

Maheno Kindergarten Newsletter

Kia ora, Bula, Welcome

Term 2 2022

Welcome to our Kindergarten Community: Andrew, Manraj, Zak, and Maddison and your whānau.

Thanks to our fabulous fundraising committee, we have been able to purchase some new resource's such as a light tray, water channels, and a mirrored table. This money was to be used to extend the sandpit but this will now be included with the new building- when it is built. I am sure you are all aware of how building costs have skyrocketed and so there is an inevitable delay...but it is coming 😊

We will continue to purchase new resources for the outdoors like more planks, climbing equipment and mats with the monies raised from fundraising.

You will have noticed that there are times when one or more of the Kaiako are away. This is because we are now open all year and staff still need to take Annual Leave and professional time.

If you or your child has a cough, cold, runny nose, or sore throat- please do not come to kindergarten. We need to send your child home if they develop any of these symptoms while at kindergarten. Please don't be offended. It is part of our "orange" Covid safety procedures. We encourage anyone with these symptoms to get a Covid test and to remain at home until a negative result is returned.

Tamariki Learning/ Ako Rōpu (group learning)

Over these few weeks the tamariki and Kaiako have been learning about the 9 stars of Matariki and their roles. We are learning waiata, making stars as well as bread and vegetable soup. Tamariki have also been taking their kaitiaki responsibilities seriously. Worm farm maintenance, making bird seed feeders and the collection of leaves for the compost attract many enthusiastic helpers.

We are continuing to coach children to be helpers and supporters of each other. It is about being both a teacher and learner- ako. Our focus is on manaakitanga- kindness, respect and caring.

Working bee

We would like a working bee sometime in July or September, whichever is more popular. We need to prune the fruit trees, plant some in Grow Bags and remove the plum and apple that are in the main part of the playground. We are not keeping these so anyone who wants them can take them at the time- or before if you like. We want a fence around the orchard area with gate and some mulch to freshen up the soil and keep the weeds under control. The garden beds need redone- making them higher and refreshing with new soil. Also, does anyone know of a new wooden seating bench at reasonable cost. The one we have is currently held together by wire- it will not last another year 😊

Fundraising

Donations are still being accepted for the Winter Warmer Raffle. We do appreciate that the stressful and crazy years keep happening and we are so very grateful for your ongoing support.

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Reminders for our Whānau... Remember to provide your child with a change of clothes and a warm jacket and winter hat.

We are a nut free kindergarten please do not include any nut products in your child's lunch box.

Please name your child's bag, clothes, shoes, lunchboxes and drink bottles so that we can identify lost items. Thank you.

If you want to take photos of your child at kindergarten, please tell the staff. Only your child can be in the photo. Please do not post any photos on social media of other children at kindergarten.

Remember: Please let us know about any food allergies your child has.

Let us know if your child will be absent for the day.

Mai i te Kōpae ki te Urua,
tātou ako tonu ai.
From the cradle to the grave
we are forever learning.