



Kereru Huapai Newsletter

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First off we would like to warmly welcome all our new Kereru children and families who have started in the past three months. We hope we have made you all feel very welcomed and valued. We hope to continue to develop a great relationship with you and your family and hope you enjoy your time here with us, learning alongside us and being happy!

Staff change: As you all know last October we sadly farwelled Hayley who had been the previous centre manager. Her contribution and dedication that was so evidently put into Kereru is amazing. On that note I would like to personally thank you and the staff from the bottom of my heart for your warmth and support when taking on this role. It truly has been humbling and I hope that I can continue to celebrate and extend the uniqueness of Kereru Kindy for many years to come. Kereru Kindy are also excited to say that with our ever increasing numbers we have been fortunate to employ a new fully registered teacher who comes with years of experience.



Hi my name is Annabelle. I am a fully qualified and Registered Early childhood teacher. I am passionate about building authentic relationships with children and their families and I believe that this is where my ability to teach young children stems from. Giving children the opportunity to learn through real life hands on experiences in a nature, adventure based setting is something I am passionate about and I feel very privileged to be able to work at a centre that provides such opportunities.

Annabelle will be starting on the 5th of February.

Investigation: As you may have noticed we have introduced a new morning ritual of iced herbal tea. The children have been enjoying this experience and we have found it to be an effective way of starting our day more peacefully. Thank you to the families who have contributed different types of tea, the children have been thoroughly enjoying it. More recently we have found the children have taken interest in exploring the "Most scariest thing in the Garden"! Through this the children have been enjoying going on regular garden hunts both in our outside environment and at home. The children have also been enjoying extending their physical capabilities and bravery on our new rope swing. This has proved to be very exciting for them!



How you can help us? To support these interests we would love for you to share a story or photo that relates to something “scary” in your garden, park, beach etc for your child to share at Mat time. We also would love any recyclable or natural materials for our loose parts/construction/craft area (sticks, twigs, moss, leaves, shells, stones, pebbles, flowers, off cuts of firewood etc). We would love some crates, wooden spools large or small, bricks, wooden table (to be used a glue gun station) and anything related to family play such as old perfume bottles, makeup containers, porcelaine tea set and jug. Lastly we are always on the look out for cutlery, pots/pans and cups suitable for our amazing mud kitchen for our children to enjoy we would greatly appreciate it!

Self Reviews: Currently our centre is going through two self reviews, the first is on “How as Educators here at Kereru Kindy are we ensuring our Tamariki are prepared to tackle the future challenges and learning in a school environment”? Through that self review we have implemented investigation times, these are times where specific activities relating to children's interests are explored and extended deeper within their learning. Already we have noticed a dramatic development within their literacy, science and mathematical concepts. We are just so proud of our children =D
The second self review will be in regards to how we are ensuring our Bi-cultural aspects are implemented and visible throughout our planning, documentation and investigation times. This will certainly be an exciting time for us so any suggestions or feedback in regards to our current self reviews would be greatly

appreciated!

Lastly With all the wonderful weather we have been having, we would like to remind families to please apply sun block to their children before coming to Kindy and then we will continue to apply it throughout the day.

As requested here is our playdough recipe for those who wanted to give it a try!

Play dough

2 cups of flour, 1 cup of salt

2 Tbsp of cream of tartar

Food colouring, 2Tbsp oil

2 cups of boiling water

Mix the dry ingredients together in a bowl Mix the wet items together in a jug
and then mix they together till they form a dough



From the Kereru Teaching team ☺