

**AUGUST 2019**

**POLYFEST**

Children from Totara and Kawakawa Rooms are performing on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 9.40am at the Stadium.



Kia Ora Whānau

Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> term of the school year. It is amazing that we are already into August.

We start this term with some changes in our staff teams:

Te Rito welcomes Nicky Ryan

Kawakawa welcomes Karyn Flett

Waihopai welcomes Damelza Beck

Totara / Kawakawa welcomes Nicky Dougherty.

Koru welcomes Christine back to her Team Leader role and thanks Tracy Carter for taking that role while Christine was in Te Rito.

Te Rito hopes that Claire will very shortly be back on deck - after she had to have another short hospital stay.

Regards from

Avril Dalzell - Director - Surrey Park Early Learning Centre Inc



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Congratulations to Jodi Thompson who was the winner of the Eat Vouchers in our Facebook competition.

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**Whanau/Kaiako Interviews**

If you are wishing to have one of these please speak with the Team Leader in your child's learning Whare to book a interview.

### *Koru Update*

Kia ora Whanau. This month we would like to take this opportunity to welcome back Christine as our team leader from her time in Te Rito. We would also like to thank Tracy for leading us for the term and we farewell Damelza, whose knowledge and expertise will be used with her new Waihopai team. Thank you Damelza for all your contributions to our Koru team, tamariki and whanau. As a team we have been focusing around the concept of tuakana/teina – empowering the tamariki to share their knowledge and skills with one another and providing experiences, time and tautoko/support for the tamariki to learn alongside one another. We have also been exploring with our baking and with our Out the gate buggy walks – extending our interest in vehicles and machines, we were able to have a close encounter with the machinery at the stadium.

### *Waihopai Update*

We have been enjoying getting outside the gate with our tamariki and look forward to getting out more as the days get warmer. We have been baking and sharing the goodness with our whanau which is a hit! We all enjoyed our holiday programme which included shared morning tea and coming to the centre in our PJs – imagine! We are supporting our tamariki with cleaning up after themselves and caring for our room which is about *belonging*, - *mana whenua*- showing respect for the kaupapa of the room, rules and rights of others. From our centre pets: Thanks for the kai -Jellybean and Bubbles have really enjoyed the fresh carrots and silver-beet that our tamariki have been bringing in.

We are also farewelling Nicky D who is off to Totara – thanks for all your contributions to our room and welcome to Damelza who is joining our teaching team from the Koru room.

### **Te Rito Update**

We would like to welcome all our new children and their whanau to our room.

We welcome back Claire and would like to thank Christine for her support, ideas and contribution to our room over the last couple of months, particularly the loose parts table which is still a big hit with our tamariki.

Our children enjoyed being apart of the holiday program and visiting other room and meeting new children. The Pjama day stood out as a great event and was a highlight of the week!!!

We are also loving the new heatpump in our room.

### KawaKawa Update

Kia Ora Whānau. We have had a fantastic month exploring and discovering. We had a lovely time meeting and greeting all the families that joined us for a shared breakfast/morning tea during our holiday programme. The children loved participating in all the different activities that we had planned for them. We would like to welcome all the new faces that have joined our whanau in Kawakawa. We have had children transition over from Waihopai as well as new families that have joined the centre.

We have started practicing for Polyfest! So be prepared for all the new songs your children will come home singing 😊

### **Totara Update**

It's that time of year again when we start our Polyfest practice! Our tamariki are keen to learn our new songs, as are our teachers.

The children have been very busy creating props for plays including 3 Little pigs, and 3 Billy Goats Gruff as we increase our literacy awareness.

We have also changed and updated our environment to extend and support children's learning. We are including "loose parts" into our play and are encouraging our tamariki to keep our resources in our room including our family play equipment, glass beads and cutlery. All donations welcomed!

We have also been very involved with games outside including Hide and Seek, and The Floor is Lava – great social collaboration, fair play and learning of rules.