



Parent Newsletter/Panui

December/Hakihea 2018

Talofa lava, Kia ora, Hello & Bonjour...and welcome to our new families/whānau



Christmas Party – 2018



The KEL Christmas party this year was an event to remember! Magician Nigel Kennedy, had our children spellbound for over an hour, and seemed to have the sense of humour of a 4 year old absolutely nailed. We were lucky also to have some Christmas xmas fairies with us for the day who were able to stand in for santa clause who couldn't make it.



Closure date for 2018

Our last day of operation for the year will be Thursday the 20th of December.

2019 start date

The Centre will be re-opening for 2019 on Tuesday the 15th January, but we need to plan our staffing for January so we can ensure all our teachers can take adequate annual leave. Please let Jannie know the date your child will be returning in the new year. Please be aware that if your child does not attend on their booked days, fees will still apply from the 15th of January.

Re-opening Mondays

From the 28th of January, we will be re-opening on Mondays. If you are interested in booking your child in for Mondays next year, please talk to Jannie.

Casual sessions

We do still have some vacancies on some days. If you would like to book your child in for extra days in the lead up to Christmas, please let Jannie know and she will do her very best to oblige. The cost for casual days is \$30 a day or \$10 if you are funded for 20 Hours ECE.

Jess joins the team

Due to recent increased roll numbers, KEL has appointed a fourth teacher to our team. Jessica Cooper started at KEL on the 27th of November. She will be working two full days and two short days each week.

Jess qualified as an early childhood teacher in 2011. She then studied for another year to gain a Bachelor of Teaching in ECE.

She has 11 years experience as a teacher, some of which was in a leadership position.

Jess has two children, Ariki and Taika. Taika is attending KEL with her.

Jess says she "has a passion for working with tamariki of diverse culture and ethnic backgrounds". She also has significant experience in working with infants and toddlers.

We are all looking forward to having her on the team, and gaining from her experience.



Housekeeping and reminders!

Update your contact details

If you have had any changes to your contact details please let us know, including **Emergency Contact People's details**.

Naming your child's lunchbox

Please remember to name your child's lunch box and drink bottle.

Donation of a box of tissues is always appreciated.

Advise us of absences and illnesses

Please let teachers know if your child will **not** be attending on a day they are booked to attend and let us know if they have a diagnosed illness.

How can you help?

We are always grateful for donations of plastic bags, spare clothes for children, especially trousers and underpants.

Washing

We appreciate help with the centre's weekly washing. There is a roster by the sign in folder.

Spare Clothing:

Can you please make sure you have spare clothes in your child's bag for those messy play/ water activities

KEL Facebook Page

If you haven't already, please visit our Facebook page and like us. We appreciate your support and interaction with our page. Please don't hesitate to write a review on there as an additional way to help us promote our services.

Annual General Meeting

The KEL Annual General Meeting was held on the 30th October. At the meeting Rachel Olson and Lizzy Slobbe were elected as committee members for the coming year.

Goodbye and thanks!

Jo Marshall and Julia King stood down from the committee at the AGM this year. Their children have gone on to school and/or kindergarten. We have been very fortunate to have them both with us over the last couple of years during this time of significant change for the centre. Without their commitment and hard work, we might quite likely not be here.

We need parents to join our Committee for the 2018/2019 year

If you are interested in finding out a bit more about what is involved in being a committee member, please come along to this next committee meeting.

By becoming a committee member you can play an important part in shaping your child's early learning experience and help ensure that decisions made by the committee are in the interests of all the children who attend our centre.

Next Committee Meeting Friday, 7 December at 10 am

The first meeting of the new committee will be held on Friday the 7th of December at 10 am in the centre office..

More photos from our Christmas party



Ako Teaching and Learning

Our focus lately has been looking at scientific exploration as an extension for our older children, but we also find ways to include our younger children.

We have been carrying out a few experiments including colour changing jars and clouds in a jar, as well as volcanoes initiated by the children.



We have been continuing our raranga (weaving) project, currently focusing on harvesting and hapene (preparation).

We have also been looking at doing different messy play activities.



Summer is here !

It is now officially summer. Please supply your child with a sunhat that they will wear and to apply sunscreen before you leave your child each morning. If you have not, please let the teachers know. We have sunscreen at the centre and teachers will re-apply as necessary during the day. You need to let the teachers know however, if your child has a known allergy to certain sunscreen brands. And don't forget to pack spare clothes in case your child gets wet when involved in water play!



Kia Kaha
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