



Una Williams
KINDERGARTEN

Newsletter to Parents/Whānau/Aiga
Term 1, 2021

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Kia ora koutou, Talofa lava, and welcome Term 1.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new tamariki/tamaiti and their whānau/aiga; Alaric Hagger, Alistair Jones, Christina Faitalia, Georgia ChanTung-Tuisea and Harpa Kilmister-Thompson. We look forward to getting to know you and your families.

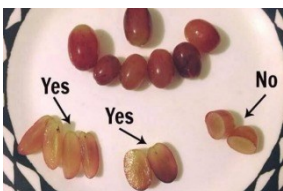
Throughout this term we will farewell: Samerah Tauese, Maraea & Ngaio Williams, Hazel Harrison and Suri Lagolago. From everyone here at Una Williams, we wish you all the best.

FOOD POLICY

As you may all be aware by now the Ministry of Education, with guidance from the Ministry of Health have brought in new rules about appropriate foods to have at kindergarten to **minimise the risk of choking**.

Please be ensured that all of our teachers are trained in first aid and all our children are seated and supervised while eating their kai.

A link to the guidelines is available at:
<https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/reducing-food-related-choking-babies-and-young-children-early-learning-services>



Covid-19 Update

We strongly encourage families to continue to use the Contact Tracer App when you are visiting kindergarten or dropping off/picking up your child. We have placed our kindergarten QR Code above the Sign-In Table, Double doors by the locker area and in the Locker area. P.S. You still have to manually sign in your child.

There is hand sanitiser available for use also when dropping off or picking up your child.



Transition to School

- Is your child about to turn 5 years old?
- Have you filled in an enrolment form for the school you want your child to attend?
- Does your child need school visits?
- Unsure of who to contact about school enrolments?

We have information and enrolment packs for many of the schools nearby here in Masterton. Please do not hesitate in asking any of the staff your questions if you are unsure. We are more than happy to help you with the next steps of your child's learning journey.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- ◇ Monday 8th February - Waitangi Day Observed - Kgtn Closed
- ◇ Friday 2nd April - Good Friday - Kindergarten Closed
- ◇ Monday 5th April - Easter Monday - Kindergarten Closed
- ◇ Monday 26th April - Anzac Day Observed - Kindergarten Closed

PORTFOLIO'S

To view your child's portfolio on Storypark an email is required to give you free access. You will receive an email invitation from a teacher here at Una Williams. You need to accept this invitation and you'll be taken to a sign-up page where you can enter your name and choose a password. Storypark is an online service, so you can log in without installing software on your computer. Please use this forum to add comments about a story that has been written about your child or create your own story to share with the teachers.

We have a hard copy here at kindergarten to take home and read if you prefer but please ensure they are returned for updated entries.

Thank you.

The inside of our entire fence was painted over the Christmas Holiday Break. Doesn't it look fantastic?

Big thanks to Mike and his wife from M&M property maintenance to get this done while we were all on holiday..
Awesome job!



Projects we are hoping to make happen in 2021!

- Outdoor play area upgrade
- Community Garden

Watch this space!!!!

Where shall we go this term for our community outing?
Any ideas? Please let us know.

Please name your child's belongings.
This makes it much easier to find the owners when they have been left around the kindergarten.



To view all Hazards here at Una Williams Kindergarten please refer to the [Hazard Register](#) folder on the sign-in table



To view all Whānau Manaaki Kindergartens Policies please use this link:
http://wmkindergartens.org.nz/parent-information/policies_i.71287

Regards, Mel, Cheryl, Corinne, Shelley, Shyvonne and Mandy