

Bambinos St. Lukes Newsletter

May/June 2017

Kia Ora, Welcome, Hello, G'dday, Ni Hao, Talafa Lava, Namaste, Bonjour, Bula vinaka, Guten Tag, Shalom, Kia Orana, Malo e Lelei, Merhaba, Sawadee, Doberdaan, Hola, Ni hao, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Salaam!

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).

A very warm welcome to all our new families to Bambinos, and a big thank you to our current families for all their support and cooperation through the years. We also welcome Jenny to the preschool room, who is a staff at Bambinos Manukau, she is here for a four week practicum as part of her study towards her teacher registration. Janhavi is also a student teacher in the toddler room, a very warm welcome to you too.

The month of May has been a month filled with celebrations, we celebrated Mothers Day with a lovely morning tea for all our beautiful mothers. Thank you to Benico's parents who came and celebrated Argentinian day with us. We also celebrated Samoan language week through the whole centre, thanks Leena. Great opportunities to have fun and learn about other cultures. Parents evening on Tools for Managing Challenging Behaviour was a huge success, big thank you to all the parents who took time off their very busy schedule to shared that informative evening with us.

We would like to encourage all of you to visit our website and Facebook page.



General Reminders

- As winter is surely here, to all parents, 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.
- If a child has any infectious condition, parents, please bring it to the notice of the centre immediately upon confirmation.
- Birthday Celebrations: Due to allergies and new food act, in 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.**
- Harker Herbsals – An immune boosting/nourishing herbal for children,**
 - Boost and build immunity in infants and children struggling to thrive
 - Support good health and vitality in very active children
 - Useful for picky eaters, fragile constitutions and children committed to a busy schedule
 - Useful support while recovering from illness



Dates for your diary

- The celebrating Philippines Day on the 13th of June 2017 – kaiako Rebecca from our preschool room will lead this celebration
- Matariki (Maori New Year) will run for the whole month of June and it's always a huge celebration at Bambinos, let's have fun with the children.
- Yet to confirm a date on when the NZ fire service will visit Bambinos in June

Pepi Room: (Kaiako – Rosa, Maria, Prameela & Zohreh)

A very warm welcome to all the new whanau in the Pepi room. Welcome Oscar and Riya, this is the second time round for both families. We hope you all have a wonderful time, looking forward to see you grow and learn so much in the pepi room. Best wishes to all the tamariki who have moved up to the toddler room. *We are focusing on "Relationships" and we feel that this will be an ongoing programme for the pepi. We know how important it is for children's learning to work together and to continue to build positive and wonderful relationships with every whanau that enter our room. Research indicates that nurturing these relationships is important for children's learning and academic achievement. We are still looking forward to start our new programme on " music and Movement" with Kaiako Maria who will lead this programme. Many of the babies are continue to show strong interest and so much learning and development is happening through music.*



Toddler Room: (Kaiako: Fatema, Atsuko, Sushil & Panda)

We welcome Kaea, Neal, and Anders who have recently now transitioned from the pepi room. As we all know the recent focus in the toddler room has been around 'Building and construction' and it still seems to continue as a strong interest amongst our tamariki. Children's individual construction has now led into working more collaboratively with one another to achieve their targets, initiating conversations with each other, problem solving and building relationships. We have also introduced new resources relating to the project where children are now using variety and different materials in their constructions. It would be great to hear stories from home on how their learning link between home and the centre. Also, we would be greatly appreciated if you have empty boxes that children could use for building. 'Your trash is our treasure.'



Preschool Room: (Kaiako: Jennifer, Carole, Ritu, Joana, Sandy, Rebecca, Leena)

We extend a very warm welcome to Yuchen, Claire, Harshini, Aryan, Vansh. Dev and Sonya. We hope that you and your families have an excellent learning experience here in the preschool as we build positive relationships. The preschool room has had some fun and informative learning in the Science curriculum as both teachers and children engaged in the egg hatching programme. Through this programme, children were able to involve in the real life experience 'From Egg to Chick'. Children are also engaged in a fire awareness programme through the kit provided by the NZ fire service and we await the real fire truck and fire fighters to visit Bambinos and share this programme with our children. Our current project on 'Design n Construction' continues with strong interest among the children as they build and create a variety of structures, both indoors and outdoors. Many thanks goes to Winston, one of our grandparents who willingly volunteered to participate in our programme and constructed our storage box by the sandpit.

