



### **Newsletter Term 2 2017**

*"A child is an eager observer and is particularly attracted by the actions of the adults and wants to imitate them. In this regard, an adult can have a kind of mission. He can be an inspiration for the child's actions, a kind of open book, wherein a child can learn how to direct his own movements."*  
Maria Montessori

### **Dear Parents / Whanau,**

Welcome to Term 2 of 2017. The children and teaching teams have settled into their learning environments after the holiday break. We welcome all our new children and their families to the pre-school.

Our AGM was held on May 10. Thank you to all who attended and to our present council members for their time they volunteer to their vital governance role. We welcome our two new council members.

Please remember

-sign your child in and out each day and notify the office if you are either changing your pick up times or if a different person is picking your child up.

-name all children's belongings including shoes, clothing, lunch boxes and drink bottles.

-with the colder weather teachers are asking parents to dress children appropriately with warm clothing including warm jackets, shoes and socks.  
-be aware of our Emergency and Evacuation plan, these can be found in each Foyer.

-ensure gates are shut while arriving and departing and consideration is given to others while parking.

-be aware we have a nut free and healthy food policy at the pre-school.

We invite our families / whanau to support us to raise a donation to purchase an advertising brick with our pre-school name for the Lions Junior Cycle Park. We would love the children to bring their trucks, cars, dolls prams, toys on wheels and a gold coin donation for a fun Wheels day on 26 May. The children and teachers will make a roadway to support understanding of road safety. We will also have a Scooter for Raffle. More information will follow.

The pre-school will be participating in the Matariki Whānau Day, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, Venue: Elgin School, Time: 10.30 – 12.30 pm, Flyers are displayed in each classroom foyer. If you would like to be involved in supporting us with this please let us know, more information will follow.

Sport Gisborne have invited families/whanau to join the Tairawhiti Active Mokopuna Facebook community

for under 5's and be part of the journey towards a healthier future. More information is available on their flyer in the foyer.

Parents are welcome to make an appointment to meet head teachers to discuss their children's learning and development. Assessment Portfolios are available to view at any time.

Theatre - The pre-school will attend the 'Capital E National Theatre for Children' in June. We will be travelling by bus to the War Memorial theatre and will need parent support for this trip. Consent forms and further information will follow.

Fundraising - The children's art will be made into cards and diaries this term. Further information will follow.

Please forward any Fundraising ideas to the office. If you would like to become involved in fundraising to support the pre-school this would be most appreciated.

If you can supply us with small, untanned wood off-cuts for the children's carpentry, please let us know.

### **Beehive 1**

Our role is sitting at 24 and children are settling into their routines really well. So our focus is getting these routines rolling and children settled. Dinosaurs still seem to be the topic of interest at the moment carrying on from last term.

We are having a little focus on healthy eating again and healthy lunch boxes

while focussing also on manners at the table. We have our Maori legends in our curriculum now, which was one of the Kaiawhena roopu aspirations.

We have had Maori parents comment on how great it is for their children to be learning these as they themselves don't know any.

This term we will be reviewing interruptions in the classroom with the Montessori Journey to excellence and how we can alleviate them.

Children are now placing their artwork in their own scrapbooks instead of in their art folders. Children can show their parents on whanau Friday all their artwork or take it home when it is full or when they leave.

Jo, Sandy and Anna

### **Beehive 2**

We would like to welcome Iris Brockob, Saskia Vincent, Leo Girling-Butcher, Jack Amor, Jimmy Honey and their families to Beehive 2 this term. The children are settling well into our routines and we have started this term with the children practicing Grace and Courtesy. For News Days we encourage the children to bring News items from nature, newspapers, photos and items related to their interests (e.g. Bugs, Butterflies, Dinosaurs, Solar System, Arts, and Cooking etc.)

As the weather is getting colder please remember to pop a warm jacket and a pair of shoes in your child's bag. Also remember to send a piece of fruit to be shared at morning tea time. Our classroom doors are open for whanau visits every Friday, and if you would like

to discuss your child's learning progress, please let Juliana know and an appointment can be made.

Juliana, Kylie and Meryl

### Beehive 3

Kia ora whānau/family. We welcome Josua Fuchs, Daisy West and their families into our class. Our class focus for the past two weeks has been on Social Graces; putting our work away, using our manners, walking inside etc. The topic for the next few weeks is Winter Sports such as Rugby, Netball and Hockey, anyone with an interest or expertise in any of these sports please come and share your knowledge with us; we would love to see you. During the holidays our Emperor Gum Moth Caterpillars transformed into Cocoons so we will be keeping a close eye on them to hopefully witness them emerge as Emperor Gum Moths. Your child's portfolio is available for you to view so please take a look at some of the wonderful mahi/work your child has been doing at Montessori.

Ngā mihi nui, Quannah and Keryn.

### Afternoon Program

Our programme focus this term is to foster children's ability to plan and describe from recall (oral language focus). We will do this through retelling of traditional tales from different cultures, and through art, drama and construction. If your child has a favourite "traditional" story (eg: The Three Little Pigs) you are welcome to bring it in to share. From the afternoon

teachers.

### Extended day

After saying farewell to children off to primary school and welcoming our new friends and their families to our Extended Day class we now have 11 children attending from the three morning Beehives. We have now completed our planned group learning focus around Sea Week including understanding the impact pollution has on our environment and sea creatures and how the children can support a positive influence on this. We have planned our group learning for the children this term to focus on practicing the 5 under 5 fundamental movement skills, recognising and practicing writing names, numbers and phonetic sounds and developing an understanding of keeping themselves safe from harm through listening, thinking and using language that enables complex conversations on topic. Barbara and Anna

Kitty Brown and Kirsten Parkinson are cousins who've worked together on creating brilliant bilingual board books in te reo Māori and English with Reo Pepi. We were fortunate to have Kitty come to Montessori and read three of her pukapuka/books to the tamariki/children. The tamariki sat together in Beehive 2 and listened to the stories; they made animal noises

and sang waiata/songs. Kitty gave all the tamariki a colouring sheet to take home at the end.

It was a great opportunity for our tamariki to practice their social graces and to wait patiently to receive their colouring sheet and sat together to listen to the stories.

