

Haere Mai, Malo 'e' lei, Hola, ਸਤ ਸਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ, Ayubowan, Talofa, Selamat Pagi, Welkom & a warm greeting to all our whānau at Edna McCulloch Kindergarten!

A special warm welcome to all our new whānau who have joined us, it is great to have you here.



The kindergarten year is fast coming to an end and we would like to thank you all for your support throughout the year. A special thank you to our committee who do a wonderful job supporting the teaching team. They are in the process of organising a bake sale on the 6th December at the Farmers Market - details below.

Teaching and Learning

As a result of feedback we received from you last term about what you felt was important for our tamariki to learn at Kindergarten, we have identified our new learning priorities for Edna McCulloch Kindergarten. Over the coming year as a group we are focussing on Whanaungatanga/Relationships, Maia/ Confidence, Manaakitanga/Respect and Diversity. As part of this, we have spent a large part of this term taking advantage of having extra adults in the programme by making connections with each other with lots of short walks to our

friends houses, school and around our community. Our focus on group projects such as our life cycle of the caterpillar etc has supported our tamariki to share ideas and interests, build friendships and confidence in the use of artistic mediums.

Bake Sale

We are holding a bake sale on the 6^{th} December 2020 and will need help. Each whanau will be given a baking tray which needs to be filled with delicious baking and dropped back to Kindergarten on the Friday, 4^{th} Dec or between $2-3:30 \, \text{pm}$ on Saturday 5^{th} December. Any volunteers to help on the Sunday between 8 and $1:30 \, \text{pm}$ would be welcome - Please see Sarah. Proceeds from the bake display will be used to improve the area outside that is under cover.

* Kindy's last day for 2020 is Friday, the 18th of Dec.

* Check the lost property and your child's art box as all clothing and art work will be recycled during the holidays.

*The cleaning Roster will be displayed from the 7th December 2020

* Christmas Party 8th December 2020

* Kindy reopens on Tuesday 19th January 2021.



Xmas Kindergarten Party

To celebrate the end of the year, we are holding a sausage sizzle picnic on Tuesday 8th Dec at Kindergarten. Put on your swimming togs and come along for a fun day of singing, water sliding, food, drink and a special visitor!! More info to come.



Time: 11:30 - 2pm

Welcome and Farewell...

Welcome to: Eric Hosie, Kshanthi Sharma, Morgan Wallace, Piper Creba, Willow Roxburgh. We hope you and your whanau enjoy your time with us! Over the term,

we sadly say ka kite ano to the following tamariki: Aysha Timpson, Beau Frew, Charlotte King, Frankie Bluett, Maisie Hannagan, Noah Timpson, Tyson Cromwell.

We wish them all the best for their next stage of their learning journey. As we have a number of tamariki transitioning off to school in the new year - now is

Celebrating International Vegan Day.

the time to talk to Sarah about swapping or increasing days 🕲



Teaching Changes

As you know we welcomed Kendall Smith to our team at the start of November. Kendall comes from Waimate and has quickly settled in



building whanaungatanga with all our tamariki. At the end of the term, we also sadly say ka kite \bar{a} no to Gillian who has been a valuable member of our team for $5\frac{1}{2}$ years. Gillian has decided to reduce her hours to be able to focus more on her wellbeing and her family. Gillian will be transferring into a part-time role at Casa Nova Kindergarten. Next year, Sarah has resigned from her Early Intervention secondment role with the Ministry of Education and will be returning to the Kindergarten $\times 5$ days per week.

As always, we thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement. Sarah, Gillian, Joy, Sacha, Kendall and Rebecca.