

# Casa Nova November Newsletter

Thank you for all of your support—from the Teaching Team

*Kia orana, Mālō e lelei, Talofa, Hallo, , ׁוּמָשְׁטֵיִם Namaste, Bula, Hola, Aloha, Assalamualaikum, Kamusta, Kia ora, Hello*



## Teaching and Learning:

We have had a wonderful start to Term 4 which is now quickly flying by. Our new whare is becoming a well loved part of our session, provoking lots of family and occupational role play. We enjoyed cooking for the rangatira at Waitaki Boys that made this and taking a hikoi up there to deliver our thanks. We got an unexpected tour of the Hall of Memories and got to have a look at the agricultural part of the School—there are so many tamariki excited about attending Waitaki Boys in the future now.

The weather has warmed up significantly and with this comes many opportunities for sustained exploration in the outdoor environment—what we have observed is the calm and patient way tamariki are involved with no worry or hurry as they set goals and explore their ideas.

Our Group Learning Priority is Manaaki and Kaiako are supporting, building upon, acknowledging and provoking our thinking around what manaaki looks like at Casa Nova for people places and things.



## Safety in the Sun:

Please ensure your child comes to Kindergarten with a named Sun hat to enjoy the Summer terms outdoors. We have had a lot of headlice around so we are avoiding sharing hats.

Please apply sunscreen to your child in the morning and we will reapply this throughout the day.



## Reminders:

Please respect our session times 8.45am—2.45 pm. Outside of these hours Kaiako have many busy tasks to complete. We are also not licensed to have tamariki here outside of these hours.

Please text or ring if your child is going to be away—0274754266.

Don't forget you rostered morning kai week. We also ask you do some washing for us on this week.

## End of Year:

Kindergarten finishes on the 18th of December and we return on January the 19th.

To celebrate and support the end of our year and also to say haere ra to Jo we are planning a special buffet lunch at the Galleon. We are inviting all whānau to join us. Lunch for tamariki attending Kindergarten is covered and if you are wanting to join us to eat then the cost will be \$10 per adult (this is subsidized) and \$6 per child (we are inviting younger siblings at your own cost).

For those not attending on this day please come along, you will just have to ensure you are responsible for your own child to ensure we stay in ratio. We will be in the restaurant only.



We are still confirming a day and time but please pencil in the 10th of December 12.30pm. We are planning to walk up from Kindergarten at this stage and so would like tamariki attending to be picked up if possible from the Galleon by 2.45pm.

We hope to have a special visit from Santa after kai. Every Kindergarten child will receive a small gift from Santa. We have not talked to tamariki about this yet until plans are finalized. Once we have this all confirmed we will need to know definite numbers for our booking.

## Staffing:

Sadly Jo is still leaving (we haven't been able to change her mind) and this means we will be starting a new Kaiako in her position in 2021. Gillian Rossiter who is currently teaching at Edna McCulloch will be joining us from the start of Term 1 2021. We look forward to her joining the team. We will also be advertising a part time position shortly to cover Fran's old role.

We want to take the opportunity to thank Jo for her great dedication to Casa Nova over the past few years. Jo is the most amazing Kaiako with a true passion for building upon tamariki learning. Jo has helped not only tamariki build upon their ako but supported many parents, whānau and Kaiako with strategies for their own parenting and teaching. She is going to be missed greatly by us all and we wish her the best of luck with her new and rather different life in Auckland.



## Fundraising Team News:

A big thank you to all for your support with our Plant Sale we made around \$700 which is great. Thanks to the Devlin family for their donation of the seeds and the seed mix; to everyone who grew and/or supplied plants, to Stacey and Leish for helping us sell them and to all whānau who bought plants—a great way to get everyone involved in fundraising. We would like to make this an annual event—indoor plants were most popular so please consider taking cuttings if you have indoor plants and growing these out in 2021.

We are currently asking for 2 items or \$10 for our Holiday Raffle. Can these please be in by the 27th of November so we can make the raffles up. When this is done we will ask everyone to sell some tickets.

The Fundraising Team has approved some spending to update some of our resources—we will do this by the end of the term. They will also support our end of year celebration by subsidising some of this.

Many members of our Fundraising Team are now finished or finishing as Kindergarten whānau. This means we are on the hunt for new team members—this is a pretty easy team to be involved in—one half hour meeting a term and a little extra time if we are organizing fundraisers. Kaiako are really supportive too ensuring many hands make light work. Please see a Kaiako if you would like to find out more. Being involved is also a great way to develop further relationships with other Kindergarten whānau.

A big thanks to all who contribute to Fundraising efforts. Fundraising means we have money for special projects and resources that are often outside of our budget limitations.