

Welcome to our new children and their families that have started at Flippers. We warmly welcome Dan, Jayda Falco, Blake, Eden, Kristoffer, Colin, Mackenzie and their families.



Highlights:

- ✓ A huge congratulations to Renae and Mike on the arrival of their baby boy Matty on the 30th January.
- ✓ We have been getting involved in lots of fun and exciting experiences as part of our 5 + a day challenge.
- ✓ Congratulations to Lisa who graduates this weekend as a fully qualified teacher.
- ✓ Chelsey is going to be doing level 4 Māori language classes to improve her fluency in speaking te reo Māori.
- ✓ Hoani is now in his second year of teacher training.



Some of what we're learning:

- The tuakana children have been getting involved in lots of experiences such as; sharing their special taonga at group times, getting involved in lots of healthy eating and food preparation experiences to support our participation in the 5 + a day challenge.
- The teina children have been interested in exploring real things and have been getting involved in experiences such as; baking, making smoothies, making juice, and using the carpentry tools.
- Both tuakana and teina children have loved getting involved in Active movement group times.

A look ahead.....

- We are going to be looking more in depth into the learning areas of Literacy and Numeracy over the upcoming months.
- Our Whānau night is this Friday the 28th February at 5.00pm, come along to see us receiving our healthy heart award and see the great things your tamariki have been getting up to at centre.

Just a small reminder to pay your accounts weekly, unless discussed with Kim or Lizzy ☺

Rā Ngahere has been running for a month now and the tamariki have exceeded all expectations. The tamariki have been taking lots of risks, been really good at problem solving, have been extraordinary at caring and supporting one another and helping others to get out of sticky situations. They have been utilising the equipment that the kaiako carry in our bags and on the latest trip they used the tarpaulins for a roof on a shelter they made. Each child's self belief has shown an increasing progression over the four weeks and I'm sure it will keep on improving. The tamariki have developed a great sense of direction and can coordinate the team to any place in the forest – like the mudslide where they use the ropes to pull themselves up or back to camp.

Please remember our friendly staff are always here to talk to if you have any concerns or advice☺

Lizzy, Kim, Janelle, Chelsey, Lisa, Renae and Hoani.