

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

Kia Ora and a very warm welcome to Isla, Olivia, Matilda(Tui), Amyra, Anora, Myra and Ollie, who are our new families that have just joined our Pepi room. It has been a very busy month in the Pepi room, however, the team have worked diligently together to ensure that the babies and their families have a smooth transition into Bambinos. Music and movement, our current programme has taken off with a great start. As part of our plan, to increase our erudition/language, we are learning new waiata each month. Music forms a huge part of learning in the Pepi room. Tamariki are involved in choosing the waiata that they want to sing and they themselves bring the resources that go with the waiata. It is amazing and fun to see tamariki participate in music and movement while feeling the rhythm and the joy on their faces is priceless. Maria is the leader of music and movement and Zohreh is supporting her. Maria will share this music with the toddler group too. We would like to request our families to bring a song from your home/culture, so that we can all learn it.



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

A very warm welcome to all our families and to Liam who has recently transitioned from our Pepe room. Currently our children are working on various construction materials and using 2 different kinds of resources to create their master-piece. Our teachers are working with tamariki to extend their current interest, where they are using 'trash to treasure' materials to create airplanes, build houses, tracks and so on. Through this project our aim is to build interactions between peers, the ability to plan the use of materials, to see a design idea become a reality, perseverance in the face of construction challenges when working with others, team work necessary to successfully and collaboratively complete a task together and turn taking. As a team we are trying to achieve these goals for children through providing challenges, asking questions, modelling the steps involved and praising children for attempting tasks.

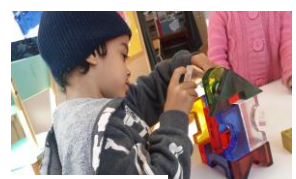


Preschool Room: (Kaiako: Jennifer, Carole, Ritu, Joana, Rebecca, Leena, Sandy)

We welcome all new children and families into the preschool room too and hope you have a wonderful learning experience to take back home and then to school.

We are still continuing with our programme on Building and Construction as the children find new avenues and ways to construct. We have also had another parent who has participated in our programme and has shared his valuable skills and expertise on building and creativity. The older children are engaging in a variety of literacy and numeracy activities each day. As a team we are also reviewing our transition to school programme. As part of this we will be sending out Questionnaires to all the older children's parents. This will help us review and refine our programme for a successful transition from daycare to school. Parent's input and participation forms a vital part of all our programmes.

If any of you are interested in sharing anything related our current programme on construction or creation with our children, you are welcome to do so and participate in our project.



Did you know?

“Reading aloud with children is known to be the single most important activity for building the knowledge and skills they will eventually require for learning to read.”

– Marilyn Jager Adams

Bambinos St Lukes Newsletter

JULY/AUGUST 2017

Kia Ora, Welcome, Hello, G'dday, Ni Hao, Talofa Lava, Namaste, Bonjour, Bula vinaka, Guten Tag, Mabuhay, Shalom, Kia Orana, Malo e Lelei, Merhaba, Sawadee, Doberdaan, Salaam!

Quote: "Children must be taught how to think, not what to think" - Margaret Mead

Time flies and we have already entered August 2017 and perhaps the peak of winter. We look forward to longer days soon as we enter into spring next month. We hope everyone is keeping warm and safe during this winter. We extend a very warm welcome to all our new families in all the rooms. We have been busy with a few celebrations, activities and the Fireengine visit as part of our working in partnership with the local community. Matariki was celebrated during June-July in all the areas as part of our bicultural curriculum. The children and teachers engaged in activities like flax weaving, making poi and rakau sticks, poi dance, listening to waiata, using te reo Maori, making Maori bread, making kites and stars, listening to Maori legends and so on. We also celebrated Philippines Independence day and our staff Rebecca performed a beautiful 'Maglalatik Dance' with our children using coconut shells and wearing traditional Phillipines costume called 'Barong and Saya'. We then had a visit from our local firemen who brought in the Fire engine and filled our children with some valuable information on fire awareness and fire safety. The preschool children also had the opportunity to do a special fire drill with them. This is one of the ways we work in partnership with our local community.

We request you to kindly spare a few minutes to fill the questionnaires on ICT, Environment and Transition to school, as your feedback is valuable to help us refine our practice and procedures.

General Reminders

As its winter, we request all parents to provide labelled Jackets, beanies, spare clothes and keep your children warm. We also request you to read our sickness policy displayed in each area.

From 1st August 2017, all preschool parents are requested to take their child's water bottle home EVERYDAY to wash, refill and bring it back the following morning, as we have many children and cleaning the bottles takes one staff off the floor for a long time.

Please ensure that you sign your child in and out every day as this is a mandatory requirement set by the Ministry of Education.

Our hours of operation are from 7.30am to 6.00pm. Kindly adhere to these hours or you may incur a late pick-up fee of \$1 per minute after 6pm as per our Policy.

If your child is absent kindly call the centre and let us know the duration of absence. In addition, if your child has been diagnosed with any infectious condition, please let the centre know about it.

Please use only the Entry gate for entering and Exit gate for exiting the centre.

When dropping off or picking up your children please be respectful of other people who need the driving space and please park without blocking our entry and exit paths.

We understand that many of you are rushing to and from the centre, but if you accidentally happen to touch or hit another car in our parking area, please let someone in the centre know about the incident immediately.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ Father's day in September
- ❖ Annual Class and individual Photos will be taken for all areas in September

All dates will be confirmed closer to the time.

