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August / Here-turi-kōkā 2024 Newsletter.

KAI ORA, NAMASTE, TALOFA LAVA, ZDRAVO.

Isn't it lovely that the days are getting a little bit longer? We hope you have all managed to keep warm and dry over the winter months and take heart by the sight of buds appearing in trees and spring bulbs peeking through. We have certainly experienced some extreme weather

Our Family: During the months of June and July we have welcomed Lincoln's younger sister Emily in the Koru Room; and Grace, Ehan and Jaxon in the Fern Room. We hope you, and your whanau, have a wonderful time being a part of our North Haven community. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to speak to Lynnette or a kaiako.



We have sadly said goodbye to Carla, Grace K and Lucy as they begin their school journey. We have also said goodbye to Asha, Theo, Jessica and Torin. We wish the tamariki that have left our Centre, and their whanau, all the very best for the next adventures in their lives and hope that you all have fond memories of your time at North Haven.

Did you know? North Haven is a not-for-profit community education centre and is the oldest ECE centre in Timaru! We operate under a governance structure with the support of a group of dedicated committee members who meet monthly. We are interested in hearing from anyone connected to the North Haven community who has an interest in supporting the Centre in a governing role either now or in the future. No experience is necessary, only passion for North Haven and our role in the community.

On Monday the 19th of August 2024 at 7.00pm, the Annual General Meeting for the North Haven Child Care & Education Centre Committee will be held in the Fern Room. All are welcome to join us and find out more about North Haven and the direction of the Centre.

Daily Sign In/Out Sheets; This is very important in the event of an emergency. Please ensure that you write your full details along with the time and your initials on the Sign In/Out sheets when you drop your child/ren off and when you pick them up.



Doors; Please ensure that all doors and gates close firmly behind you when you enter and leave the Centre.

Also, please **do not** let your child open any doors or lift them up to open the entrance gates.



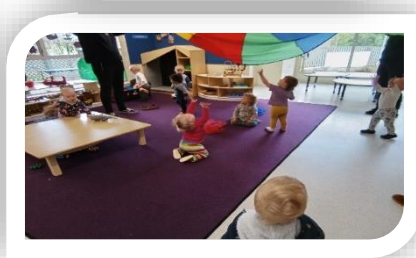
This year we will be celebrating daffodil day in the centre on **Friday the 30th of August**. We would love everyone to wear something yellow to show their support.

Koru Room News: In July 2024 we have given a warm welcome to Emily, as she joins us in the Koru Room and said goodbye to Hadley as he transitions to the Fern Room. In August we also say Ka kite ano to Millie and Ophelia as they transition to the Fern Room alongside each other.

A massive welcome to our student teacher Kylie who you will see over the next few weeks as she completes her final practicum here with us at North Haven.

With the weather being so cold and unpredictable recently kaiako have been sure to offer a range of activities to keep tamariki engaged and active in their minds and bodies. Including painting, messy play, parachutes, mat times, and opportunities to get the bodies moving with the wave equipment!

The tamariki in the Koru Room loved participating in “Wheels Day”, using the Centre’s entrance way to ride their bikes around and around and up and down the small hill.



Fern Room News:

Tēnā koutou katoa, hello everyone! Ko te whahanga Hōtoke – The season is Winter. Yes, we are still having some very cold weather and it has been great to see hats and jackets with children. Could we also request that they bring other warmer layers because although the classroom is heated we do operate with the door open for significant stretches of the day. Also, we are persevering with our routine of 'shoes off inside' and ask that you support your child to do this and to wear slippers inside if they would prefer.



The Fern Room has been a hive of industry! On the 5th of June we celebrated World Environment Day encouraging our children to develop the skills to care for the world around them. This links with our value of kaitiakitanga and our rule of 'help to tidy up.' In the Fern Room this looked like learning about endangered animals, recycling, sweeping, enjoying our wilderness area, making bird feeders, playing tidy-up time games and learning about Timaru's Little Blue Penguin. Following this we were straight in to Samoan Language Week with Tracey leading us in song and dance and displaying resources of the Samoan map and posters with the colours, numbers, shapes and greetings in Samoan.



For the remainder of June our focus was on celebrating Matariki – the Māori New Year. On the 17th of June Ruth from the Timaru Museum came and shared the story of ‘The 9 Matariki Stars’ with our tamariki involved as actors. In preparation for our Matariki evening celebration Kelly led the children in making soup and star biscuits. Then during the evening of the 26th of June we shared this delicious kai with our whānau and enjoyed a great evening of stories, activities, waiata and a star hunt.



All our kaiako have been responsible for bringing weekly focused learning experiences for the children. For example Tracey has been taking kiwi sport sessions, with a recent focus on body and spatial awareness. Sue has been busy offering messy play experiences with gloop and cloud dough being very popular. Lynne and Lea have been providing Te Reo Māori starting with ways to say “Hello... good-bye” and using colours in waiata (songs) and tākaro (games.) In discovery time Kim and Kelly have been teaching the older group about the human body and now their new focus is people in our community, the children’s place in their community and keeping themselves safe. July was also the month Kim led the children in celebrating Wheels Day, which saw our tamariki enjoy the opportunity to bring their bike or scooter from home and to get to ride it in a sectioned off area of the car park. What great fun and amazing to see their physical skills developing!



Over the past two months we have also been fortunate to have visits from the library and in August we will be resuming our visits to the library, alternating with visits from Robyn (Mrs A.’s Music School), who will be continuing fortnightly music sessions. The children have an interesting and full curriculum!



Please note: North Haven will close at **12.00 midday for all children on Monday the 23rd of December 2024.**

The Centre will **reopen at 7.45 am on Tuesday the 7th of January 2025.**