

Kia Ora Nga Whetu Whanau - Newsletter August 2019

Before we put this newsletter together (the WE refers to Laura and myself), I would like to extend a GREAT BIG WELCOME to Laura. It's been heart warming to see Laura making connections with our tamariki and their whaanau and embracing our routines and rituals at CK. Laura, YOU ROCK!

We welcome Reece (Laura's daughter) and Riley and his family to Ngaa Whetu. So awesome to have you both joining CK.

DISNEY DAY: We're going to have a celebration day around disney characters, please come as your favourite princess or character. This could be as simple as a wacky hair do/princess tiara, to a whole outfit. 'DON'T STRESS'...it is going to be fun and we will have some hair tyes/dress ups here as well. Some Pj's even have disney on them if you have a pair of those!! 15TH August - write it in the diary.

We have been doing heaps of learning lately around colours, and to support this learning our art corner has been beautifully set-up with coloured pens/pencils, all being separated and in their own containers (thank you Laura). Extended learning around this topic includes heaps of conversation (increasing our language skills), songs and games. We are also focusing on self-help skills. This is a constant learning area in Ngaa Whetu, as we help tamariki to put into place these essential skills for further learning as they transition into J4K and then on to school.

A FEW IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Please ensure your child has extra clothing in their backpacks. Also, a bag to put soiled/wet clothing into, as we no longer have a supply of plastic bags available.

Nappy pouches in the changing room: please can you ensure that there are nappies in your child's nappy pouch. It is really tricky when we go to change tamariki and the pouch is empty!

Anne has updated all the name tags to go with your child's backpack in the foyer; the tags are displayed so that the children can find their own names when they arrive and put them with their backpacks. This helps the tamariki to take ownership of their backpacks, to start to recognise their written name and to feel independent. Please encourage your child to find their labels.

In Nga Whetu we have a family corner where we display children's photos from home. If you have not got a picture displayed in this

area it would be great if you could either bring one in, or e-mail Anne, and she will be more than happy to print it off. The tamariki love to find their photos and show their friends. At times we also find these pictures to be a good settling tool. Please feel free to approach Laura or Tess anytime if you have any questions or concerns.

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