

WELCOME BACK!!!!

We hope you have all had a fabulous Christmas and New Year and are ready for an exciting year ahead!!!

Highlights:

- ✓ A huge congratulations to Hoani and Anna who had a beautiful baby girl on Wednesday 15 January - Elizabeth 8lb 9 oz ☺
- ✓ Our whole centre trip to the Museum to see the Motorbike exhibition.

Early Learning at Flippers

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A look ahead.....

- 28 February - 5pm Whanau evening. Please come and help us to celebrate our Healthy Heart Award and the 5+ a day challenge
- A group of tamariki will be heading to see the new interactive displays at the art gallery.
- A small group of our older tamariki are heading to the St Kilda bike park to really test their skills ☺
- Keep a watch out for our 5 + a day challenge.

Some of what we're learning:

- The tamariki are really enjoying having time to share their stories about their Christmas and what they did for their holidays.
- There has been a new interest in bugs; we have found lots of lady bugs and centipedes and we have been learning about what they eat, how many legs they have and lots more interesting facts.
- Our garden is of continuing interest and our vegetables have grown lots over the break. Above are some pictures of the tamariki eating sandwiches with lettuce from our garden ☺



As part of our self review and through teachers' appraisals we have highlighted the need to have more consistency with the different age groups, therefore we have decided to trial a new roster system. This means that the younger (teina) tamariki will have 2 permanent teachers - Kim and Chelsey, and the older (tuakana) tamariki will also have 2 permanent teachers - Lizzy and Janelle. Lisa and Hoani/Renae will have 2 week slots in each age group. Please feel free to have a chat to the teachers if you want any more information or to give us any feedback. Your child's profile teacher may also change, but we will let you know ☺ There is also a comments box.

We would like to welcome Isabella and Cooper along with their whānau to the Flippers whānau.

"Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi" *With your basket and my basket the people will live*



Please note:

- Renae's last day is next Friday 24th January, we wish all the best to her and Mike for the upcoming bundle of joy😊
- Hoani is going to be filling in the maternity position while Renae is away; Hoani will start on the 3rd February.
- Just a small reminder that accounts are to be paid on a weekly basis unless discussed with Kim/Lizzy.

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.

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