

Te Kamo Kindergarten

Term One 2019 Week Four



2019 Term Dates Reminders

Term one 23 Jan—12 Apr
 Term two 29 Apr—5 July
 Term three 22 Jul—27 Sept
 Term four 14 Oct—20 Dec



HAERE MAI

Nau mai haere mai to our new tamariki!

Since our last newsletter we have had some new faces join us— a huge welcome to Daan, Dastan, Griffin, Harper, Jorja, Keomonny, Lennox and Taya.

We look forward to extending our relationships with you and your whānau, we know you are going to enjoy your time here at Te Kamo Kindergarten.

Goodbye

Already this term we have said goodbye to Blake, Charlie and Max who have all turned five and headed off to school.

Shortly we will farewell Jaxon and Leo who are also turning five and heading off to school.

Both Ben and Gracyn have moved houses and have left our kindergarten.

We wish everyone the best for their future adventures.

Please name all your child's clothing and lunchbox—it makes returning them to their rightful owner a lot easier!



25 WAYS TO ENCOURAGE

- Thank you for helping with...
- It makes mornings/ dinner/ outings easier when you.... thank you.
- I really appreciate it when you...
- Thank you for doing that... it means I/we can now
- We did it together!
- Wow! You made a building/drawing/etc.
- You did it on your own!
- You did x and then y and worked it out.
- You used lots of red paint/blocks/tape/etc.
- You made it really big/small/colorful/complicated/etc.
- That took you a long time, and you did it!
- How did you do that?
- You did x, what will you do now?
- Can you tell me about it?
- What is your favorite part?
- How did you think of that?
- I really enjoy doing this with you.
- I love watching you create/help your sister/play soccer/etc.
- I'm so proud to be your mum, every day, no matter what.
- Look how happy your friend is when you share/help, smile/etc.
- You kept going, even when it was hard.
- You look so pleased to have done that!
- You made x feel so pleased when you did that.
- It makes you feel good when you do x.
- Say nothing - just smile.

*** Teacher News ***

The new year brings Te Kamo Kindergarten a new Kaiako!

Shane Winton has accepted the permanent teacher position and started with us at the beginning of this term. Many of you have already met Shane and welcomed him into our kindergarten community. Shane has transitioned smoothly into his kaiako role.

Lunch cover—Unfortunately over the Christmas period Debbie resigned as our permanent lunch cover. We wish Debbie all the best for the future. As a result, we are currently seeking a replacement lunch cover. Until the position has been permanently filled Shelley is going to be fulfilling this role. Thank you Shelley.

Also a massive thank you to all our amazing whānau, families and their tamariki for their support, guidance and understanding through this time.



IT'S CHILD'S PLAY.....

Heart Foundation **Getting your child involved in preparing their own lunch box will inspire excitement, confidence and commitment to eating it!**
 A healthy lunch box boosts children's energy, and helps them concentrate and learn throughout the day.

Here are some helpful hints....

- ♥ Create healthy discussions about food with your child
- ♥ Set a good example with your own healthy lunch box
- ♥ Keep offering healthy lunch box options in a variety of ways, as children learn to choose and eat what is familiar to them
- ♥ A bright and colourful lunchbox is fun and enticing to eat
- ♥ Timing is key. Encourage your child to prepare as much as possible the night before to avoid the crazy morning rush
- ♥ Using a lunch box with compartments teaches your child to consider the environment and avoid unnecessary wrapping
- ♥ Your child will be super proud of their accomplishments. Remember the praise!

For more information, visit: www.learnbyheart.org.nz

We are now plastic bag free—please provide your own bags or an alternative. Remember you can always purchase a wet bag from our kindergarten!



Spaces available soon

If you know of anyone who could be interested in enrolling their child/ren with our kindergarten we would love to hear from them as we have spaces coming available soon.

Remember we are fees free!

Outdoor Changes

We have transformed our outdoor mud kitchen into an inviting and user friendly area. Check out the fantastic artwork on the panels painted by our amazing parent Amour. Thank you Amour you did an incredible job!

We are currently in the process of updating our carpentry area found next to the back gate. So far we have purchased new ear muffs, sanding blocks, nails, vices, saws, hammers, tape measures and a carpentry outdoor storage cupboard.

We have also purchased a new workbench for this area which is in the process of being made. We are hoping it will arrive at the end of February.

Graham Sykes Canvas (Matthews Grandfather) has replaced our outdoor Blinds next to the kai tables, they look fantastic!



This term our Whānau evening will be held on Thursday the 7th of March. We will be combining our whānau evening with a Wheelathon. More details to come so watch this space...



ACTIVE TRANSPORT

'Active transport' is using physical activity to travel to a destination. This includes walking, cycling, scootering and skateboarding.

Active transport helps you get the exercise you need just by going from place to place.

Try these ideas:

- ♥ Cycle or walk whenever possible - especially to and from school or work.
- ♥ Take the stairs.
- ♥ Scooter to the playground, park or school.
- ♥ Catch up with friends while walking instead of going to a café.
- ♥ Park the car further away from school/work/sport or get off the bus a stop earlier and walk the extra distance.

- ♥ Active transport encourages children to learn how to get around safely in your neighbourhood.
- ♥ And it's also better for the environment.

For more information, visit www.heartfoundation.org.nz

Summer Time!

This term is a hat and sunscreen term! Children are encouraged to wear hats for all outdoor play... please provide a named hat for your child... we do have a small supply available here as spares. We also have sunscreen (located on the shelf on the deck) please use this on your child upon arrival and it will be reapplied as necessary throughout the day. If you prefer your child to use a specific sunblock, please name this and pass to one of the kaiako. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

As it heats up we may get the sprinkler out for some valuable cool off times. If you wish for your child to participate in this, please also provide named togs and a towel.