNESDAY 20TH May

Bianca at meeting – Jenifer relief teacher
9-11am Uncle Tamaru visit

FRIDAY 22nd May

Kindy session for Tuesday/Thursday group 10:30am-3:30pm

WEDNESDAY 27th May—

WEDNESDAY 3rd June

Reconciliation week

TUESDAY 2nd June

1-3pm Uncle Tamaru visit

WEDNESDAY 3rd June

Kindy photos taken

THURSDAY 4th June

Kindy photos taken

MONDAY 8th June

Public holiday

WEDNESDAY 10th June

Uncle Tamaru visit 9:30-11:30am

MONDAY 15th June

Uncle Tamaru visit 9:30-11:30am

TUESDAY 16th June

Uncle Tamaru visit 9:30-11:30am
6:30pm Governing council meeting

WEDNESDAY 24th June

Possible Student Free Day (TBC)

MONDAY 29th June

9am Gardening with Rebecca

TUESDAY 30th June

9am Gardening with Rebecca

Staffing

Cathy has returned to working on Mondays with Bianca and Vikki. The term 2 staff roster is: Mondays: Bianca, Cathy, Vikki; Tuesdays: Bianca (office), Hayley, Cathy, Janelle; Wednesdays: Bianca, Hayley, Vikki; Thursdays: Hayley, Cathy, Janelle.

Can you help?

Uncle Tamaru is working with us and the children to develop a plan for a mural on the wall opposite the children's lockers. Would you like to be involved in the design process? Let us know! Before we can start on the mural, we need to prepare the wall. We were wondering if one of our families has a *painting business*, and would be interested in providing us a quote for this work. We would like to cover the indented space where the old lockers were so that the entire wall is a flat surface. Let Bianca know if you are interested, or know of somebody who might be!

Feedback about current Kindergarten groups

Please keep an eye out for an email in the coming week with a link to a quick survey via Survey Monkey. We are seeking your feedback on the current Kindergarten groups, and will also be asking families who have submitted a registration of interest for 2021 kindergarten. We look forward to your perspective to help us with our planning for 2021. Kindergarten groups will not change for 2020.

Your governing council

If you would like any matters to be discussed in upcoming governing council meetings, you can either drop a note into the gold "suggestions" box (on the shelf where we had the parent/caregiver sign-in sheets), contact one of the council members via their child's notice pocket, or let one of the staff know.

Governing council members are: Bianca Stanbridge (director), Cathy Willoughby-Tuma (staff and WHS rep), Tegan Jimenez (Chairperson—Mya's mum—T/Th group), Alice Maggs (Deputy Chairperson—Posie & Claudia's mum—M/W group), Kirsten Orchard (Secretary—Matilda's mum—M/W group), Robbie Brocklebank (Treasurer—Parker's dad—T/Th group), Alexis Zobel (general member—Luca's mum—T/Th group), Annabel Hirst (general member—Alice's mum—M/W group)



Mud glorious mud! Elijah and Tilly enjoyed the mud-patch, with clothing protection courtesy of our Mudlarks overalls!

Remember to send a couple of sets of spare clothing in your child's bag each day just in case of accidents and/or to encourage exploration and messy play!



Thankyou Lucas for bringing a very unusual fruit for us to learn about—does your child remember what it is called?

Have a fantastic weekend!

**Bianca, Hayley, Cathy, Vikki
and Janelle**