

## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2020

### Calendar Art!

What a great idea for Christmas presents. Your tamariki calendar will be ready in their room over the next couple of weeks. The prices for these are:

Calendars, cards (8), mouse pad, sketch book \$13 each  
Dairy \$16 each

To view your tamariki's artwork, please ask one of the teachers and they will help you to make your order



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### REMINDERS

#### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We are open for the school holidays.

28<sup>th</sup> September –  
9th October

If your child is going to be away in the school holidays, please fill out a pink form to let the office know.

#### SICKNESS/ABSENCE

Please text in or phone if your child is not going to be at preschool due to sickness or other absences.

#### STAFFING

We missed putting out a newsletter to welcome Riva Kerrisk to the Koru teaching team. Riva has come to Invercargill from Cromwell and is in her 3<sup>rd</sup> year of training. We are also pleased to welcome back Danella Fletcher to the Te Rito team.

Also Sandra Sutton is on sick leave and we have had Petrina Smart taking on the kitchen duties.

**News from the Office:** How great it is to be back into Level 1. Helen and I are enjoying catching up with some of you as you make your way back through the office area. It has been lonely without you all passing by.

**Photos:** A friendly reminder from the office to not take photos/videos of the children at the centre without checking with the teachers first (this is a part of our Privacy Act requirements)

**Annual General Meeting:** Our Annual General Meeting was postponed due to COVID-19. We are having this meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>. You can attend this meeting at McCulloch and Partner's Office or by zoom. Please let the office know if you will be attending so that we can let you know where to go, or so you have the link to "zoom" the meeting. We would be very pleased to hear from parents who would consider being nominated to be on our Governance Committee. The Committee is made up of parents like yourselves who oversee the strategic direction of the centre. Our constitution requires that we meet at least 4 times a year, but we usually have 8-9 meetings a year. We meet on the fourth Monday of the month that the meeting is on, at 7.30pm. We recognise that you all have young children, so we endeavour to finish meetings by 9.30pm at the latest.

Please talk to Avril or Helen if you are interested in finding out more about this Governance role. We have co-opted members who will help coach & guide the new committee members in best practice so you will be very supported in the role.

**Donation:** Our thanks go to Department of Corrections for the donation of children's furniture. The children are very excited to have this new equipment to play with.

### SHARE & EXCHANGE AREA

Remember to check out our community "Share and exchange" area in the hallway of the office. Everyone is most welcome to take home anything from there. You are also welcomed to put things there you no longer need at home in clean and good condition.

#### Note BIKKIE DAY

We had to postpone Bikkie Day due to COVID levels, we will be going ahead with this on the 15<sup>th</sup> October. Gold coin donation towards Blind and Low Vision would be much appreciated

### **Koru Update:**

Tena koutou whanau. Well the months are flying by. This month we had our visit to Rabbitte Ranch. This visit was so amazing for the children letting them get up close to the kararehe (animals) and, just as exciting, the trip on the bus. The tamariki have been revisiting our amazing trip - incorporating lots of conversations, waiata (singing), and making connections between this new place that is important to them. This visit also was an opportunity talk about Manaaki te katoa - Being kind to all. We have been reminding the tamariki to use gentle hands and asking them to be kind both to the kararehe and one another.

### ***Waihopai Update***

*We are so excited to be living level 1 now and give a big thanks to all our whanau that made level two achievable. We continue to work on all things gardening, with seedlings planted and plans for more action in this area. We would lovingly take care of any double ups of the New World seedlings if you don't want them.*

*We have been observing all the manu flying around our playground and are carefully watching a nearby nest! It has two eggs in it. We have evidence on video 😊*

### **Te Rito Update**

The tamariki in Te Rito have had a great bus trip to Jump n fun and then rode around in the bus exploring our local landmarks and favourite places to create connections and celebrate Maori Language Week.

We welcome our new whanau to our room and look forward to getting to know you.

We cannot quite believe that we are talking about Christmas and the children are busy creating calendars, although an improvement in weather will be welcomed. We hope that all our families are staying well and healthy during this time! Ka kite

### **KawaKawa Update**

**Level !!! Yay, welcome back to all the whānau who can come back into our room, feel free to make yourselves at home.**

**We have been busy practicing for polyfest, the digital addition.**

**Children have been loving doing different science experiences and creating different potions using the natural resources in our environment.**

**Thank you to our student Rebecca for all her hard work over the past year, the children and Kaiako have enjoyed you being a part of our team and hopefully we can see you again soon.**

### **Totara Update**

We are grateful to all whanau for your support and patience during Level 2. We are very pleased to be back in Level 1 😊. In Level 1, whanau are more than welcome to look around your tamariki 's whare and see any changes that have been made to the environment.

We have started Polyfest practice and tamariki are enjoying learning new songs and waiata.

Tamariki are learning and playing musical instruments including ukulele, singing their favourite songs and moving to the beat.