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Term 3 2020 Newsletter

Teacher focus Term 3 – Mana whenua/Belonging

Belonging – Mana Whenua: Children and their families feel a sense of belonging.

Goals:

Children and their families experience an environment where: connecting links with the family and the wider world are affirmed and extended; they know that they have a place; they feel comfortable with the routines, customs, and regular events; and they know the limits and boundaries of acceptable behaviour.

Read more: <https://www.myece.org.nz/educational-curriculum-aspects/106-te-whariki-curriculum#ixzz6TYcleOpg>

Our area: Matamata – What does Matamata mean to you?

The teachers will be sharing about belonging and where we live. Matamata brings up different images to each of us, the connection we have to where we live gives us a deep sense of belonging and as we journey together along this path we will look at the past, the present and the future of Matamata.

Teachers will be engaging with families and whānau about Matamata and what it means to each of our families, whether you have been born in the Matamata area or arrived in the last few weeks. We are looking forward to also share the life changing history of Tarore. More information to be shared by teachers during the Term. Look out for our planning wall by the Kai table where we will share all the voices from our children, families and whānau .



Make sure you check your child's Portfolios regularly as the teachers have been adding lots of new Learning Stories. The children really enjoy reading these. If you take these home, please notify a teacher and return them promptly so the teachers can continue to update them.

With Winter here please remember to bring your child's named gumboots, winter jacket and a warm hat.

Update Details:

Please ensure you let the Preschool Office know of any changes to the information held on your child's file. We need to be informed of any changes to Immunisations, allergies, parent contact phone numbers and any dual enrolments which may affect funding. Thank you.

Poutama Pounamu Survey

We will be sending out links for a survey that asks for comments from our staff and whānau about cultural responsiveness and relational pedagogy, this survey will only take a few minutes to complete and you can do it on any device online or feel free to pop into the office and we can let you do it on one of our devices here at preschool.

It is very important to leave honest comments on this survey as the data will help give a clear picture for areas of growth in cultural awareness.

Cultural inclusiveness Survey 2019 – Please help us gather this data in before 14 August 2020

Kia ora tātou,

As part of their ongoing work, the leadership team in your Early Childhood setting is interested in understanding more about your perceptions of your child's / children's experiences. This survey is an opportunity for them to find out about your perceptions and views. **The survey should only take about 10 minutes to complete.**

Your participation in this survey is voluntary and your responses are anonymous. The responses will be collated and used to inform planning and decision making about next steps with regard to professional development.

If you have any queries or concerns about the survey please talk to the leadership team.

Thank you for your participation, Paul Woller

The University of Waikato - Poutama Pounamu

30013 Tower Road Christian Preschool. You can also go to the link HERE:

<https://tinyurl.com/TowerRdChristian-Whanau-2019>

Please ensure food in your child's lunchbox is all cut up small, especially grapes. These need to be cut into quarters thank you



Did you know? Mothers of children living in homes with more children's books reported fewer concerns about emotional and hyperactivity difficulties at 24 months.*

*ReferenceTukutuku Kōrero Education Gazette 17 February 2020

Early Learning – Reading Together Evenings – September 2020

Early Reading Together Te Panui Ngatahi - presented by Michele Lee and Jo Goodwin teachers from Matamata Christian School



This research-based programme has been changing lives since being successfully implemented in 1982. The program is free and we are happy to help with babysitting costs. Please book online or on following page.

Early Reading Together will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7PM. Each session will run for approximately 1 ¼ hours.

Workshop One – Tuesday, 1st September

How to help with reading at home

An overview of Early Reading Together

Enjoying a well-loved book together

Ideas how language and reading develop and how children learn

Suggestions for helping young children by talking and reading with them at home—explanation, demonstration and discussion

More suggestions about talking with children

Suggestions for choosing and finding books, and looking ahead

Workshop Two – Tuesday, 8th September

More ideas and ways of helping young children's language and reading development (as they get older)

Sharing experiences and reviewing suggestions

More ideas about learning language and learning to read

More suggestions for helping young children by talking and reading with them at home—explanation, demonstration and discussion.

Workshop Three - Tuesday 22nd September

Sharing ideas, feedback, resources and looking ahead

Giving feedback about Early Reading Together

Sharing experiences and looking ahead

More books and resources to use at home

Concluding the workshops



Early Learning – Reading Together Evenings – September 2020

Bookings Form – available online (preferred option) on our website or complete the form below and hand in to the Office.

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You are invited to express your interest in attending the popular Early Learning Together program planned for September. We will confirm your booking closer to the time.

*** indicates required field**

Name (First/last **of all** attending we encourage both parents to attend) *

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Help with babysitting cost would be great please: _____

Additional info or questions:

Mitre 10 link for Community projects

One of our parents nominated us for a lovely gesture from Mitre 10 would you please consider nominating us as well?



Mitre 10 - Proudly supporting Kiwis and their communities

We are proudly locally owned, and part of the local community, so we like to lend a helping hand to charity and not-for-profit groups.

We do this in a practical way, like building decks and sheds, making over gardens and playgrounds, painting walls and laying floors.

Nominate a Community Project

Is your school's playground on the slide? Maybe your rugby club needs a new deck or the charity office you volunteer at needs a paint job.

If you know of a worthy group that has a DIY project needing to be completed, nominate them now.

Nominations close 9th August, 2020 11.59pm.

One or more projects up to the total prize value of \$50,000 will be chosen by Mitre 10 to be completed by the end of September 2020.

And if you are the first to nominate a winning Community project, we'll give you a \$250 Mitre 10 Gift Card.

Entry is open to NZ community groups only - Link to nominate HERE:

<https://www.mitre10.co.nz/helpinghands>

Drop off and Pick-up times

Please let us know if you will be late to drop off or pick up your child, or if your child is going to be absent.

You can txt, ring or email the Preschool to let us know. You will then not be charged for their absence.

Please note that late pick-up may be charged.

Friday Hours

8.30am –2.30pm

Please remember:

**drop off your children from 8.30am
and pick them up no later than 2.30pm**

Thank you

Yummy Sticker Promotion



We would really appreciate families collecting the stickers and the cut-out labels on the plastic bags of Yummy fruit. Collection sheets are available from the Preschool office. If we get enough we can order free sports gear for preschool.

The deadline for the collection of these is the end of Term 3.

Thanks!



Sessions available

If you would like to pick up extra sessions, we have afternoon sessions available, as well as Fridays. Please fill out a form from the sign in desk, or talk to Karlien about what would suit you and your child. Remember there are 20 hours free ECE funding for over 3 year olds (max 6 hours funding per day).

Toys from home

Please leave your children's toys at home. We have lots of toys and activities they can enjoy here at Preschool. We find toys from home may be damaged or lost, and can also create conflict between the children, thank you.



Best of the
quality (brand and gift)

Door Lock

**The entrance door may be locked at times– please ring the bell and the teachers will let you in,
Thanks!**



Can you help us?

Do you have some free time available or know someone who does? We often have little jobs at the preschool which are not big enough to get a handy man in. We need friends and family to help us mend toys, sew, fix puzzle boxes etc. Little things which can help beloved resources or toys get a second life! We also need help with small jobs around the preschool, fixing a curtain rail or painting a wooden box etc. We would love for parents, grandparents, family and friends to help us out. We would also consider having a Working Bee later in the year to give our playground and garden area a bit of a fresh new look – if you think you might be able to be part of a Working Bee on a Saturday or Sunday – please let us know.



Please contact Karlien or Louise at the Office to add your name and contact details to the list of helpers. 07-8886379 or email: office@tower.preschool.nz

Preschool OP Shop Week

Preschool has the Annual Op Shop Fundraiser at the Community Chest Op Shop

15,17-21 August 2020

Any donations of goods to sell and Help in the shop gratefully received.

Keep an eye out for a letter in your pockets for further information.

Named Sunhats \$20



Wetbags \$10



Order forms are on the sign-in desk .

Fundraising towards our Playground upgrade

Our fundraising for the new playground upgrade is going very well with some very generous donations coming in! Currently you can order Wetbags and Sunhats to help towards this project. A small portion of this cost of these items goes towards fundraising. Visit our website for more on Fundraising and donating towards this project. Donations are made via 'The Kid on the Rock Foundation' which is a Charitable Trust.

Please remember to:

- ◆ bring a few changes of spare clothes for when clothes get wet.
- ◆ Bring named gumboots from home.
- ◆ Put your child's named lunchbox and drink bottle on the lunch shelf, and food that needs to be kept cool in the small black fridge.