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# Island Bay Kindergarten

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## Tapu te ranga newsletter

Kia ora whānau

It is only a few short weeks before the end of the term, and the end of another year here at Island Bay Kindergarten! It's been a fun, busy, and eventful year with many positive changes and developments. We'd like to say a huge thank you to all of you for your continued support of our Kindergarten. We so appreciate this wonderful community and all the ways—big and small—everyone has contributed to making Island Bay Kindergarten an inspiring, welcoming, and fun place for our tamariki. Ngā mihi nui!

### GROUP PLANNING

The focus of our Group Planning has shifted and widened to look at the key concepts and values making up our new Philosophy. Have a look at our Group Planning Wall by the kitchen—you will see that the teaching team has been working to provide snapshots of what these values (Whanaungatanga, Manaakitanga, Whakamana, Ako, and Kaitiakitanga) look like in action. We

are also embedding these terms and concepts into our daily practice, familiarising the children with them as well. Kaitiakitanga has been the primary focus in the past few weeks with discussions around spring gardening, caring for our environment (indoors & out), and recycling. When we notice children engaging in activities that help care for our environment, we have been praising them for being great Kaitiaki (or guardians) of our Kindergarten. It has been exciting to hear the children take this on and say, "I want to be a Kaitiaki too!"

### SPEAKING OF KAITIAKITANGA—

Island Bay Kindergarten is keen to continue reducing our waste. We are now looking into ways of cutting down on our paper towel usage and replacing them with washable cloth towels. Please keep an eye out for an email with more information!

### WORKING BEE

On **Sunday, 2 December**, we will be hosting a working bee from 10am –



**12:30pm.** We have a list of jobs such as weeding the garden, sanding the artificial turf, and raking dead leaves, etc. that we need volunteers for! A list will be posted by the locker tags. We hope to have a repeat of the great turnout last year—and many hands make light work. ☺ Plus, we will have snacks! **IN CASE OF RAIN:** We will postpone the working bee to the following **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December**, same time, for those who can make it. We will try to notify you beforehand, but if you are in doubt, please call the Kindergarten at 10am and if no one

answers, please assume we have called it off.

#### KAPA HAKA

On **Thursday, 13 December, 9:15am** - the children will be presenting their annual Kapa Haka performance. If you can make it, please arrive by 9:00am so we can start promptly at 9:15am.



#### ADVENT CALENDAR

Starting next week, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, we will be beginning our Advent Calendar project and collecting various items on each day of the month for the Women's Refuge. Everyone should have received an e-mail with the Advent Calendar attached from Linda Devlin (one of our Kindy mums). She has introduced this wonderful idea that further supports Manaakitanga and Kindness—important and foundational values here at Island Bay Kindergarten. We have no expectation for families to bring something every day, but if you can contribute some of the items, we would greatly appreciate it!

#### END OF DAY MAT TIME

Just a reminder to parents and caregivers that **if you would like to observe and attend mat time at the end of the day, please arrive right before 2:15pm and please sit on the mat with your child.** Once the doors close for Mat Time, they must remain shut until the end of mat time. We ask that everyone arriving after the doors have been shut to wait outside until mat time is over. This is for safety reasons as well as to help support the children's concentration while they are on the mat. Thank you!

#### END OF TERM REMINDERS

The last day of term is Friday, 21 December.

**--End of Term Clean-up:** As usual, we need volunteers to help with cleaning up our environment. We will have a list of jobs posted in the last week of term. If you have an extra 10-15 minutes around drop-off or after pick-up, we would love the help! And what a great opportunity to model Kaitiakitanga to your tamariki!



**--Lost and Found.** Please make sure to have a look through our Lost and Found items to see if anything belongs to you. We will be donating any remaining items by the end of the term.

**--Art Folders.** Make sure you have a look through your child's art folders to see if there are any masterpieces to take home. These will also be emptied and art work recycled at end of term.

**--Civil Defense.** If it has slipped your mind to donate \$10 to our Civil Defense fund, you can still do so on Kindo!

**--Whanau Donation.** We always greatly appreciate your termly donations!

**--Coffee.** We also love donations of bags of coffee for our communal supply.

**--Parent Committee.** If you have any curiosity about what the committee does, please consider attending one of our meetings! It's a great way to get to know more families in our community and what they do for the Kindy is just

invaluable! The committee meets once per month at the kindergarten. Please do not hesitate to ask the teaching team about upcoming meeting dates.

#### OTHER REMINDERS

**Please remember to sign your child in on arrival and out on departure. In an emergency, the sign in/out sheets are a record of who is at kindergarten, so it is VITAL that our attendance records reflect exactly which children are with us.** If there is an earthquake or the like, we absolutely must know who is here. Please, please make sure you sign in and out!



#### TERM DATES

Term 4--Monday October 15 – Friday 21 December

Term 1 Begins – Wednesday, 23 January

Please note that these dates are different to primary school dates.

Ka kōhi to toi ka whai te maramatanga

*If knowledge is gathered enlightenment will follow*

Nga mihi: IBK Teaching



