



The Learning Corner

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE



"Children see magic because they look for it."

Newsletter April 2015

New Children

We would like to welcome our new Tamariki who have started at the Learning Corner over the last couple of months, A big welcome to:

Asher Clark – Nursery

Ava Gane – Nursery

Jai Quinn – Nursery

Mila Naimie – Nursery

Zachary Calladine – Nursery

Coulter Joyce – Pre-school

Eric Lin – Pre-school

Jacob Obern – Pre-school

Michael Derry – Pre-school

Stella MacRae – Pre-school

We look forward to getting to know you, and watching you grow and develop!

Events

Healthy Heart – Emily and Anya worked really hard with the children to achieve a healthy heart award, not only did they gain that, but they also gained a special award for 'Best Whanau Engagement'. Congratulations to everyone that participated!



Coming up – Mother's Day High Tea on the 8th of May. Notice will be posted on Educa.



Welcome and Goodbye

We are very sad to say goodbye to our wonderful cook Anya. Anya has been such an amazing part of this centre, creating fantastic recipes and teaching our staff, parents and children about health and Nutrition. We can't thank her enough, We wish her all the best on her next venture.

We are however pleased to welcome Tereevina to our family at The Learning Corner, Teree is Temaria's half-sister, and has already started training with Anya. Please feel free to introduce yourself as she will be with us for at least a few months

Nursery

The Nursery are currently reviewing their room and heading down a more natural path. We have made a few small changes to the room, allowing our 0-1 year olds a space of their own at certain times during the day, and making a nice quiet space for the toddlers down the end of the room. We are still on the hunt for lots of natural resources to make the room pretty. The children are however loving the 'heuristic baskets'.

The room is a working progress, so please look out for any changes!



Pre-school

The Pre-school are currently focusing on building and construction as this month's topic. They saw an interest in their 3 and 4 year olds and decided to follow it. The week of the 20th they will be taking a trip on the Friday to visit a real construction site up the road!

The children are very excited!

Toddlers

Colour's and counting are the current focus for the toddlers. Penelope and Giselle have been very busy making different games to help enhance children's learning in this area. Mat times have also been a great way to extend children's knowledge of colour's and counting. Emily Lo will also be joining the toddler team for a couple of months. The toddlers are enjoying outdoor activities and exploring their environment.

Recipe of the month

Each month I will post a recipe from our cook. A recipe that the children loved, giving you the option to cook it at home if you chose too.

Feijoa, Apple & Blackberry Muffins

Note: Feijoas can be left out if you don't like them, or you don't have any. We were given some from our families and there wasn't a single crumb left!

- 250g Self Raising Flour
 - 150g Butter
 - ½ tsp cinnamon
- 1tsp baking powder
 - 1 apple
- Approx 3 feijoas
 - 2 eggs
 - ½ cup milk
- Zest of ½ orange
- 1 cup frozen blackberries

Method:

- 1: Place flour and butter in processor and process to crumbs (or in a bowl with your hands). Mix in cinnamon, baking powder
- 2: Tip into large mixing bowl. Grate in apple and feijoa's. Grate in orange zest. Gently stir fruit through flour mix until all coated in flour.
- 3: Break in eggs and gently mix through. Add in enough milk to create a soft batter, but do not overmix. Gently stir through blackberries. Try to avoid breaking them up too much.
- 4: Spoon into muffin tins and bake approx. 15-20 mins at 180c

Important notices:

Winter is fast approaching so we ask that you please provide lots of spare clothing for your child, a warm hat, socks and shoes and a jacket.

Please sign your child in and out – it is very important that you please remember to sign your children in and out in case of an emergency and Ministry of Education Requirements. Thank you.

Entertainment books are available! \$13 dollars from each purchase goes towards a new resource for our Tamariki at the Learning Corner! Please see display at reception or talk to Sophie.