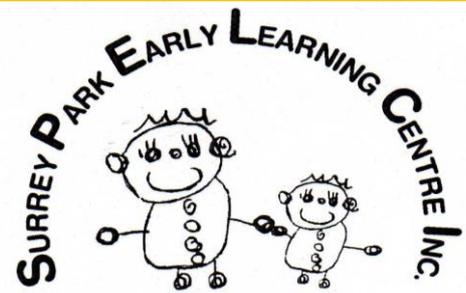


SEPTEMBER 2019

POLYFEST

We are so proud of all the Tamariki that performed at Polyfest in the last week. Well done to all the tamariki and kaiako and thanks to all the families for their support on the day.



Kia Ora Whānau

We - the admin team at the office are amazed that it is already September. 2019 is really zipping by. Let's hope now that the warmer weather is on its way we will get clear all the nasty winter bugs.

Student Teachers: Farewell to Bridget who has been in Te Rito for the last 5 weeks. We wish Bridget all the best for her future career in Early Childhood- We welcome Ana to the Koru room. Ana will be with us for the next few weeks. We enjoy having students in our centre- they share the latest ideas in teacher education- and keep us on our toes!

Governance Committee: If you have skills- (or know of anyone with the desired skills) in financial management, property management or in strategic planning and direction and would be interested contributing these skills on our governance committee, please let Avril or Helen know of your interest. Interviews for these positions will be taking place early October. We look forward to hearing from you.

Regards from

Avril Dalzell - Director - Surrey Park Early Learning Centre Inc



Don't forget to like the Surrey Park Early Learning Centre facebook page.

Calendar Fundraiser: Shortly the teachers will begin helping children with their artwork for the calendars that we do at this time of the year. In a few weeks order forms will be available in the rooms for you to let us know how many calendars you would like to purchase- they make such great presents- and they last all year!

STAFFING

Joanne is getting used to using the crutches and managed a visit to us on Monday. Sharon has just had an operation on her foot and is also on crutches. We wish them both well in their recovery.

We have a collection of platters at the office left over from the Matariki or shared breakfast events, if any of these are yours please come and collect from the main office.

Koru Update

Tēnā koutou Whanau. This month, we have continued to build on more 'Out of the gate' walks, which the tamariki really love to be a part of and are able to use these opportunities to make sense of their world. This opens up opportunities for more korero as the Kaiako, put words to what we see while we are out. This deepens the children's understanding. We continue to explore with baking and then share the kai together – these are times for the children to sample all their hard mahi/work and they also have a sense of pride for their contribution. Also, we have been enjoying all the different elements that Tāwhiri mātea has made available to us this month – enjoying and investigating them – from the wind, sun, snow and rain – using their senses to investigate and these have provided amazing natural sensory experiences.

Waihopai Update

We have been very busy in the Waihopai whare. Our outside the gate programme has taken off and we are getting out every week and connecting with our community. We are planning a trip to the local café in the next few weeks.

With the weather being crazy we have been getting outside and making the most of the elements. Please if possible, bring your child with gumboots so they too can jump in the puddles.

The Bear Hunt story has been a total favourite lately, so we have been on many bear hunts and have been extending this interest into other areas of the curriculum.

Te Rito Update

We have had a busy few weeks welcoming lots of new faces to our whare, we have also said farewell to several older children as they start new adventures in their new whare. Our term focus is on relationships and this is certainly very topical as it is not only new children but new teachers. We welcomed Nicky R to Te Rito and said farewell to Karyn. We also have Bridget, a new student teacher in the room. We are all spending time getting to know each other and establishing relationships.

We have had a great time enjoying the mud, so gumboots are appreciated, because of the mud we are encouraging the children to take their gumboots off inside and recognise them as outside footwear.

KawaKawa Update

Kia Ora,

We have had a busy month, the children have been learning about the Zones of Regulation. This is about children learning how to identify their emotions and learning how to self-regulate.

We have also been practising for Polyfest with Totara as well as at our regular music sessions with the children so that they get used to the music.

Totara Update

Well lots has happened in the Totara room over the last month. Preparations went well for the Polyfest performance and we thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Another successful visit to the gym and breaking news if you excuse the pun, Jo has broken her ankle while walking in the bush. We wish her a speedy recovery. We have been having a huge focus on respect and what this looks like in the room. Respecting our environment, respecting each other and respecting our resources and materials. Please support us with this and if any resources come home that belong to pre-school, encourage your child to return them. Children are responding positively to this focus and it's great to hear them using the language in the environment. We have also been having a focus on drama with tamariki making their own props and re-telling good old stories at mat time such as The Three Little Pigs. This supports children's self-esteem and confidence within themselves. Please bring in your old kitchen food boxes and lids for our revamped and exciting collage area. Thanks from Totara.