



## Winter Newsletter 2019

Kia Ora Whanau! A warm welcome to our first Winter newsletter of the year. We are so excited seeing our dreams come to reality and would like to share our joy with you. We officially opened on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May with our 14 foundation children and are looking forward to continuing this exciting year full of new ideas and learning outcomes for all our tamariki (children) gradually joining us with time. The centre newsletter will talk about monthly events, planning and information about anything related to the centre activities/ information.

### Blooming Buds Environment



### Outdoor Learning Space



The **outdoor learning environment at Blooming Buds** always impresses with the obvious thought and planning the Kaiako (teacher's) take to intentionally prepare a space that is attractive, inviting, engaging and responsive to the needs and interests of the tamariki. There are clearly defined and purposeful spaces for construction, for physical activity, for connections to the natural world; for exploration and discovery and a quiet space to relax with a special friend. Over time and with guidance tamariki become increasingly capable of playing, imagining, inventing and experiment new things.

## Indoor Learning Space



The indoor **learning environment at Blooming Buds** is more intense with tamariki engaged in the activities that interests them. Tamariki become increasingly capable of recognizing and appreciating their own ability to learn using a range of strategies and skills to play on their own or with others. The opportunities are provided where they feel comfortable with the routines, their health is promoted, and their emotional well-being is nurtured.

## Events at Blooming Buds

We will be celebrating "Wig Day" on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June at "Blooming Buds Early Learning Centre" to help Kiwi kids and their families facing childhood cancer. Wear a Wig and join us in this fundraising event. We will also have bake sale for a gold coin donation at the centre.



In the month of June, we will be celebrating Matariki at Blooming Buds. Matariki is the Māori name for a group of seven stars known as the Pleiades star cluster. Some people think of Matariki as a mother star with six daughters, and it is often referred to as the Seven Sisters. Matariki has two meanings, both of which refer to the cluster of stars. Mata Riki means Tiny Eyes, and Mata Ariki means Eyes of God. Teachers will be sharing stories about Maori legends and using lots of Te reo in our daily instructions/ vocabulary.

We will be celebrating Matariki on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of June with a friendship soup. All our whanau are welcome at lunch time to join us for a kai. Tamariki can bring their favourite vegetable from home to make this friendship soup.

We wished Happy Birthday to Kaeden Caballero who turned 4 years old in the month of May and will be moving to our preschool group soon.

This month we wish Forrest Kibblewhite and Jayden Fa'atili from our babies' room a very Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday . How exciting!! We also wish Happy Birthday to Janaina Mendes who is our lovely chef.

## Housekeeping

- **TRAFFIC:** To make sure our tamariki are safe, whanau/ caregivers are required to drive at no more than 5KM. Whanau/ caregivers need to follow the one way in and out of the centre signs. Parking marked with Blooming Buds is only for a quick pick up and drop off.
- **LATE FEES:** Please ensure your tamariki are picked up on their booked time at Blooming Buds, Whanau/ caregivers who are late in picking up their children will incur a late pick-up fee of **\$20.00 per every 15 minutes.**
- For changes in enrolment time, date, etc please see Lahar or Reetu at the reception.
- Please **remember to sign** your tamariki when you drop **them in and when you pick them up.**
- **COLDER WEATHER:** It is winter and very cold please remember to pack beanies and warm jumpers/jackets for your tamariki. Please label all clothing, shoes, beanies etc so it is easier to recognise their belonging.
- **ABSENCES:** Please call the **centre on 09 8181001** in case your tamariki is coming in late or is sick or will be absent.
- **POLICY REVIEWS:** Each month will be posting up policies in each room by the signing area. Please take time to read through these and feel free to contribute your voice to shape these. Policies for review: **Settling policy, Accident & illness Policy and Medicine Policy.**

## Staff News



Reetu Passi: Centre Manager/ Owner  
Qualified and Registered Teacher



Lahar Mehta: Admin and Business Development Manager



Shabana Hanif: Assistant Manager/ Under 2's Team Leader (Qualified and Registered Teacher)



Fatema Tashrifwala: Over2's Team Leader (Qualified and Registered Teacher)



Kuilani Tupou: Qualified and provisionally registered Teacher.