



Sunshine Kindergarten

kei roto i te riu o nga manu (In the Valley of the Birds)

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Kia ora, Talofa, Hello, Ni hao , Mālō ni, Mālō e lelei, Marhaba, Xin chāo, Anyeong, Namaste, Salaam, Konnichiwa, Guten tag, Bonjour, Prevet, Dia dhuit, Hola, Ciao, Awrite. Greetings to all our whānau/families.

Term dates: Term 2 ends on Friday the 5th of July, and Term 4 starts on Monday the 22nd of July.

Kia ora/welcome to Antonella & Simon, Lorenzo and Ethan, Adam and their families/whānau to our community. We also welcome back Lucas Wong and his whānau who have returned from holiday.

Ka kite/farewell to: Talia, Olive R, Amaziah, Amira, Iris, William, Brielle, and Joyan who are all starting school and to Izzie who is moving out of Wellington.

Congratulations to families with new babies: Joyan's family welcomes a little brother, and Adam's family welcomes two baby girls.

Term 2 major fundraiser - Cultural Evening on Friday 5:30 22nd June 2019

This is a little way off but all current and past children and families are all welcome. We need parent help to project manage this event. We invite you to bring a meal from your own culture to share.

ERO (Education Review Office) will be visiting Sunshine Kindergarten on Tuesday 4th June. In preparation for this we need help to tidy up the front gate entrance area.

As part of our goal to reduce our use of plastic, we encourage all families to send their child/children to kindergarten with a washable 'wet-bag' to put wet clothes into. We have some for sale for \$10. See one of the teachers if you wish to purchase/order one.

Healthy Lunches

It is wonderful to see so many healthy lunches with sandwiches, fruit, and vegetables. Water is the preferred drink. **Remember:** Due to allergies, ALL Kindergartens are nut free. So please check all the ingredients list on food products such as Museli bars.

Safety Reminders:

Gate Safety: Please do not swing or stand on the Gate as it is damaging the gate itself and the hinges .

Bike Safety: Please ensure your children's bike is safe. If you are uncertain see a teacher.

Can anyone help? We have a few wee projects we would like to do this term.

1. Can you help out with donations of A4 photocopy paper and newspapers.
2. Currently we have a lot of A3 photocopy paper. It would be very much appreciated if someone could use the guillotine to cut the A3 paper in half.

Ngahere ako/Bush Learning Programme (Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday)

Ngahere Ako bush learning trips have started again. This term we are trialling a new parent roster and approval system. At the sign in desk there is a list of all the children enrolled on the above days. Thank you to all parents who have taken the time to write your name down as a Parent help for a day that suits you.

In order for the excursions to go ahead we require two parent helpers, one to stay at kindy and the other to venture up into the bush with a teacher and a group of up to eight children.

Nicola is the project manager. She will email whanau to notify them of the date and time of your child's turn the week before s/he is to go. The Risk-Assessment document will be attached to this email. We encourage you to read it prior to your child's excursion.

Please talk to Nicola or one of the other teachers if you can help or have any questions.

We really appreciate your support.

Ngahere ako/ Bush Learning is such a valuable learning experience for all.

The Change of Season:

As we move into the colder, winter seasons please take a few minutes to name hats, clothing, gumboots, lunch boxes and drink bottles. This means we can remind children to put their things in their bags or lockers, rather than putting them into the lost property basket.

Also, remember to provide lots of warm clothes, coats and gumboots as we encourage children to spend time outside as much as possible. The fresh air helps to prevent colds and the flu. Both are caused by viruses which circulate during the cold weather seasons but you are more likely to pick them up by staying inside. In fact going outside, getting more physical activity and fresh air—and not just during the cold seasons—may help to prevent sickness.

Remember to keep your children home if they are unwell

There are many useful websites to support this such as

<https://www.health.com/health/gallery>

Whānau Contributions: Are voluntary but much needed, and appreciated. To avoid charges in the future we all need to contribute what we can now.

Farewell Regitze: This is your last week at Sunshine kindy. We wish you all the best for the future. We will ALL miss you being here.

Remember to keep us up-to-date with your current contact details.

Arohanui from Jan, Lisa, Nicola, Jan H, Jo and Rachel.