

Week 9, Term 4, 2018



Wendy helps the children to take turns with a board game.

The year is just about over, and things are starting to wrap up slowly at kindergarten. The children have been helping us to clean the toys and equipment. Parents and whanau have also been wonderful helpers to get our kindergarten shipshape before the end of the year... thank you all for your generous help, and know that you are very much appreciated!

We are enjoying the last few days with many of our tamariki who are leaving for school or new overseas adventures. Haere Ra to Billy, Clare, Bella, Vardasitie, Cayden, Harper, Paddy and Zizi. You have all left your own special mark on Parihaka Kindergarten, and we wish you and your whānau all the best for the future!

We are still strongly focussed on emotional literacy and kindness within our kindergarten. Kindness and social skills are learned skills that do not develop on their own. The best way for our children to learn is through our own examples, by actively teaching them about what kindness looks like and by role modelling empathy and kindness towards others.

This week the tamariki have been fairly active, to say the least! Many families have been super busy with end of year functions, and the excitement of Christmas coming up. We have seen lots of business and racing around in the outdoor area, especially with the trucks, in the sandpit and with the loose parts. The house frame maintains it's popularity, and in continually being repainted and renovated!

We have also been enjoying lots of natural resources in the outdoor environment, including two big bags of pumice that Sadie's grandparents brought from Taupo. Using natural resources provides an avenue into discussions about the natural world, building on the children's knowledge of the world around them.



Noah and Fin engaged in imaginative play, on their boat to a dinosaur island.



The clay is still a strong interest for many tamariki.



The tamariki love participating in routines such as helping clean the toys at the end of the term



In summer we set up extra shady spaces for play.



Builders at work on the constant house renovation!



Izabella and Vardasitie enjoy some baking under the beach umbrella.

Christie.



^ Vulcan created a city with the tiny blocks.

< Joey makes use of the natural resources to make a shell hanging for the pohutukawa tree.



Madelyn the makeup artist and her client, Milo.



Melah and Zoe-Rose practise their fine motor skills by balancing all the bears on chairs.



Four balancing beauties...

We wish you a wonderful holiday with lots of precious time with your tamariki!



Lincoln digs in