

Newsletter/Panui October/Ōketopa 2020

*Nau mai, haere mai, welcome to: Leo Neunast; Stella Geard, Louie Vaisigano and Daniel Herman
Haere ra, farewell to: Kavnoor Gaur*

Annual General Meeting - 2020

to be held at KEL
Thursday 5th November at 7.30 pm

Our Annual General Meeting this year will be held at KEL on Thursday the 5th of November at 7.30 pm.

All whānau are welcome to attend. The business of this meeting will include presentation and approval of the 2019/2020 Annual Accounts and the Annual Report for the year, as well as the election of the KEL Committee for the 2020/2021 year.

Papers for the meeting will be emailed out to all whānau prior to the meeting and will be posted on the Notice Board in the entranceway. Any other items of business for the Annual General Meeting should be sent to our Chairperson Rachel Olson at: olson_rach@hotmail.com

Minutes of the 2019 AGM are displayed on the notice board.

We need parents to join our Committee for the 2019/2020 year

KEL is an incorporated society. This means that in order to operate, we need an elected committee of 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 all tamariki who attend our Centre.

The committee meets once every six weeks, and members contribute as they are able, beyond that. KEL does not expect committee members to fundraise, and they are not required to be involved in the day to day operation of the Centre.

Please consider putting your name forward for election to the committee. If you would like to know more about what is involved email our Chairperson, Rachel Olson at: olson_rach@hotmail.com or talk to Jannie.

End of Year Closure Dates

KEL's last day of operation for this year will be **Friday the 18th of December**. We will reopen on Monday the **11th of January**.
We will also be closed on Wellington Anniversary Day–25 Jan.

End of Year Picnic

29th November - 2.00 to 4.00 pm

KEL End of Year Whānau Picnic will be held this year at the Miramar Community Centre at 27 Chelsea Street Miramar. Our guest for the afternoon will be Magician, Nigel Kennedy. Please bring your favourite kai to share (preferably finger food) and BYO drinks are welcome.

Welcome to our new kaiako

Elise Pepere

Earlier this month KEL appointed Elise Pepere to join our teaching team. Elise will start at KEL on Tuesday the 27th of October. Elise is a qualified and certificated early childhood teacher. She has two and a half years teaching experience. We look forward to having her on board!

Thanks to our relievers

Now that we have filled our kaiako vacancy, we will not be seeing quite so much of our relievers **Ave** and **Sameera**. We are very grateful to them for their flexibility over recent months. They have ensured consistency for our tamariki and helped us keep our bubble small!

Congratulations Samra!

Congratulations to Samra who finished at the Centre at the beginning of October. She is now awaiting the arrival of her baby. A special afternoon tea will be held soon to say goodbye and wish her well. We will let all whānau know when a date is set.

KEL Philosophy Review

This year KEL kaiako have been reviewing the Centre Philosophy. We are hoping to agree on a new Philosophy document at the Annual General Meeting. Kaiako are eager to receive feedback/comments from whānau. A copy of the draft is attached with this newsletter. Please feel free to email the Centre or talk to kaiako, to tell us what you like about the draft, and/or any changes you would like to suggest. We look forward to hearing from you.

Labour Day closure

Monday the 26th of October is Labour Day. KEL will be closed on that day.

ERO Review

KEL was reviewed by the Education Review Office on the 17th of September this year. We have now received the final report from this review. This is posted on the noticeboard in the entranceway for all whānau to view.

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, drink bottle and/or milk bottle. We have many that look alike.

N.B. There are vivids in the kitchen for whānau to name when they drop off.

Advise us of absences and illnesses

Please let kaiako 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.

Spare clothes donations

We are always grateful for donations of 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.

KEL Facebook Page

Keep up to date with KEL news!

If you haven't already, please visit our Facebook page and 'like' us. This is also a good way to keep up with KEL news and 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.

Casual sessions

If you would like to book your tamariki in for extra days, 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.

No nuts !

KEL is a nut free zone! We often have tamariki at the Centre with nut allergies. To protect them from inadvertently coming in contact with nuts in any form, we ask that all whānau **do not** include **nuts of any kind** in children's lunch boxes. This includes peanut butter and other spreads with nuts in them. You will also need to check muesli bars for nut content. We appreciate your support with this. **It's just not worth the risk!**

Dress Up Day

Thursday 29th & Friday 30th October

On these two days everyone is invited to come to Centre in their favourite costume / hat / dress / trousers / shoes – whatever!

It's summer!

Hats: Sunhats are required for outdoor play in Term 4 and Term 1. Term 4 started last week. Please supply your child with a named sunhat to wear at Centre. You are welcome to leave a hat in the hat basket at KEL.

Sunscreen: Please apply sunblock to your tamariki before you leave them each morning. We have sunblock at the Centre and we can re-apply as necessary during the day. We need your consent however to use the Centre sunblock. If you have not already done so, please sign or decline the consent form. If your tamariki has a known allergy or sensitivity to certain sunblock brands, you will need to let us know. You can supply your own sunblock that to use for your tamariki and leave it at the Centre.

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

Washing bedding

Bedding for tamariki who sleep at Centre needs to be taken home for washing every few weeks, or as deemed necessary by kaiako, or as often as you wish. Just let us know, and please ensure it is returned on your child's next day at Centre. We do not have spare bedding at KEL.

Tissues donations

It is a KEL custom for whānau to donate a box of tissues from time to time. We're out of tissues! We'd appreciate some donations. Thank you!

Kia Kaha

**from Jannie, Nikki, Jess,
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Our core values

Manaakitanga: We provide a homely, inclusive environment welcoming for all

Kotahitanga: Through reciprocal relationships we foster a community of learners

Ūkaipotanga: We empower our multicultural community to hold strengths in their uniqueness and to have a place to stand

Whānaungatanga: We foster a sense of togetherness by the way we value contributions from all.

Our Philosophy

- We value the learning tamariki achieve through child initiated play and exploration. Our mixed age Centre allows collaborative learning/Ako through tuakana tens relationships.
- Our curriculum reflects the values of Te Whāriki and is inspired by the tamariki cultures. Whanau aspirations are also an essential contribution to our curriculum.
- We are informed by Tikanga Māori and the Kaupapa of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in our daily practise.
- We acknowledge that a sense of well-being and belonging are essential for learning. We develop this through partnership with whanau and tamariki.
- We support tamariki to work through conflict with positive guidance, role modelling strategies and by providing time and space.
- We celebrate the uniqueness of each individual and we nurture their cultural identity. Our community is rich in diversity and we value the learning opportunities this brings.