

# Bambinos Manukau Newsletter

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Kia Ora, Welcome, Hello, Ní hǎo, Talofa Lava, Hallo, Namaste, Bonjour, Bula Vinaka, Guten Tag, Shalom, Cíào, おはよう Ohayouu, 안녕 Ahn Nyeong, Olá, Privat!, Xin Chào, Kia Orana, Malo e Lelei, Fakaalofa Lahi Atu, Melo Ni, Halo Ola Keta, Mauri, Fakatalofa Atu, Salam  
By Donna Wrack Centre Manager

Quote: "The essence of quality in early childhood centre services is embodied in the expertise and skills of the staff and in their capacity to build positive relationships with young children." (Early Childhood Folio vol. 19 No 1.2015).

**Visit to Wiri Primary for Samoan Language week** – Thank you to all our families who joined us on our visit to Wiri Primary School to join in their new entrant/Year 1 Samoan class. What a great privilege being invited to join in on their special day. During our visit the children sang/pese and showed us their work they had been doing leading up to Samoan language week.

We were also privileged to visit the umkuka/kitchen where families were making Samoan traditional foods for the children to enjoy for lunch – the smells were amazing. Before we left, our Kea Roopu tamariki performed Wiri school children a pese/song, which they had been learning just for this occasion.

**Farewell Kaiako Jenny (Kea Roopu)** – We wish Jenny all the best on her new adventures travelling to Canada, what an amazing experience. Jenny's final day will be Friday 30 June so do come and wish her well. We will update you with who our new member to the team at Bambinos is very soon.

**Birthday Celebrations:** As an early childhood centre that supplies food for our children we are now licenced under the Food Act. This is a great step forward to ensure the health and safety of our children. In the future we have proposed that cakes that come into the centre must only be brought in from outside sources with a list of the ingredients provided. We also ask that in *future parents do not bring lollies or loot bags – thank you*

## Important reminders

1. As winter is surely here, please provide named warm hats, and warm jacket, as children love to go outside for outdoor play. Please provide plenty of spare warm clothes so that they can change if they get wet.
2. If a child has any infectious condition, please bring it to the notice of the centre immediately upon confirmation by the Doctor.
3. We can recommend Harker Herbals – An immune boosting/nourishing herbal for children,
  - ❖ Boost and build immunity in infants and children
  - ❖ Support good health and vitality in very active children
  - ❖ Useful for picky eaters, fragile constitutions and children committed to a busy schedule All useful support while recovering from illness.



Taking part in their presentation of work.



Tamariki/whanau relaxed in the Wiri classroom.



Dates for your diary

### June/July

- ✓ Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Sensory, session (Trip) Kiwi/Pukeko
- ✓ Matariki - starts Sunday 25 June 2017
- ✓ Global wind day - Thursday, 15 June 2017
- ✓ Eid festival - Sunday 25 June 2017
- ✓ Week Celebrations 24-28 July – Pacifica Celebrations at Bambinos Manukau

### Policy Review TERM 2:

We would appreciate if you could take the time to read through policies we are reviewing. If you wish to make any comment/s please feel free.

### \* Premises & Facilities



As our Kiwi tamariki grow and learn they are becoming more independent and developing their self-help skills. When they are ready, the Kiwi tamariki have lots of opportunities to extend their self-help skills such as practicing using a spoon at meal times and using a flannel to wash their own face and hands.

Supporting our tamariki to practice their self-help skills is a fantastic way to help them feel capable and develop ownership and a sense of empowerment in their own abilities. Self-help skills enable tamariki to meet their own needs and involve activities and behaviours that eventually lead to independence.

*Ko te whakatipuranga te nei o te mana rangahau, me nga ma tauranga katoa e pa ana ki te aotu roa me te taiao. (Te Whariki, Exploration)*

## Kiwi Roopu

(Supervisor: Karey, Kaiako - Sharlene, Shiwali)

Kia ora to all our families and a big welcome to those who have joined us recently! May has been another busy month full of investigation, wonder and discovery for our tamariki. Over the last few weeks we have been busy with New Zealand music month, a month which celebrates the amazing musical talent here in Aotearoa. Our tamariki are drawn to music and movement and have loved exploring sounds, beats and a variety of songs, as well as creating a few of their own! Music and movement offers a multitude of learning opportunities, is a great way to express yourself and fosters an appreciation of the beauty of music. *"Music is enjoyable, soothing and assists in the development of listening skills, concentration, coordination, cooperation, communication and memory, as well as being a valuable resource for creativity"* (Ministry of Education, 2015).



Tui Roopu Room  
(Supervisor: Winnie, Kaiako – Sarai, Kamal, Shenelle)

Tena koutou katoa. This month in Ruma Tui we have explored music and have enjoyed trips to our local Manukau Library to participate in Wriggle and Rhyme sessions and then got to share these new ideas back at Bambinos.

As part of our programme planning our tamariki have also been dubbed "Little explorers" as they explore, question and draw their own conclusions about an array of things. From music and movement to bug hunts and causes and effects of magnets, Rūma Tui has definitely been an active and stimulating learning environment. We look forward to exploring more with and alongside our tamariki.



Naku Noa, Nga Kaiako o te Ruma Tui

Kereru Roopu  
(Kaiako – Munmun, Kevin & Sonia)



This Mother's Day provided our tamariki the perfect opportunity to lovingly ponder the mums in their life, thank them for a job well done and appreciate all the things they do for them. Thanks for the cuddles when sick; the trips to the park, the birthday parties and thanks for everything. Thanks for being a Mum. It also helped us to recognize one of the most important educators in a child's life. A few days prior to Mothers Day tamariki were very busy in preparing different masterpieces that their moms could have as a keepsake. Children enjoyed making bouquets using rainbow colored handprints. Tamariki also left their 'mark' by painting beautiful butterflies with their footprints. I know all our wonderful mums loved the colorful art masterpieces saying, "I love you". We were also busy creating an amazing, massive red heart collage piece to display on our wall. Last but not the least, as a token of their gratitude and love our tamariki baked some heart shaped cookies and decorated it with yummy icing on top for the mums.

Kea Roopu (Readiness for School Programme)  
(Supervisor: Lingi, Kaiako – Donna, Catherine, Jenny, Inderjit, Anshoo)

What an AWESOME time in Kea as we all explored and participated in the Living egg programme. For some tamariki, whanau & Kaiako, seeing an egg hatch for the first time was an exciting experience, especially having the opportunity and responsibility to nurture and watch over them for time they were here. We have now noticed an extension from the living eggs programme into investigation of other animals. Many have recalled and made links to the visit we had back in April where Phoenix brought in two of his rabbits for a visit. Many conversations have also been focused on the farmers cows who have been grazing in the paddock behind Bambinos. Let's see where these conversations will guide our Kea's to next.

Throughout this time we also said farewell to 7 of our tamariki who graduated and transitioned to primary school - we wish them well on their new learning journey. Welcome to Darius and whanau who have joined us in Rea Roopu we look forward to many learning adventures together.

