

## Newsletter/Panui

### October/ Whiringa-ā-nuku 2023

*Nau mai, haere mai, welcome to:* Khalid Khan, Lev Houlahan and their whānau.

*Haere ra, farewell to:* Daniel Robert, Isaiah Isaako, Saba Aden who have left recently, and also to Frankie Katz and Joel Calcott who are both off to school in October.

### Whānau/Kaiako Hui - OCTOBER

All whānau are invited to book a time for a meeting with kaiako during the week beginning **9<sup>th</sup> October**.

This is an opportunity for whānau to sit down and work alongside key kaiako to develop a plan of learning and outcomes for tamariki. While it is not compulsory to attend these hui, we recommend that whānau take up the opportunity to share their thoughts, possible concerns and hear from kaiako about how things are progressing for tamariki.

A form has been posted on Storypark that it would be useful if whānau filled in prior to the hui. Paper copies of the form are available at the sign in table along with a clip board for booking a hui time.

### KEL Outdoor Play Area Upgrade

During the last Christmas/New Year break we upgraded the indoor area. We are now developing a plan for an upgrade of our outdoor play area. We are exploring funding sources for this project.

In the meantime, the committee is keen to hear whānau ideas for this project. Come to the AGM on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November to give us your thoughts and be part of the discussion.

### Whānau Survey - 2023

Thank you to all those whānau members who responded to the whānau survey last month. We had a really good response rate and appreciate your comments. These are important for our future planning. We will send you a summary of the results soon.

### End of year closing dates

KEL will close for the 2023 year on **Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> December**. We will open again on Monday the **8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

### End of year Party!

This year we will be holding our End of Year Party on Friday afternoon – the **15<sup>th</sup> of December, at 4 pm** at KEL.

We are looking forward to celebrating this very busy year at KEL with all our whānau and kaiako.

Please bring a wrapped gift for your tamaiti (value no more than \$20) before the 13<sup>th</sup> of December so that kaiako can add to the Christmas Sack. Drop it off at the office and kaiako will label it.

### Annual General Meeting

**15<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Drinks and nibbles will be available on arrival !**

Our Annual General Meeting this year will be held this year on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7 pm**. All families are welcome to attend. At the meeting we will have a presentation and discussion on 'School Readiness.'

We are also wanting to hear whānau views on an upgrade of our outdoor play area.

The business of this meeting will include presentation and approval of the Annual Accounts and the Annual Report for the 2023 year. These documents will be sent out to you prior to the date of the meeting.

We will also be electing a new governance committee for the 2024 year.

If you are interested in finding out more about the work and role of the committee or if you would like to add anything to the agenda, please contact one of our co-chairpersons:

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### September Working Bee

**Thanks !** to all those whānau who came to our Working Bee on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September. Much was achieved. Lots of tasks ticked off. Your time was much appreciated.

## Housekeeping and reminders:

### **Advise us of absences and illnesses**

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

### **Washing**

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

### **Naming your child's lunchbox**

Please remember to name your child's lunch box and drink bottle. We have many that look alike.

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

### **Naming your child's clothing**

Please name your child's clothing, especially coats and sweatshirts. We have many that look alike.

### **Spare clothes donations**

We are always grateful for donations of spare clothes for tamariki at KEL, especially trousers and underpants.

### **Casual sessions**

If you would like to book your tamariki in for extra days, please let Tenaya know and she will do her very best to oblige. The cost for casual days is \$6.52 per hour for any unattested hours.

## Parent Donations

We wish to thank those parents and whānau who respond to our requests for donations. These are absolutely crucial to the Centre's financial viability!

### **Receipts**

Receipts can be provided at the end of the financial year to those who have made donations during the year, or at other times should you request it, e.g. if you are leaving the Centre.

Please let us know if you would like a receipt.

### **Tax rebates for donations**

Because the centre is a charitable organisation, you can claim a tax rebate for donations you make. This means you can claim back a third of the amount you donate. Go to: <http://www.ird.govt.nz/non-profit/np-donations/donee/np-donee-claiming-tax-credits.html> for details.

## KEL Governance Committee

KEL is governed by a committee of whānau who are elected at an Annual General Meeting.

The Committee determines and develops the Centre's strategic direction, reviews our policies and procedures on a regular basis, supports our kaiako and generally keeps the Centre on task.

The Committee meets once every six weeks. By becoming a committee member, whānau can play an important role in shaping the early learning experience of their tamariki and help ensure that decisions made by the Committee are in the interests of all tamariki who attend KEL.

### Next Committee Meeting

The next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **25<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm**

### Next Policies for Review

Next policies for review are:

- Information and Technology Policy
- Health and Wellness Policy

These will be posted on Storypark and are also available at the sign in table in the Policy Folder.

All whānau are welcome to view them and note any suggested amendments or email the suggestions to our co-chairpersons.

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### **Important dates and events coming up**

**Whānau/Kaiako Hui:** Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> October

**Committee Meeting:** 7 pm, Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October

**AGM:** 7 pm, Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November

**End of Year Party:** 4 pm, Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December

**Last KEL day for 2023:** Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December

**First Day for 2024:** Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2024

*Kia Kaha from*

*Tenaya, Jim, Riana, Maddy, Helen, Kathleen & the Committee*

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# From our kaiako...

Tamariki have been embracing their learning and their learning environment. Here are just some of the things that have been explored recently: Amazing structures, paintings and portraits, maths, science and literacy, growing our understanding of our own physical capabilities and strengths, developing friendships, exploring the natural world, spontaneous music sessions and language - pre reading and writing skills.

