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Paenga-whāwhā / April 2024 Newsletter.



**Kia Ora, Namaste, Talofa lava, Zdravo
and welcome to Autumn.**

Illnesses; Just a reminder that at this time of year cough's and colds are prevalent, along with runny noses, conjunctivitis and other winter ills. While we acknowledge that it can be difficult at times to juggle work and family commitments we do have an obligation to do all that is possible to keep everyone at North Haven well. If your child is unwell please do not bring them into the Centre. In accordance with our Illness / Infection Control Policy we will need to ring you if your child becomes unwell during their time in the Centre.

Daylight Saving; With the clocks turned back on Sunday the 7th of April 2024 our Sun Protection Policy, including the wearing of sunhats, no longer applies. We will be sending your child's sunhat home for the winter.

With the weather cooling down please check that the spare **NAMED** clothes in your child's bag are consistent with the unpredictable weather and remember to provide warmer clothes (that fit them) for the cooler days ahead.

**Please note that we will be closed for Anzac Day on
Thursday the 25th of April 2024.**



Our Family; In February and March 2024 we have welcomed Beau, Layan, Razen, Alleyah and Theo to the Fern Room and Rory in the Koru Room. We hope you, and your family, have a wonderful time being a part of our North Haven community. Remember, if you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to speak to Lynnette, Kelly or a kaiako.

During the months of February and March we sadly said goodbye to Abby, Thea, Willow, Anthony and Beiaroi as they have moved onto school or out of the district. We wish these children and their families all the very best for the next adventures in their lives and hope they have fond memories of their time at North Haven.

New team members; During February and march we welcomed both Tegan and Lauren to the North Haven team. They have fitted in so well and are building fantastic relationships with whānau, tamariki and staff.

Early Reading Together; We were excited to be able to offer this programme to our North Haven community, but due to low numbers we have now had to cancel this. We will look at re applying for funding to provide the programme at the end of the year and this will go ahead if

Fern Room News; Kia ora Whanau.

Can you believe we are in the month of April already, how the beginning of the year has flown! With Daylight-saving coming to an end, we will be sending sunhats home and ask if you could please replace these with a warm hat, and jacket. Please also ensure your child has **plenty of named, warm clothing** in their bags.

Just a reminder that if you send food to be heated, please put the food into a **named container**, and place it in the white basket provided, with other food to be refrigerated.

As we have welcomed many new tamariki, and their families to the Fern Room recently- (Alleyah, Razen, Layan, Beau, Theo), as well as tamariki, who have transitioned from the Koru Room over the last couple of months (Zeth, Alaska, Gurnaaz, Lincoln, David), our curriculum focus area has been ***Belonging- where children and their families experience an environment where: they feel comfortable with the routines, customs and regular events.*** We have been thrilled at how well our new tamariki have been settling into their new environment. Kaiako have been busy, guiding and encouraging tamariki to become increasingly capable of understanding how things work here in the Fern Room, and what is acceptable and valued behaviour.

Fern Room Rules-

- help to tidy up
- walking feet inside
- inside voices
- gentle hands/ keeping our hands and feet to ourselves
- listening ears
- using kind words.

Manaakitanga is one of our North Haven Values, where children experience an environment where respect, kindness and care is valued.

Whanau, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, or information that you would like to share, please do not hesitate to chat with any of our kaiako (does not have to be profile kaiako), or our center manager Lynnette. You know your children best, so any information you have to share is extremely valuable to us. We are here to work in partnership with you to best meet your child's needs, and realize the aspirations you have for your child.

Our Easter Fun Day on the 28th of March was a huge success. Tamariki had loads of fun searching for their Easter treats, hidden in the Wilderness area. Lots of fun Easter activities happened throughout the day, including a special craftwork activity making baby chicks out of egg cartons.

