

Casa Nova Kindergarten

Newsletter December 2023

Kia Ora, Mālō e lelei, Talofa, Shalom,
Namaste, Bula, Aloha, Kumusta, Hi and welcome!

Newsletter Term 4



Welcome to our termly newsletter! It sure has been a busy term!

Kaume'a

What has been happening with our ako this term:

This term we are growing nga tamariki learning around our Curriculum Priority **Maia Whatumanawa Papori— Social and Emotional Competence**. Nga Tamariki have been learning about their own and others social and emotional needs by being supportive of each other as they explore, learn and play. This means Kaiako and nga tamariki are working together in different ways to grow the ways we take turns, express our feelings, care for others, consider the perspectives of our friends within our play, problem solve in a group and work through conflict. Many of our rangatira (leaders) headed off to School at the beginning of the term so new rangatira are emerging and growing their skills; new relationships are developing and our new tamariki are settling into our environment and growing their understandings of our ways of being. We welcome all of our new tamariki and whānau to our place.

The OKA facebook page shows some of the fun learning we have been involved in throughout the term—check this out if you have not already like/followed us, this is another great way to learn about some of our kindergarten exploration.

Our gardens are growing and so much learning is happening in this space—we have many keen gardeners and helpers and have a great sense of manaakitanga (respect) and responsibility for our living spaces. We are looking forward to eating some of our kindergarten grown fruit and vegetables. Our new heihei are laying for us every day and it is often a great race to feed them and check for eggs each day. We would love to hear from any whānau that would be keen to come in and feed them over the holiday break. We would love to set up a roster for our chickens day to day care over this few weeks—and the bonus, those who can help can take the daily eggs.

If you have not already seen lot's of wonderful learning stories have been added throughout the term to your child's portfolios—these are also available to see on Educa so if you are not signed up please see one of us and we can show you how to join. We love your feedback and you can do this online or by adding to the portfolio your own stories, comments and feedback.

End of Year Tidy Up!

We are in need of some parent help of doing some task for the end of term! These are only little tasks (10 mins-20 mins). Your help would be greatly appreciated!! A Job list will soon be near sign in folder :)

If you have ideas or aspirations for your tamariki's learning we always want to hear these—please come and talk to us and we can discuss ways that we can incorporate these into your child's daily learning at Kindergarten.

Mia performing for Fijian Language week!



Loud Shirt Day!



Reminders:

- Remember a summer hat and a change or two of clothing. Apply sunscreen to your child before session, we have sunscreen available at Kindy you can use too. We will re-apply this later in the morning.
- Thanks for all the morning tea donations and help with washing, this is much appreciated. 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 and coughs are a concern at present. As is a tummy bug—this does to be ongoing—some tamariki have had this more than once in a few short weeks.
- If your child is away please let us know, we have lots of tamariki requiring casual spaces and this means they can come. This also supports us to maximise the funding we receive and keeps Kindergarten affordable. A text is great 027 475 4266.
- If you are wanting to enrol your child for more days or have a younger sibling to enrol please korero with a Kaiako ASAP. Spaces are filling fast throughout Term 1.
- Attached is a note inviting you all to our end of year party! We look forward to seeing you all if you can make it!
- We finish the term on the 20th of December We **start back** for **Term 1** on the 18th January 2024.
- Fundraising—Kia ora to everyone for the generous donations for our raffle. Tickets will be out shortly for everyone to have a go at salling. If you would like more tickets just ask! We are currently developing a plan to create a sensory pathways and garden and all profits will go towards this.
- Internal Evaluation- You may hear your child speaking a little more Te Reo Māori at home. Kaiako have been working hard to grow their knowledge and use of Te Reo and we are thrilled to be hearing many Tamariki using (and knowing the meaning) of the language we are modelling. If you would like any help with translations or have any questions/feedback we would love to hear from you



A big thank you to you all for another fun year filled with learning and laughter here at Casa Nova. We thank you for your continued support—helping out with making kai; fundraising; donating clothes and kai; helping us keep our environment beautiful, clean and tidy, supplying us with boxes and craft items; helping care for our gardens and creatures and being engaged in your child's learning. We wish you all a happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.

IMPORTANT—SESSION TIMES: 8.45—2.45 We are noticing people arriving very early and sometimes quite late. Our ECE Regs state we cannot be here with tamariki outside of these times. Our time before and after session is really important for setting up, Health & Safety checks, meetings, phone calls, planning and much more. If you do happen to come in early you must play quietly with your child so we can get our jobs done. REMEMBER these are requirements for us. Please ensure you and your child leave areas how you find them so this is ready and inviting for all our tamariki.