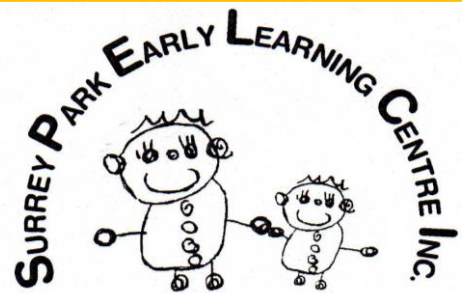


## MARCH 2020

**RED NOSE DAY - Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> March.**

**We will be having a RED dress up day at the centre. If you would like to make a donation, we will have containers in the rooms for this.**



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## REMINDERS

### INFORMATION FOR YOUR DIARIES!

**WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF FINALISING OUR ANNUAL PLAN AND WANT TO GIVE YOU OUR OPERATING DATES FOR THE YEAR.**

**THE CENTRE WILL BE CLOSED FOR EASTER FRIDAY 10 APRIL, EASTER MONDAY 13 APRIL, ANNIVERSARY DAY TUESDAY 14 APRIL. AND ANZAC DAY 27 APRIL.**

**WE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED FOR QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY ON JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> AND LABOUR DAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER.**

**THESE ARE THE STAT DAYS WHICH WE CHARGE FOR.**

**ANY CREDIT ENTITLEMENTS CAN BE CLAIMED FOR THESE DAYS. WE ARE NOT FUNDED FOR THESE DAYS SO NEED THE HOLDING FEE TO MAKE SURE WE CAN PAY THE STAFF.**

**THE CENTRE WILL CLOSE FOR THE ANNUAL SHUT DOWN AT 3PM ON THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER AND RE-OPEN ON MONDAY 18 JANUARY 2021 AT 7:30AM.**

## NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

### Sustainability Goals:

As part of our journey towards sustainability we are supplying each child with a washable wet bag. These have been named and have a domed strap which attaches to your child's bag. Any wet or dirty clothing will be placed in here to go home. We would appreciate it if you could bring this bag each day your child attends. We will have a few spare bags available for you to borrow if you forget yours. If these spare bags are not returned a charge of \$7.50 will be added to your account for the bag.

### Annual General Meeting

We will be having our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Te Rito rooms. We will be reporting on how we fared in 2019 and outlining our plans for 2020. Once the meeting is concluded there will be supper and an opportunity to meet with the teachers and catch up on how your child is settling in to 2020 at the centre.

### COVID 19: Coronavirus Update:

Our latest advice from the Ministry of Education is anyone who has been travelling to China, Iran, Northern Italy or Korea should follow the self-isolating requirements for 14 days. Also, anyone who has travelled from or via Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Singapore or Thailand should self-isolate if they develop any symptoms.

If your child is unwell you are encouraged to err on the side of caution and keep them away until they are feeling better. The most important thing to do with children at the moment is get them into the habit of washing their hands thoroughly. Our advice says that the washing should last through one repeat of singing happy birthday as they wash their hands.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:

REMEMBER TO LET US KNOW IF YOU WILL BE CHANGING YOUR BOOKINGS DURING THE HOLIDAYS –FRIDAY APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>- MONDAY 27 APRIL. IT HELPS OUR ROSTERING IF YOU CAN LET US KNOW IF YOU WILL BE AWAY.

### FUNDRAISING

**Easter Raffle** -This week each family will receive a raffle card with 10 tickets to be sold for \$2 per ticket. To support this raffle we would appreciate families bringing a non-perishable item or easter treat for our hampers.

### *Koru Update*

We have had a busy month in Koru, we are beginning to get started on our sustainability journey. We are thinking interesting and creative ways to extend the children's learning and re, respect, reuse and recycle. Penny brought in a big box, which Mandy created into a house and the tamariki loved to paint and play in it. We have been using excess water from the cups, to water our plants – learning about caring for Papatuanuku and collecting our food scraps to feed the manu/birds and other animals. We would also like to thank our Whanau, who have introduced wet bags for their children's wet clothing – these are much appreciated and mean that we are also reducing the use of plastic bags.

### *Waihopai Update*

*We are getting set for another fun filled month in our room. Hopefully the weather will be on our side as we continue to explore our outdoor environment. We will be kick starting our outside the gate programme and plan on having a lot of fun learning and exploring our local area.*

### **Te Rito Update**

February has been a busy month with lots of new Tamariki starting. It was lovely to catch up with many of our families at our family tea.

We have been enjoying a long summer and the opportunity to be outside in fine weather.

We continue to focus on relationships and joining in group activities that are particularly focusing on fine motor, messy play and art experiences.

### **Kawakawa Update**

Welcome to all our new families and tamariki who have joined our Whare in February and start of March.

We are collecting aspirations from you all, aspirations are a way for the Kaiako to understand your whānau values, wants and goals for your tamariki. It is important to us that we include you in your child's learning journey 😊

The outside the gate programme is underway. Children take turns at going on short adventures, we have started going to Ascot school hall to build a Tuakana/ teina relationship.

### **Totara Update**

This month we have had many new children starting with us, and we welcome them and their whanau. Our curriculum design this term is on Manaakitanga. To provide a welcoming, caring and creative environment for all. This month teachers have each been catching up with each family to discuss their children's aspirations and if you have not had this discussion yet, please see a teacher about this.

We have just purchased some funky new sun hats, so if these do come home, can you please return them the next day. As part of the "out of the gate Programme" we will be going on a visit to the Bluff Marae early next term. More information to follow as soon as we set a date. Do you have any good condition wooden pallets? We would love to have some for our carpentry and garden area. Please see Mike or Amy if you can help with that.