

Casa Nova Kindergarten Newsletter December 2021



Kia ora whānau, it is hard to believe we are nearly at the end of the final term of the year.

Over 2021 we have had an on going focus on manaakitanga –which is demonstrated through the expression of respect, generosity, kindness and caring –building up the mana of others and enhancing your own mana through your

actions. This term with several of our tamariki transitioning to school and younger and less experienced children joining Kindy this has

become key learning once again. It is a chance for our next generation to step up into the role of mentoring and it has been awesome to see so many take on this role with confidence and capability.



We have also had some celebrations together - Fijian language week and birthday's. We want to thank our amazing families for their generosity in taking the time to share their culture and to acknowledge special days with us. We were also honoured to have a visit from Waitaki Boys High School Pasifika group—what an incredible performance. It had all our children drumming anything they could get their hands on!

Ngā mihi nui to Teresa, who has joined the Casa Nova team—stepping into Erin's role. Teresa has had lots of experience cooking for shearing teams and at school camps and we are all enjoying working alongside her. Teresa lives on a sheep and beef farm on the out skirts of Oamaru with her husband Stefan and her four children Ben (20), Liam(17), Emily (15) and Harry (12).



Reminders for Term 4:

- Remember a sunhat -tamariki must have a sunhat on to play outside .
- If your child has an allergy to sunscreen please bring in a brand that they can use.
- Please include spare clothes in your child's bag each day as over summer we have a lot of water play. Also plenty of spare undies if your child is toilet training.
- 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.

Some important reminders:

-Masks must be worn by everyone coming into the Kindergarten.

-Term four ends on Tuesday 21st December and the new term begins on the Thursday 20th January.



Oamaru Kindergarten Association Facebook Page

Find and give this page a 'Like' to keep up to date with what is happening throughout the Association—Casa Nova Kaiako post a weekly update about the learning happening in our place.

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Fundraising— The fundraising team has supported the purchase and distribution of Duffy's books to our tamariki. Reading books with children can spark imagination, and curiosity . It helps to extend language and the formation of different sounds, communication and social skills. It also assists cognitive development, concentration and focus –not to mention the down time and fun sharing stories together can be!



Professional Development –Gillian attended a workshop with Joseph Driessen, ' Learning and Well-being for Boy's' . This was a very worthwhile course, which included both practical and valuable knowledge and strategies -backed by large scale research– on how to best understand and support our boys to be confident and competent learners within the New Zealand education system. Joseph travels the world speaking on this topic (and many others). He has podcasts, Ted talks and a slot on RNZ National radio each week for anyone is interested in learning more.

We need spare clothes!

Does anyone have any spare boy's pants and undies- sizes 3,4 or 5 years? We would appreciate these items at Kindy –it doesn't matter if they are old and worn.

We have none!

End of year Celebration



Pease note: Due to OKA policy and ministry regulations in relation to covid we cannot have parents/caregivers or whānau at our end of year party.

We will be celebrating on the 14th and 15th of December with a Christmas lunch and dress-up day.

We are asking our families to think of others this Christmas time and to donate a non-perishable food item for the food bank. We will collect these at Kindy.

From all the kaiako at Casa Nova

Kindergarten we wish you a safe and very happy holiday season.