

# Newsletter

## POHUTUKAWA KINDERGARTEN ELLERSLIE Term 3 2024

Welcome to Term Three! We are well into the winter term and are enjoying the occasional sunshine days. We are even able to easily head outside between showers onto the turf knowing that a mud pit is not developing.

We thoroughly loved starting the term with the Olympics and the wide variety of learning this interest offered.

The teachers are exploring a variation to our planning system so keep an eye on the planning wall and share your feedback.

## WELCOME KATE

My name is Kate Hawke. I completed my Bachelor of Education ECE in 2021. I enjoy dancing, keeping fit by going to the gym, and spending time with my family and friends. I am an animal lover and I like spending time with my kitten Milton. My philosophy is I see each child as a unique individual with a great capacity to learn and develop their own ability and to make positive contributions to their learning community around them.

## ALL THE BEST EMI

Emi will be starting her maternity leave with her last day on Friday 6th September. We are super excited for her, Julian and Mina, as they welcome another baby girl to their family. We will miss having Emi with us everyday but look forward to baby cuddles as she is in and out dropping and collecting Mina.



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## ERO

We received the judgement of embedding, for our outcome indicators and our learning and organizational conditions.

A snippet of the review is below but you can read it in full on their website:

*Children demonstrate a sense of belonging. Their mana as engaged learners is affirmed by teachers' responsive interactions. They confidently express their feelings and share their interests and ideas with each other and with teachers. Teachers promote children's decision making.*

*Children benefit from opportunities to revisit their learning, and the provision of purposefully designed environments. Children have opportunities to recognise mathematical symbols, printed language and access a range of good quality resources. Teachers prioritise opportunities for the development of oral language. Practices such as support for transitions, integration of te reo Māori and tikanga Māori, and reflection of children's languages and cultures, create positive outcomes for children.*

*In an Akarangi | Quality Evaluation ERO evaluate the extent to which our early childhood service has the learning and organisational conditions to support excellent and equitable outcomes for all learners.*

## ENROLMENTS

Please keep recommending us to neighbours and friends.

We would like to ensure the number of our Tuesday and Thursday playmates are increasing,

We also have several children leaving for their next learning journey at school, so will have room for more friends to join us.

If you wish to change your enrolment days or your child is turning 3 please ensure you have signed these changes on the enrolment form **on or before** that date of change

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## PLANNING

As part of our drive to constantly improve the learning opportunities we can offer the tamariki enrolled here at Pohutukawa Kindergarten, we have been researching how we can plan our curriculum to better reflect individual learners as well as groups in terms of setting and meeting learner outcomes.

Te Whāriki is the national curriculum that contains Principles, Strands and Learning Goals as well as Learning Outcomes. The programme we offer and the context that we use to reflect Te Whāriki and the learning outcomes is known as our local curriculum and reflects our philosophy, parent aspirations, and the teachers pedagogy.

From time to time we will offer you the chance to share in the Celebration of Learning we have written for your child and give you the opportunity to discuss, reflect and respond by recording your aspirations with us. Please take up this opportunity when offered as we find it very valuable.



## LEMON CAKE

### INGREDIENTS

120g butter, softened  
1 cup flour (150g)  
3 tsp baking powder  
2/3 white sugar (150g)  
2 large eggs  
1/4 milk (60 mls)  
Grated rind and juice of 1 lemon

### TOPPING

Juice of 1 lemon  
1/2 cup white sugar  
3-4 tbs boiling water to dissolve sugar

### METHOD

Preheat oven to 180C bake.  
Grease and line an 18cm square baking tin.

Place all cake ingredients together in food processor in the above order and process for 15 secs.

Pour mixture into prepared tin and bake for 20-25 mins.

Mix lemon juice, sugar. And boiling water together to form a runny syrup. Spoon onto cake while hot. Leave to cool

## OLYMPIC LEARNING

We had an absolute blast working with the children as we followed the 2024 Paris Olympics. We completed so many leaning activities and experiences here at Pohutukawa Kindy.

We spent time understanding the importance of opening and closing ceremony's and participated in our own.

We learnt about the joy of receiving a medal for your hard work and effort and what Gold Silver and Bronze meant.

There was exploration of flags from many countries around the world.

We learnt about some significant landmarks in the host city with the Eiffel Tower being recreated in many mediums.

Athletes names were learnt, athletic events were practiced and highlights included the long jump, beanbag shot put and egg and spoon race.

Feedback we received from families confirmed just how much joy the tamariki felt in their learning.



## TE WHARIKI— OUR CURRICULUM

### PRINCIPLES - KAUPAPA WHAKAHAERE

#### Empowerment | Whakamana

Early childhood curriculum empowers the child to learn and grow. Mā te whāriki e whakatō te kaha ki roto i te mokopuna, ki te ako, kia pakari ai tana tipu.

*Tū mai e moko. Te whakaata o ō mātua. Te moko o ō tipuna.*

*Stand strong, O moko. The reflection of your parents. The blueprint of your ancestors.*

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## REVIEWS AND TESTIMONIALS

Our new website is up and running!

We would love you to have a look and give us any feedback.

We are looking to increase our presence on **Google** searches and ask that you take 3 minutes of your day to jump on Google and give us a review, even if its just to click the stars.

If you have time we would love some updated testimonials.

Please remember to comment on Facebook especially the community pages looking for ECE recommendations.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- Topsy Turvey Tuesday – **10th September**
- Wacky Wednesday – **11th September**
- Photo Day – **5th September**
- Mums Night – **26th September 7.00**
- End of term - **27th September**

## REMINDERS

News on Monday morning. Please email on Sunday night if possible. Preferably to your child's guardian teacher... if you're not sure then please ask. annie@pohutukawa.net.nz, alyse@pohutukawa.net.nz, kateh@pohutukawa.net.nz

Please ensure your child has enough spare clothing and a wet bag for any wet items (as we do continue to provide outside play all year).

Please include gumboots for your child—even better leave a named pair at kindy!

It is the season where colds and bugs love to be shared around.

**Please be mindful of other tamariki in our care and our Kaiako.** If your child is unwell, keep them home so that they can rest and recover well.

## FAMILY BOOST

The Government has announced that it intends to introduce a Family Boost payment as part of Budget 2024. The proposed Family Boost will be a new childcare payment made to families with young children to help with the rising costs of early childhood education (ECE). The Family Boost payment will be equal to 25% of ECE fees already paid by households, maximum of \$975 every 3 months, have a household income of less than \$180 000 a year, effective 1st July.

Families can claim this every 3 months by applying through IRD. I have been informed the centres license number and parents name must be included in the invoice and have adjusted the invoice template going forward from Term 4. If you need me to reissue Term 3's invoice to include this please just ask.

You will also need an IRD# for the child you are claiming for so I suggest you start this process as soon as possible as come September there will be a large queue of parents applying. You will then login through your own IR login to process this. You may want to get this set-up ahead of time too!

## FAIRY FESTIVAL

See you there!

Sunday 8th September

From 9.30



## ELLERSLIE SCHOOL—

Have you checked out the auction sight for the Ellerslie School Fundraiser. There is a house full of things you can bid on including a voucher towards fees at Pohutukawa Kindergarten!

Check it out now:

[www.32auctions.com/organizations/114835/auctions/164470/auction\\_items/5519716](http://www.32auctions.com/organizations/114835/auctions/164470/auction_items/5519716)