

JULY 2019

MATARIKI CELEBRATION

Thanks so much to all of you who came to our Matariki Celebration on Saturday. It was a fabulous evening and we enjoyed your company and participation.



Kia Ora Whānau

School holidays have come around fast and are starting next week. Those of you who haven't returned your pink forms to let us know you will be away could you please do so ASAP.

Keep an eye out on our new Facebook Page so that you can see what planned activities we have for the school holidays for the tamariki who will be here.

Special thanks to the whanau at MYPLC for bringing over morning tea last week to share with their Tamariki. It's lovely having you come and spend time with us.

Thanks to those of you who have brought in tissues and wipes, it would be greatly appreciated if you could bring these and leave them in the box in your child's classroom.

Regards from

Avril Dalzell - Director - Surrey Park Early Learning Centre Inc



FACEBOOK COMPETITION

We are so excited to be sharing with you all what is happening in our centre via facebook.

Please like our page so that you keep up to date with what is happening in the centre.

Head to

Surrey Park Early Learning Centre and hit like.

We have a competition running for vouchers for EAT on Windsor.

We are still selling **Entertainment Books**, if you would like one these can be purchased from the office or online for \$60.

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thanks for all your support.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO
CHECK YOUR CHILD'S
PARENT FILES IN THEIR
ROOM.

Koru Update

Kia ora Whanau,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who celebrated Matariki with us. It was an amazing night – full of fun and excitement. We enjoyed the incredible hakari (feast) and more importantly the opportunity for everyone to come together – developing our sense of whanaungatanga. I know that the Kaiako and tamariki in the Koru room have been building up to this annual event, creating the awesome artwork through different experiences – from painting using their whole bodies, sand art, spray painting, dying with droppers, depicting our theme of the Matariki stars of Waiti and Waita – also we were lucky enough to have some of Tangaroa's taonga (Thank you, Toni) on offer to see and touch for our tamariki, which created some memorable moments – with different starfish, kina, an octopus, a crab and more on offer.

Waihopai Update

It has been a busy couple of weeks in Waihopai. We have continued our love for dance.

We have introduced a fidget table, that has been very popular. This experience is helping the children to learn skills around working together, and problem solving.

We have been exploring the outside world a lot more, with bug hunts, and lots of imaginative play in the whare. We are going to extend on the outside play in the coming weeks by incorporating the 'outside the gate' programme back into our weekly focus. This will involve weekly spontaneous walks around the community.

Te Rito Update

We would like to welcome back Claire and farewell Christine and thank her for her support as team leader while Claire has been away. We also farewell our student Jeanere and wish her all the best for her studies.

Thank you to the families that attended the Matariki night, We hope you enjoyed the evening. For those of you who enjoyed the flat bread the children made, it was the Annabel Langbein crusty flat bread recipe made with fresh rosemary from our garden.

Our loose parts table is still continuing to be very popular with lots of exploring and patterns being created by all.

KawaKawa Update

It has been a very busy couple of weeks with the children learning about growing seeds, worms, (nature's wonderful gardeners), weeding and preparing the ground over winter to plant for the new season.

We have also been preparing for Matariki by making bags for the seedlings and learning our song 'In the forest of Tane'.

We have also been learning about how to look after ourselves and others when we are sick by reminding each other about sneezing and coughing into our elbows, hand washing routines and throwing out tissues once they have been used.

Totara Update

Wow the Totara Room tamariki have been really busy with new props to support their musical abilities, and some more amazing hot wheel car learning. This is an ongoing learning experience where the children are learning about speed, distance and velocity! Man some of those cars fly! Now if some could be returned to our room that would be great...

We are getting back to our "Outside the Gate Programme." We have been to Fletcher's house to see the Kaka. We are going to Peacehaven this week for morning tea and some waiata. Over the next 2 weeks we will be joining in with Playpods at the Stadium over the next two weeks! All in all a fantastic month or two!

