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## Pāenga-whāwhā / April 2025 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 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2025 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.

**\*\*\* Centre Closed \*\*\***

**Please note that the Centre will be CLOSED** on the following days this month:

- ❖ **Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2025 – Easter Friday**
- ❖ **Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2025 – Easter Monday**
- ❖ **Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2025 – Anzac Day**



**Our Family;** In February and March 2025 we have welcomed Charlee-Jay to the Fern Room and Grace W, Lulu, Maia, Clara, Isaac, and Maria 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 Aafina, Ameleah, Grace M, Luke W and Oliver as they have moved onto school, out of the district or their circumstances have changed. 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.

**Contact Details;** If any of your circumstances or contact details change **please** let us know for the welfare of your child. This includes phone numbers and where to email weekly accounts.

**Immunisations:** It is a Ministry of Education requirement that we have a record of children's immunisations on file. If your child has recently had their 15 month or 4 year immunisations please bring in your immunisation certificate for us to copy. Thank you.

**Health & Safety at Work Act (HSW Act);** The focus of the HSW Act is to protect workers and other people against harm to their health, safety and welfare by eliminating or minimising risks at work. Therefore, we would like to remind you of the following hazards when you are in our Centre;

- Rapid & unexpected movement of children.
- Toys/equipment on the floor.
- Water spills in some areas.
- In the event of the fire alarm being activated, all persons in the centre at the time must comply with the requests of staff and exit through fire exit doors to meet in the over two bark area.
- First aid kits are available in both the under 2's and over 2's areas.



**Koru Room News;** Ka Kite Ano Phoebe and Tommy, we hope you are loving the Fern Room. A big welcome to Maria, Maia, and Clara! The Tamariki in the Koru Room have been loving the challenge of the new playground equipment, climbing, jumping, balancing, and turn taking!



The Koru Room have had a big focus on water play and all the things we can find out in the water. Fish, sharks, octopus and many more! They have been getting creative and we even got to finish off the month with a fun 'under the sea' dress up day!







**Fern Room News;** Tēnā koutou katoa, hello everyone. Ko te wāhunga Ngāhuru. The season is Autumn. That being said we are still having some hot days and with this the tamariki are enjoying some water play, so it's still good to make sure there are changes of clothing in your child's bag. Also, when the weather does turn colder please check that your child has a selection of spare clothes that are appropriate for the day.

Firstly, the Fern Room welcomes Tommy and Phoebe who have transitioned from the Koru Room and are making a great start with us. As already mentioned, water play has been popular with our tamariki and also messy play and clay. We've noticed too, that many children are interested in 'big construction' with some long roads, railway tracks, fences and tall buildings being created from the wooden blocks and giant-coloured bricks.



Looking back over the past two months, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February we celebrated the filling of the Kaitiakitanga jar with a mini disco. This was tremendous fun! The tamariki looked amazing in their disco dress-ups and enjoyed dancing with ribbons, scarves and flashing lights and a disco ball!

Just recently, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March we had an 'Under the Sea Day.' Again the dressing up was amazing with mermaids, sharks, a deep sea diver and an octopus arriving in the Fern Room! The children had a fun day with all sorts of sea life in the toys and experiences offered, including plastic sea creatures, boats in the sandpit, making and decorating fish and making shark masks and an aquarium.



Our next special day will be our Easter Fun Day on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April when we will be enjoying eating some hot cross buns, going on an Easter egg hunt and trying some crafting activities.

Finally just a reminder that we have a blue basket full of children's clothing that must belong to someone, so please take a look if your child is missing some item

of clothing. This is generally located underneath the sign in desk and also there is a basket of socks that need to be reunited with their owners too!



***Please remember to check the lost property/clothes areas in each foyer for anything that may be your child's.***

**Reminder;** North Haven Child Care & Education Centre **building, grounds and car park are a smoke and vape free zone** and all persons must obey this at all times, in accordance with the Smoke Free Environment Act 1990 (SFEA) and its amendments. Smoking includes all tobacco related products, and smoking paraphernalia including e-cigarettes.

