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Early Learning Childcare Centre & Preschool
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Diary Dates

1st July: Matariki Celebrations continue
3rd July: Term Two ends
20th July: Term Three begins
Late July: Dental Nurse Visit (date TBC)
27th July: Maori Language Week



Centre Planning



Our centre focus at the Preschool is currently on Our Whakapapa/ Matariki. The children will be learning about the meaning behind Our Whakapapa. We will also be exploring many aspects of Matariki in fun and interesting ways.

Education Review Office Visits

ERO attended at the Preschool on 2nd and 3rd June and we now have the feedback they wrote on the wall at reception. An unconfirmed report has been sent through and we'll make this available to all families/whanau once it's been finalised.

The ELC visit was postponed by ERO and will now be in Term 4. We'll let you know the dates closer to the time. We'd really appreciate your feedback to the email that was sent out last week. Many thanks to those parents who have already responded.

Dental Nurse Checks and Fluoride Treatment



The dental nurse will be visiting both centres for their annual checks and they will also carry out their fluoride application to the children whose consent forms have been completed. If you require another consent form or more information please ask a staff member.

Winter Clothing



Now that the weather is much colder, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately with plenty of spare warm NAMED clothing.

Policies for review

The following policies are due to be reviewed: *Excursions, Sleeping Children, Communication and Transition to School (PS)*. Please take the time to read them and provide feedback to any of the staff.



Lost Property

Any LOST PROPERTY not claimed before the end of the school holidays, will be used as spare clothing for Hopscotch or donated to the Op Shop.

Special Persons Morning @ Early Learning Centre

A big thanks to all the special people who attended the “special persons” morning. We loved having you here to celebrate Matariki with us.

Family Updates



Early Learning Centre

We welcome our new children: .Kyrin, Renee-Faye, Deklan, Maddison and Onyx. And we farewell Sam and Amiya who are leaving the district.

Preschool

We welcome Max and Kobe from The Early Learning Centre. And we farewell Cullen, Echo, Greer and Isaac who are off to continue their learning journey at school.

School Holidays

If your child is going to be absent in the school holidays 6th July—17th July please let a staff member know.

Staff Updates

- Employees of the Month for June was the Preschool Team. Congratulations on an awesome ERO review. Best one ever. Great job.
- Ness, Lauren and Stacey will be attending a Blue Book Workshop in Hamilton which supports and develops their teacher registration journey.
- Please welcome Stacey Hughes who joins the team as a reliever.
- Lauren will be away from the Preschool for four weeks from 27th July. She'll be on her final practicum for her Early Childhood degree.



Māori Language Week

Ko tōku nui, tōku wehi, tōku whakatiketike, tōku reo.

My language is my greatness, my inspiration, that which I hold precious.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Greetings to you all.

Every year since 1975 New Zealand has marked Māori Language Week. This is a time for all New Zealanders to celebrate te reo Māori (the Māori language) and to use more Māori phrases in everyday life. Te Wiki o te Reo Māori or Māori language week takes place between **Monday, 27 July and Sunday, 2 August 2015**. This special week provides an opportunity to celebrate and learn te reo Māori, helping to secure its future as a living, dynamic, and rich language. The theme for this year is, "Ngā Mātua / Whāngaihia te reo Māori ki ngā Mātua - To support parents to whāngai the language to their tamariki. "

