



Tena koe, talofa, zdravo, 여보세요, Malo e leilei ...

Kia ora whānau

Matariki is just around the corner and to celebrate Māori new year tamariki have been involved in many activities, from creating lanterns, making stars, to making rain clouds and creating their own Kawa, which is an agreement on our ways of being and treating each other in kindergarten. Tamariki have been on a learning journey around what this cluster of stars means and what each star represents individually. They have been doing this through waiata, pukapuka, crafts and korero. We will also be making friendship soup on the week of the 20th of June that we will share with each other along with parāoa/bread on the 23rd. Can you please send along on the 20th a vegetable that they would like to add to our friendship soup that we will be making that day.

We have also just recently updated our Kindergarten Moemoea, this is....

Ka whakanuia e matou te whanaungatanga kaha me te tautuutu ki o matou whānau me o matou tamariki. Ka awhi tatou i te kanorau o roto i te taiao e tautoko ana, e whakaute ana, e akiaki ana i te māia, te manaakitanga me te kotahitanga.

We value strong respectful and reciprocal relationships with our families and children. We embrace intercultural diversity within our environment that is supportive, respectful and encourages confidence, caring, nurturing, loving, unity and collaboration.





Holmes Kindergarten



Sam was congratulated at our AGM in May on achieving her Post Graduate Diploma in ECE in 2021



We also congratulated Katalina on gaining her Full Teacher Registration in 2021

We have also welcomed our new Kaiako Mandy. Please feel free to introduce yourself to Mandy. Here is a little bit about her.....



My name is Mandy So, I am so delighted to be joining the teaching team at Holmes as a full-time Kaiako. Last year, I was a teacher support/student teacher in Holmes Kindergarten and Edna McCulloch Kindergarten, and I have now completed my Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education).

I grew up in Hong Kong and spent eight years studying and working in Australia. My prior professional experiences were human resources, hospitality, and early childhood education.

I enjoy spending time with tamariki to play, learn and explore together. I am excited and passionate about being with them on their learning journey.

My family (husband and two children) and I lived in Oamaru for two and half years. We fell in love with Oamaru and are grateful to everyone we have met in this community. Moreover, I like hiking with my family and exploring nature.

I am looking forward to meeting you all and knowing more about your tamariki and whānau.

Ngā mihi Mandy



Fundraising

A big kia ora to our new fundraising team, Anna Bole President, Fiona Dunnett secretary, Yvette Coulman, Melissa Holmes, Lauren Hewett, Justine Robins, Shelley Edgar and Abby Robinson. These parents are supporting the kindergarten with ongoing fundraising ideas that help to purchase extra equipment for our children that extends interests and ideas. We have just had a small Succulent fundraiser thank you to all that participated in this. At the end of July, we will be having a Pie fundraiser so please keep an eye out for this.

Please Remember,

- Please send your child with clothing for all weather including a **NAMED** jacket, as we do not limit outdoor play even in the rain- gumboots are a wonderful idea to provide as well.
- Please ensure children have **named** spare cloths as we often engage in sensory and messy play. As we support children to be responsible for their belongings it is easier if these items are **named**.
- We are going plastic free; can you please send with your child their reusable wet clothing bags for wet clothing to go home in.
- Please provide healthy lunch as this supports our bodies and brains for a day of ako. We are an **ALL-NUT FREE** kindergarten
- Upcoming dates that we are closed **24th June Matariki** and the **21 and 22 July** for Teacher only days.
- Kindergarten Photos are on the **17 August at 9:30am**, all welcome to come along even if it's not your day.
- Hours tamariki can be at kindergarten, **8:30 until 2:30**, please it is vital that we keep to these hours as these are our operation licenced hours and outside of these we are in breach of our licence. Kaiako are at kindergarten from 8 until 4:30 this is time for setting up and time that Kaiako have meetings.
- Sophie Harding is our Speech and Language Therapist from the Ministry of Education: she will be visiting at least once a term to support Kaiako and individual tamaiti and whanau. If you have any wonderings about your child's language or communication development and would like Sophie to engage with you or your child, please korero with Kaiako.



- We are also on the lookout for some of these yogurt lids please.
- If your child is going to be absent, please let us know as we have tamariki wanting extra days 021429408