

Parent Newsletter/Panui

November/Noema 2019

Nau mai, haere mai, welcome to: Kinshu Ghosh, Emmanuel Nigussie
Haere ra, farewell to: Honor-Grace Gray, Ikaram Nuri, Lilian Rottpeter, Toby Kendon-Harding

End of Year Picnic

KEL End of Year Party this year will be a Whānau Picnic to be held from 2.30 to 4.30 at KEL



Christmas/New Year closure dates

This year the centre's last day for the year will be **Friday 20th of December**. We will be open again on **Tuesday the 14th of January**.

Spare Clothing

Can you please make sure your child has a complete change of clothing in their bag each day and that you include a wet bag or plastic bag (a bread bag will do!) for those messy play/water activities.

Important dates to remember

- Next Committee Meeting – 9.30 am, 22 November
- End of Year Picnic – 2.30 to 4.30, Sunday 1st December
- Last day of year 2019 at KEL – Friday 20th December
- First day of year 2020 at KEL – Tuesday 14th January
- Wellington Anniversary Day - KEL closed – 21st Jan

Annual General Meeting - 2019

Our Annual General Meeting was held on the 30th of October. Minutes of the meeting and this year's Annual Report will follow this newsletter.

Committee members who were elected at the AGM were:

- Rachel Olson:** Chairperson
- Kate Sutherland:** Treasurer
- Zara Calcott:** Committee member.

Next Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting will be held on Friday the 22nd of November at 9.30 am at KEL.

If you are interested in joining the committee please email: Helen Baxter at: helenbaxternz@outlook.com

Spring Clean/Working Bee

Thank you so much to all those who turned up to our working bee on the 21st September. We had a busy morning and got through most of our tasks.

Parent Help

Parent Help is a non-profit organisation that supports parents in New Zealand by operating a free parenting helpline for parents and caregivers. The helpline provides personalised, practical support and strategies to parents and caregivers on a diverse range of parenting issues and challenges. Parent Help has been supporting parents through its Helpline for 30 years.

Parent Help aims to ensure that parents in New Zealand feel fully supported to do the best parenting job they can and to know that they can call on us whenever they need that extra bit of parenting support



Summer is here !

It is now officially summer. Please supply your child with a sunhat that they will wear and apply sunscreen to your child before you leave them each morning. 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 or sensitivity to certain sunscreen brands, and provide a supply of a sunscreen that your child can use that can be kept at KEL.

The Kilbirnie Santa Parade will be held this year on Sunday the 1st of December at 10.30 am.



Celebrate Kilbirnie's unique community and diversity at our upcoming Kiwi-themed Kilbirnie Christmas Parade & pre/post-parade entertainment on Sunday 1 December 2019 from 9am!

There will be entertainment before and after the parade to encourage the community to make a fun morning of it.

There will be two prizes of \$300 awarded on the day, one for the best business float, one for the best community float. The theme is 'A Kiwi Christmas'.

Measles is still with us

There have been over 2052 confirmed cases of measles in NZ so far this year. 33 were in the Wellington region. The upcoming holidays are likely to increase the spread of the disease around the country.

KEL wants to work to ensure that everyone is protected from the disease. Please follow the Ministry of Health guidelines which you can find here: <https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/measles>.

If you or your child, are not protected against measles, and we do have a case at the centre, you and your child will not be able to attend the centre for at least 14 days.

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**.

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 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.

Casual sessions If you would like to book your child in for extra days/hours, 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.

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 the same.

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

KEL Facebook Page

Keep up to date with KEL News!

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.

No nuts !

KEL is a nut free zone! We currently have children at the centre with severe nut allergies. To protect them from inadvertently coming in contact with nuts in any form, we ask that all families **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!**



Kia Kaha

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