

Pikopiko newsletter

October

Dear Parents

We would like to invite our families in the Pikopiko programme to a shared morning tea. A time to get to know one another over some kai.

This will be an informal relaxed affair to make new friends, share information and discuss some housekeeping. We feel we haven't had the time to connect with you all at enrolment and we thought this would be a great way to do it.

Sooo... on the 10th of November 10am - 12 noon you are all invited to a shared morning tea. Bring the whole family and your favourite morning tea. Please RSVP to Aimee or Nickie by 3/11/18.

We have been busy in our programme enjoying the warmer weather and venturing not only outside but in paddock walks. This is an ongoing learning experience which all our tamariki are involved in, from babies to toddlers.

Please remember to ensure you keep your nappy pockets full, and milk tins topped up and can we please have several changes of clothes as we are playing in the water, more messy play and painting. We look forward to seeing you all at the morning tea.

We have introduced a communication sheet for our children under the age of one to help us share information about routines. Please can parents fill this out in the morning when you drop off, so we know how their day is going and can plan accordingly. For other members of our room we will have a messages from home form which can be filled out for Amz or Nickie. This will be kept in a folder at the entrance of Pikopiko.

We will be discussing some house keeping on the 10th of November at our morning tea however there are some reminders we need to let you know asap.

- Please can parent's sunscreen their children before they arrive so they are ready to explore outside in the warmer weather. We will reapply at lunch time.
- Please fill up your nappy pocket when dropping off in the morning.
- Please put the lunch boxes and bottles in the appropriate areas.
- Please check your bag daily to ensure children have clean and appropriate clothes for each day. Warm or cool.
- Please remember to provide a bag for your washing. If you haven't received a bag from Country Kids for this purpose, please let us know.

All our children are busy exploring the environment, especially with our babies becoming more mobile. The warmer weather has enabled for our children to investigate the outside environment more thoroughly. We have discovered insects, birds making nests and singing beautiful melodies from the trees. Flowers are blooming, being sniffed and picked. All the senses are heightened, and this is enhancing the children's curiosity.

Te Whariki states: Children learn through play, by doing, asking questions, interacting with others and the environment, devising theories about how things work, trying them out and by making purposeful use of resources. As they engage in exploration, they begin to develop attitudes, and expectations that will continue to influence their learning throughout life.