

Casa Nova Kindergarten

Newsletter September 2021

Kia orana, Mālō e lelei, Talofa,

Namaste, Bula, Aloha, Kamusta, Assamalualaikum, Hola, Hello and welcome to Casa Nova Kindergarten for Term 3, 2021.



We first created this newsletter on Tuesday August 17 and at 6 pm that night the Prime Minister announced that we would enter a nationwide Level 4 lockdown! Kaiako came back in to work that night to pack up for the unexpected end to the week and prepare to support learning for your tamariki at home! Unfortunately this made a lot of the content of the first draft instantly irrelevant and some content is from a while ago which we apologise for!

Rahui Highlights: Although we were instantly isolated from each other as a community/hapori—our community spirit shone through during Level 3 and 4. We would like to say how grateful we were for the photos, texts, comments, stories that you shared as a learning community to keep us connected, this was really appreciated. Highlights for us were delivering the goody packs around to you all and seeing smiling faces, waves from the window, and feedback from our whānau and tamariki about their learning at home!

It is great to be back at kindergarten, seeing you all kanohi to kanohi, face to face and learning together again, thank you for your patience and kindness, supporting us all to keep safe during Level changes.

If you have ideas or aspirations for your tamariki's learning we always want to hear—please come and talk to us.



Welcome Erin!

We are lucky to welcome our new Teacher Aide Erin McLeod to Casa Nova Kindergarten. Erin has recently returned to her hometown of Oamaru after a few years away in Invercargill. Erin is Mum to Lukas (13) and Willow (2). She has been enjoying developing relationships with your tamariki and looks forward to meeting you. We are enjoying the yummy kai she cooks for us each day. Welcome to Casa Nova and Welcome home Erin!



What's been happening with our ako (learning) this term

...Our Ako Rōpu (Group Learning) Priority is Manaakitanga.

This is showing caring, kindness, empathy, generosity and supporting each other. It is also one of our Curriculum

Priorities, 'Tamariki are supported and extended to

demonstrate Manaaki, take responsibility and show aroha for people, places and things'. This also sits beside tamariki's ongoing interest in learning more about sustainability and manaakitanga for Papatuanuku, her creatures and living things and showing manaaki to care for our planet. Kaiako have been using role play, Kelly and Sarah put on a little show—we pretended to have a little disagreement at whaariki time! Tamariki gave us ideas to solve the problem and what Sarah could



do and who she could ask for help. Your child may have shared about this at home! We have also been using puppetry, storytelling and rewarding those showing manaaki with special jobs and responsibilities (for example a trip to the supermarket). These first few weeks of term have been a time to re-connect and re-engage with each other and our environment.

During the term break your Kaiako engaged in professional training. Sue attended a Family Harm Conference—The Ripple Effect 3. While Sarah, Kelly and Gillian attended a workshop day presented by the Education Review Office, Te Tari Arotake Maatauranga, unpacking the new quality indicators (Te Ara Poutama).

Reminders for Term 3:

- Remember a winter hat and warm clothing.
- Thanks for all the morning tea donations and help with washing, please see the roster for your turn.
- If your child is unwell, including coughs and runny noses **please keep them at home to avoid the spread of illness.** Runny green noses are a concern at present.
- If your child is away please let us know, we have many casual enrolments wanting spaces. A text is great.
- ***Our session times are 8.45 am—2.45 pm. Thank you for not arriving/leaving before or after these times.***



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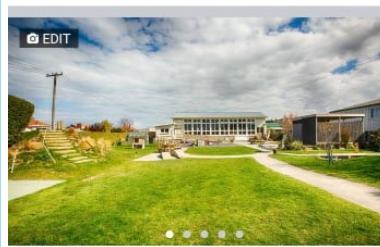


1. (noun) hospitality, kindness, generosity, support others.

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Kia Orana! Today at Casa Nova we celebrated our own Olympic Games. We had already held our opening ceremony last week with Popo and Amiya as flagbearers. Today Tamariki challenged themselves to participate and mahi tahi/work together in new games and skills. There were a range of events; Playground Sprint, Longish Jump, Diving, Rugby Sevens (or fours, fives and sixes), and the final big event was the Obstacle Course. Tamariki all gathered together to watch and cheer each other on as they had a go. There were a number of medal ceremonies held through the morning, we presented each other with medals for showing manaakitanga - being a team player... See More

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