

## Welcome back

It is lovely to see all the children back at York Place. There have been some growth spurts and developments while they have been away. Everyone is settling so well back into routines and their friendships, it has been lovely to see.

## Educa

It has been fabulous to see all the photos and stories families have been posting on Educa about their adventures during lockdown. There have also been a lot more comments and feedback on teacher stories from parents and extended family. Please keep this up as we really enjoy seeing what you get up to outside of York Place and this supports your child's learning by having feedback and links to home.

## Renovations

Earlier this year, we did a makeover in our sleeps rooms creating a soothing, calm and peaceful environment for sleeping.

During our level 3 closure and weekends we have been making lots of other improvements and changes around York Place. You will notice in the nursery some lovely new wooden shelving units low to the ground so they are the perfect height for little hands to reach. The nursery sandpit has been extended as this is a popular area to play, develop large motor skills, sensory and also turn taking skills. The surrounding area has been levelled and decking laid to create an extended surface for our new play hut and slide.

There has been a lot of painting beginning with the building exterior and more recently the fences. Gardens have been tidied up and new shrubs planted.

We have purchased another table and more chairs with full sides for the nursery to support children to sit independently at the table. Jo has also built/created a table and chairs from tree trunks for the nursery which the children love.



## Covid-19

Thank you for your patience with our increased hygiene systems such as items to go in the fridge named at home and put in the container on the bench. Drink bottles and baby bottles clearly named and take home daily for washing. Nursery children are able to bring food to be heated as usual. Reminder the nursery is egg and nut free. Preschool children if you need food heated it can now be brought again but must be in a microwave safe container to heat and eat out of.

We are still able to have cake/or healthy shared food for celebrations as teachers serve these to the children but we are not having candles. If you would like to bring shared food in, remember to bring a list of ingredients or copy of the recipe to go in our food register in case of allergies.



Now we are at level 1 we are continuing additional hygiene measures but otherwise back to normal.

## Learning focus

Since reopening our centre wide focus is aroha/love. We are supporting the children to come back to York Place, feel safe and building relationships. We have been hearing about the fun times had during lockdown and getting back into our routines.



## Updates

We are in the process of updating our centre philosophy. We will put our draft out for parent feedback soon. We will also be putting out our parent survey again as we went into lockdown before you were able to put in your responses.

## Our tamariki

Happy school days to: Mapalo

Farewell to: Angus

Welcome to our new children: Eleanor, Scott and Evana

## Clothing

Please label all your children's clothing, especially jackets, hats and shoes. The lost property is in a basket in the hallway or laid out by the sign in sheet. Please check this pile as they will be given to charity if unclaimed by the end of next week.

## Illness

Our illness policy is for children to stay home if they are unwell to prevent the spread of illnesses. We will be monitoring this strictly at present so please be proactive and keep your child home if they are unwell. If your child suffers from vomiting or diarrhea they need to remain away for 48 hours (2 days) after their last episode. Please phone to let us know if your child will be absent.

## Book Club

Please have Scholastic book club orders in by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. The best way to order is online through the Loop system. Thank you to those who order as York Place receives a portion of every sale to go towards our book purchases.

