

NOVEMBER 2019

Sustainability: As we begin our journey to become a more sustainable centre we need your help. Now that plastic bags are being phased out we are asking you to bring in a named reusable wet bag suitable for taking home wet/soiled clothing.



Kia Ora Whānau,

Wow! the second last month of the year is underway. This means we start our reminder for the end of year requests and paperwork.

1. **Donations for the end of year "Holiday Hamper":** Please hand in a gift to your child's room of any non-perishable item that would be a useful treat in the holiday period.
2. **End of Year Holiday Hamper:** The raffle tickets will be out in the week of 18 November and need to be handed in by December 10th.
3. If you need to start back in the week of 13 January - 16 January 2020, remember to complete the booking form as soon as possible. We will confirm these places by November 30th.
4. Forms for your "End date 2019" / Start date 2020" and confirmation of contact details will come out 11th November for you to complete before 29th November 2019.
5. **End of Year Accounts:** Just a request to start making payments so that your balance is all clear for the end of the year. Bookings for 2020 will only be accepted for families with a zero balance at the end of 2019.

Regards from

Avril Dalzell - Director - Surrey Park Early Learning Centre Inc



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Calendar Fundraiser:

Thank you for your support of our calendar fundraiser. We hope to get these back in the second week of December.

Koru Update

Tēnā Koutou Whānau,

This term in Koru the focus has been about 'Connecting with Papatūānuku and the wider community' – so tamariki will know that they belong and have a sense of belonging and a sense of connection to others and the environment. Kaiako will encourage the tamariki to develop an appreciation and respect for the natural world – including Papatūānuku and Kaitiakitanga (guardianship) learning to look after our earth for future generations. This means we will be making the most of our wonderful location and more 'Out of the gate' adventures, so Tamariki can explore, discover and wonder – while making sense of their world!

Also Thank you to whānau who have already brought a wet bag to the centre for wet belongings, with the hot weather these are bound to be utilized.

Waihopai Update

We have been busy exploring the natural world in the Waihopai whare. There has been an interest in bugs and the living world. We are also investigating sustainability and have been working with the children to get our vege and herb gardens organized for the season.

Baking has been another favourite and we have created some yummy kai to enjoy together. Pizza was a big hit.

We have welcomed many new children to our whanau and are enjoying getting to know them and their families. At the same time, we were sad to farewell, Eli, Archie and Nikau to the Totara Whare. We know they will have fun on their adventures in Totara though.

Te Rito Update

Kia Ora whanau, we would like to welcome all our new families to the room. We are focusing on relationships and showing kindness to each other. We would like to thank the parents at MYPLC for a special whanau day, which was lots of fun. We are enjoying gardening and taking care of our seedling plants at the moment- the water spray bottle has been a splash!!

With the approaching summer season please remember to pack a change of clothes and a sunhat (wide brimmed bucket hat- no caps please), we look forward to improving weather. Ka kite Te Rito

KawaKawa Update

Kia ora whānau

We are all excited that the warm weather is on its way and the tamariki are enjoying more waterplay. Just a reminder to bring sunhats (no caps please) and plenty of spare clothes. We enjoyed our five-day celebration of Diwali, the tamariki enjoyed their shared morning tea and had lots of fun creating artwork and Diya's which we still have displayed around our room.

We are continuing our sustainability project. Tamariki are involved in recycling, reusing and composting, and caring for our community garden. Please feel free to come and have a look next time you are in 😊

Totara Update

Kia ora What an extremely busy time we have had saying goodbye to children heading off on their school journey and welcoming many new tamariki and their whanau. We are very fortunate to welcome to children from Brazil and Portugal and we look forward to learning all about their cultures and including this into our curriculum. We are very proud of the tamariki keeping their hats on when playing outside. Usually we have to keep reminding them all day long but lately they are putting hats on without us telling them; taking responsibility for their own well being. We are shifting into the Christmas spirit as we are now preparing the Christmas float ready for the Santa Parade. This Christmas season we are focusing our curriculum on caring and giving. We will be having a more in-depth focus on caring for animals over this season including a pet food drive for the SPCA.