



The Learning Corner

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Newsletter: July 2015



“Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play children learn how to learn.” – O. Fred Donaldson

Welcome to our new Tamariki:

Caitlyn Minchin

We look forward to getting to know you Caitlyn and watching you grow and develop.

EVENTS:

A spontaneous birthday bash for 'The Learning Corner' – Dress up day and shared morning tea:
Tuesday 28th July

- Parent interviews will be postponed till early September due to our new team leader coming onboard. Date to come.

Important Notices:

- Please bring appropriate winter clothing for your children, and lot's of spare clothes for all the fun activities we do.
- Don't forget to sign your child in and out of the centre



Emily painting the traditional 'moku' on the children's faces for Matariki



Giselle doing candle wax painting with the children

TEAM PROGRAMME PLANNING

NURSERY: TRANSPORT & GROSS MOTOR SKILLS

A huge interest in transport became evident in the Nursery. Some really exciting things have already happened with this topic, but one of the most memorable was when Olivia's father brought in his motorcycle for the children to look at and sit on!

Our little one's are on the move, the space allows the children space to move freely, with lots of things to safely pull themselves up on, walk around and climb.

- The nursery's new resources will be arriving soon, yay!

TODDLERS: TACTILE ART EXPERIENCES

As seen in the photo with Giselle, the toddlers are doing a lot of exciting and creative activities to support this topic of learning. Art is very popular at the moment, and the art table is usually always full of budding artists. Penelope and Giselle have been thinking of some great idea's to help extend this area of development, the children are loving using many different tools to develop their fine motor skills and to express their creativity. We hope you are enjoying the art work going home!



PRE-SCHOOL: DRAMATIC PLAY

Ladybirds, Doctors, Superheroes, tigers and much more. The new costumes were a hit with the children; it helped extend this interest even more. The pre-school have been fabulous at turn taking with the costumes, and they are really getting into character!

Jenny is supporting Emily until our new teacher Kylie starts, and they are working together really well to provide lots of exciting activities to keep this exciting interest alive.

ODD SOCKS? OLD SOCKS? BUTTONS? – WE'LL TAKE THEM! Let's make sock puppets!

WELCOME KYLIE!



We are very excited to welcome Kylie to our team. Kylie shares the same passion as myself and the rest of the team here at the learning corner, and that's about advocating for the child, and treating each child as individual and unique. Kylie already has so many idea's for our space, and we are already planning projects together. Kylie has a lot of leadership experience and is a passionate and kind person and teacher who I believe is going to be an amazing asset to the learning corner. She will be starting on the 17th of August, so please feel free to introduce yourself to her.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH:

BANANA, COCONUT SLICE

The children are loving this slice at the moment! Easy and delicious!

Ingredients:

- 3 tbs of Oil
- ¼ cup of dates
- ½ cup of coconut thread
 - ½ cup of who oats
 - 1 cup flour
 - 1 tsp salt
 - 3 bananas
- ½ tbs of vanilla essence
 - ½ tsp baking soda
 - ¾ coconut cream
- ½ tsp of baking powder

Method:

- 1: Place dates, oil, vanilla, coconut cream and banana in processor and whizz
- 2: Mix all dry ingredients in a bowls
- 3: Pour into wet mix and stir to combine. You are looking for a wet batter. If it appears to be too dry add a bit more coconut cream.
- 4: Pour into lined baking tin, smooth top with a fork and bake for aprox 15-20 mins at 180c

An Interesting article:

<http://www.evelyndavis.co.nz/2015/07/1389/>

This article talk's about the change in movement about 'drawing with a child' – research is forever changing but doing what comes naturally is what really counts.