

Parent Newsletter/Panui

June/Hune 2018

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

KEL Pō ō Rangaranga Take-aways Night

Friday 22nd June at 4.30 pm

Matariki (Māori New Year) is a time for whānau and friends to come together to reflect on the past, celebrate the present and look forward to the year ahead.



This year, to celebrate Matariki, we are having a shared meal together at the Centre on Friday the 22nd of June from 4.30 pm onwards. All families and staff are welcome. Bring Fish and Chips, Pizza or other take-aways or something from home to share, and something to drink if you would like. **Bring the whole whānau!**

Thanks to:

The Warehouse - Lyall Bay

Thanks to the Warehouse Lyall Bay 'Bags for Good Neighbourhood' Programme! We received \$631 for the centre this year. This has contributed to the purchase of a fridge for our family corner and a new purpose built trolley for the play dough equipment.

T G Macarthy Trust !

This month we received a grant of \$811 from the T G Macarthy Trust for the purchase of new mats and other soft outdoor play equipment to encourage climbing and tumbling in a safe environment.



Pak 'n' Save

This month we received \$500 for the purchase of wooden planks and ladders to use with our Tredsafe Play Cubes.

Thanks also to our fix-it person

Thanks to **Russell Taylor** who has recently helped to get some of our family corner furniture back in working order. Our high chair and the stove have been mended.

Our new teaching team

Over the last two months we have had two new teachers settling in. At the beginning of March, Anne-Marie Marinan started at KEL and Nikki Gill started at the beginning of May, as our new part-time teacher.

Anne-Marie says:

'I'm a Wellington local who grew up in Upper Hutt as the 3rd of 6 children. I studied ECE at Victoria University until 2013. I've worked as a reliever for many different centres around Wellington and the Hutt. I've had experience with very young babies up to teenagers. I have a brother who has special needs, who was the biggest influence on my decision to choose ECE teaching as a career. I love our two family dogs from the SPCA and I enjoy renovating/DIY in my spare time. I've also just bought my first home with my siblings which is keeping me very busy!'



Nikki says:

'I have a number of years experience working in early childhood education and I qualified at the end of 2016. I have two young boys and a beautiful puppy, Lucy. Harrison is almost 4 and goes to daycare in Lower Hutt. Archer has just turned 2 and he attends KEL for 2 days a week. As a family we love going for walks with Lucy and we are all a bit car mad – we are a Ford whānau!'



*Ko au ko au, ko koe ko koe, me haere ngatahi tāua.
I am me, you are you, but we can go on together as one.'*

Committee news

KEL is an incorporated society. This means that in order to operate, we need an elected committee of members (parents) to govern the running of the Centre.

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 the children who attend our Centre.

The committee meets once every six weeks, and members contribute as they are able, beyond that. Committee members for the year ahead are elected at our AGM each year or co-opted as required. Currently we are low on numbers at committee meetings and would love to have some more parents involved.

Next Committee Meeting

Our next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the **3rd July at 7.00 pm.**

Our current committee members are:

Chairperson:	Julia King
Treasurer: and Secretary	Jo Marshall
General committee:	Rachel Olson
Senior Teacher	Jannie Nehemia
Manager	Helen Baxter
Financial Administrator	Kathleen Reece

If you are interested in finding out more about what's involved in being a committee member please talk to the teachers, or call Julia at: 04 388 2191 or 021 232 4417

Policy review

At our meeting in May the committee reviewed a number of our Health and Safety policies.

Copies of these revised policies are posted on the notice board.

Our next policies scheduled for review are:

- Accident & Injury Prevention Policy
- Child Protection Policy

Did you know you can book in for casual sessions?

If you would like your child to attend a session on a casual basis, please telephone on the day, or pre book in advance. We do endeavour to keep our roll full but we do have vacancies on some days

Fees for Casual Days:

\$30 for a six hour session

OR for 20 Hours ECE funded hours:

\$10 for a 6 hour session

The cost for casuals will be added to your monthly invoice.

Housekeeping and reminders!

Wrap up warm for winter!

Please remember to ensure your child comes to the Centre with warm clothes (a hat and jacket) for playing outside.

Check your nappy supply!

Please make sure you have left us with an adequate supply of nappies for your child.



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, especially approaching the winter months!

Advise us of absences

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

How can you help?

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

Clear your pocket regularly

Please clear your pocket regularly. This contains important information to all parents.

KEL Facebook Page

If you haven't already, please head onto Facebook 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.

Winter ills

Please do not bring your child to the Centre when they are not well. Sick children need the chance to rest and recuperate. We do not have the facilities to care for sick children.

A number of Centre children have had colds recently. To reduce the chance of infecting others, please keep your child at home until their nose discharge clears. Children who have had stomach bugs need to be kept away from the Centre until a period of at least 48 hours has passed since the last time they vomited or the last incidence of diarrhoea.

Please ask the teachers for information about exclusion periods for other infectious illnesses, or see our Health and Wellness Policy on the notice board.

Important dates coming up

Matariki observance – shared meal – 22nd June

Next Committee Meeting – 3rd July

Ako Teaching & Learning

The tamariki have been involved in lots of messy play activities over the past few months. Some activities have been sand foam, cornflour gloop, lux flake slime and finger painting.

We are extending how the children are involved in physical activity both indoors and outdoors.

Nikki has a great interest and passion for Te Reo Maori. She is taking the opportunity to pass her knowledge onto the Teachers and the children.

We will be having a phrase of the week on our board for parents and children to learn.

During Matariki the children will be involved in activities around this time.



Notice, Recognise and Respond wall: We welcome your involvement in your child's learning at KEL. We encourage you to join the conversations on our Notice, Recognise and Respond wall. Teachers note what they have noticed about your child's learning recently. Please feel free to contribute your comments and observations

Profile book: Input into our programme from our families is always welcome. Each child has their own "profile book" at the Centre. You are most welcome to read your child's book at any time, and to take it home to show others. Your comments and feedback are important

Parent/teacher chats: If you have any concerns or questions about your child's time at the Centre, you are very welcome to make a time at the beginning or end of the day to chat with a teacher. Just let Jannie know and she will arrange a time that suits.

Photos for our family/whānau whanau board: We would really like to fill up our family/whānau board with photos of all KEL children's families. Please bring in (or email us) a photo your family. It's up to you to decide who should be the photo.



Kia Kaha - Jannie, Anne-Marie, Nikki, Helen, Kathleen & the Committee

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