

FEBRUARY 2020

Kia ora/haere mai- I hope the transitions for your children back into 2020 at the centre are going smoothly. Please let the teachers know if you have any concerns so we can help make things better. You are always welcome to phone Karen Gill, our headteacher, or myself if you wish to discuss any issues. Nga Mihi Avril



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News from the Office

CORONAVIRUS: This is a new virus and it seems the incubation period is considered to be up to 14 days. Our current advice from the Ministry of Education is;

- ✓ as always anyone who is unwell should not attend the centre. If you have a particular concern about your child you can contact HEALTHLINE 0800 611 116, Ministry of Health 0800 3585453 or your GP for medical advice. (Healthline has interpreters to assist as needed).
- ✓ If the centre has reasonable grounds to believe a person has an infectious or contagious disease or condition, then the centre must exclude that person from the centre and from coming into contact with children. This is required by Regulation 57 of the Early Childhood Regulations.
- ✓ For any person who may be at high risk (recently been to China or in contact with someone confirmed with the virus) we are advised that a 14 day self- isolation period away from the centre is required.

To keep yourself well:

- ✓ avoid close contact with people who are sick
- ✓ wash hands frequently
- ✓ avoid close contact with sick domestic and wild animals
- ✓ Practice safe cough etiquette- maintain distance, cover mouth, and cover coughs or sneezes with disposable cloths or clothing
- ✓ The health of our children and staff is a priority for all. The Ministry of Education encourage families to err on the side of caution by following the above steps.

REMINDERS

WE WILL BE PRACTISING OUR EMERGENCY DRILLS DURING THE TERM FOR FIRE EVACUATION, EARTHQUAKE AND LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES. IF YOU ARE IN THE CENTRE DURING THESE DRILLS WE ASK YOU TO FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS FROM THE TEACHERS.

FOODBAGS: REMEMBER WE HAVE BAGGED UP FROZEN LEFTOVERS IN THE KITCHEN IF YOU ARE HAVING A BUSYDAY AND NEED A QUICK MEAL TO SERVE UP WHEN YOU GET HOME

STAFFING

WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO WELCOME ELLEN PE'A TO THE KAWAKAWA TEAM.

WE WISH SANDRA A VERY SPECIAL BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 21ST.

Note:

We do have painters working around the centre giving our building a great freshen up. They are working around the children's play-times so the children are not interrupted!

WET BAGS

Please bring along a wet bag for your child's change of clothes- we are out of plastic bags.

Koru Update

Nau Mai, Haere Mai – Welcome for 2020 to our families/whanau. This term we welcome Penny into the Koru teaching team. We have Jenny moving over to Waihopai – we are sure that this will also help to have a familiar face for new children who have recently transitioned from Koru to Waihopai.

We are currently spending time developing our relationships with both children and whānau – looking at making your transition to the koru room much smoother. Also, please bring and share a holiday photo with us, for our wall! Rest assured us teachers are currently looking for their photo to share also! We want to make a wall display of our Summer holidays.

Waihopai Update

They say change is as good as a holiday, so we'd love to welcome Karyn and Jenny to our team and while we will miss Shelley and Michelle, we look forward to working together for 2020. We will be focusing on links to our whenua this year including our garden, sustainable water use, our apple tree and our furry friends Bubbles and JellyBean.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the Hughes Family for their care of our guinea pigs over the holidays. They were very spoilt and had a great time.

Te Rito Update

Kia Ora and welcome back for 2020, a warm welcome to our new families. Thank you to all our families for filling in aspiration sheets, this has assisted us in our group planning, which is focusing on contribution - language, group play, settling, small group activities etc, please check out our planning whiteboard in our room.

We would love it if you could bring in or email us photos of your whanau terito@childcareinvercargill.co.nz

We are pleased to welcome Michelle to our room and are excited about starting the new year.

Kawakawa Update

It is so good to have you all back and ready for a fun filled and busy year. We hope you all had a fabulous break away.

We love hearing and seeing what your tamariki get up to over the weekends and during holidays, please bring in a photo so we can add it to our whānau wall.

We sadly farewell Debbie and wish her all the best on her new adventures.

We welcome Jo, Petrina and Justine who have joined us from Totara and welcome Ellen who has started with us at the beginning of the year.

Totara Update

What an amazing start to the year! We are loving hearing your stories about your holiday fun and we are displaying these on our "golden wall". Feel free to add photos to this too!

We have gained Nicky R, Shelley and Mamta into the Totara teaching team, with Jo, Justine and Petrina moving into the Kawakawa team.

We are working towards making changes in our outside environment so watch this space! And the tamariki and Kaiako have worked together to revamp our environment inside with a few changes to allow for better flow and learning opportunities for our children.