

Kia ora, ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa.

Welcome to 2015. We hope that you all had a very restful Christmas and New Year break with your families. Now that summer is well underway, please remember that the children love playing with water to cool off, so please make sure that they have extra appropriate clothing to change into. We remind you that in accordance with our “sun smart policy” we require that children have tops that cover their shoulders. This means no muscle t-shirts or singlet tops please.

GENERAL REMINDERS:

As it is the beginning of a new year, it seems timely to include the following reminders for all parents/whanau:

1. Change of days:

As per our fees policy, which all parents receive as part of our enrollment pack, two weeks notice must be given, in writing, when withdrawing your child or changing any booked day, or fees may be charged. Any changes of days must be confirmed by Lynda Clark, our managing supervisor, as these can be subject to availability.

2. Enrolled days:

As your child is enrolled for specific days, as indicated on enrollment forms, fees will apply regardless of attendance, eg sick days, stat days or holidays. Please be aware that we are unable to temporarily “swap” days (for example, if your usual day falls on a stat day). However, depending on availability, you may be able to book (and pay for) an extra day.

3. Gates and doors:

When coming in and out of the centre, please ensure that ALL gates and doors are closed behind you. Please be aware that some of our children (especially the toddlers) are very quick so it is important that you ensure that your child is the only one that is following you as you go through the gate!!

4. Children’s Enrolment Details:

We regularly check all children’s enrolment details to make sure that all the information we have is correct. This includes contact telephone numbers, attendance times and (local) emergency contacts. It is imperative that all children’s details are kept up to date, in case of an emergency. If any change of details please let either your child’s room teacher or someone in the office know as soon as possible so that your details can be kept up to date.

OFFICE OPENING:

You may have noticed that recently the office has been locked when no one is in attendance. This measure was put in place for security purposes and we have installed a door bell for you to use if there is no one in the office. We apologise for the inconvenience.

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY:

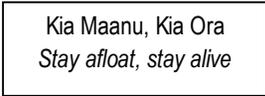
Water Safety Week 23-27 February:

During this week, all the children are focusing on water safety and how to keep themselves safe in, on and around water. Statistics indicate that around 10 children under the age of 5 drown in New Zealand every year, with most of these occurring at home when children are not being watched by an adult when in or near water. Water Safety New Zealand defines “watching” as having your full attention on your child, not compromising your child’s safety by talking on the telephone or to a friend, or doing other house hold chores.

Drowning is silent and falling into less than 5cm of water can have fatal consequences.



Be water wise:
9 months to arrive
3 years to grow
2 minutes left alone
1 minute to drown



Kia Maanu, Kia Ora
Stay afloat, stay alive

For more information about Under 5 Waterwise visit

www.watersafety.org.nz or www.safekids.org.nz

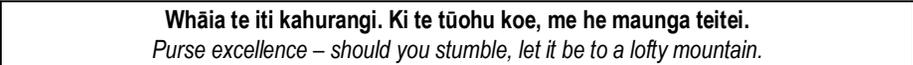
From the Immunisation Team at Hawkes Bay District Health Board:

For 2015 the Immunisation Team is working towards “on time” immunisations for our young babies, ensuring that they get their 6 week, 3 month and 5 month immunisations in a timely way, so that our most vulnerable are protected as soon as they can be. Along with this the immunization team are aiming to have 15 month olds getting their immunisations before 2 years old, and the 4 year olds being up to date by as close to 4 as possible. Influenza is also on the radar again, with the “flu” season being from March through to the end of July. Remember that “influenza can be any where”, and you can never be too young or too fit to get it.

For further information on Immunisation visit

www.hawkesbay.health.nz or your doctor.

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Whāia te iti kahurangi. Ki te tūohu koe, me he maunga teitei.
Pursue excellence – should you stumble, let it be to a lofty mountain.