

Matariki evening

Thank you to all our York Place families for such a great turnout, it was a fabulous night. The children put their amazing baking skills to the test for our Matariki celebration, working together to make the most delicious star cookies. It was wonderful to see how excited the children were to come together to create and provide a treat for all our families to share - what a wonderful sense of community!



Students

We are welcoming two second year university students on placement with us this semester, Marissa and Abby. We are lucky to have a fully qualified and experienced team of teachers to support them as they work towards their degrees in Early Childhood.

Parent survey

Thank you parents for your valuable feedback on our recent parent survey. It was lovely to hear all your positive comments. One area we would like to grow in is communication with families of our curriculum and daily programme.

We have been reviewing our philosophy and have condensed this down and simplified it so

we can really show you how it works in action alongside our curriculum. You will see this in your children's profile stories and on the planning boards in the classrooms.

Our updated philosophy:

We believe in the importance of loving and caring relationships. We will support children to develop a lifelong love for learning, full of fun and potential in partnership with their whānau.

Our values:

Aroha (love)

Manaakitanga (respect)

Whanaugatanga (relationships)

Ako (learning from one another)

Community adventures

Some of the preschool children recently went on a bus trip to Bunnings. They had a great time exploring and chatting to the staff. Next Tuesday, Bunnings staff are visiting York Place and will be helping the children plant potatoes. Thanks Bunnings for the gifts of teddy bears, trucks, inflatable hammers and ponchos.

Learning focus

Leading on from the tamariki's interest we have had a group learning focus on aroha. We have noticed a lot of dramatic play in the nursery incorporating the children's previous experiences of loving interactions such as preparing for sleep with kind words, gentle pats on the back and a kiss goodnight on the forehead.



Soft materials, peek a boo, and music and movement continue to be a strong favourite in the nursery.

The tamariki have been investigating and constructing with loose parts, working together to create large pieces of work.

We have been showing aroha to our natural environment by feeding the birds with birdseed. The tamariki were very intrigued by the birdseed, investigating the texture and sensation as they gathered, sprinkled and poured the birdseed. We noticed all sorts of different shapes, colours and sizes of birdseed! We are looking forward to the birds regularly visiting us for a snack so we can observe and care for them.



In the preschool we continue to explore the meaning of Aroha, not only Aroha for ourselves and others but for our natural environment. We have been providing weekly opportunities for our children to create pinecone birdfeeders, which the children are eager to do. Hanging them in the playground has provided opportunities for spontaneous discussion around different bird species as well as ways we

can show Aroha and respect towards the different animals that visit our garden.

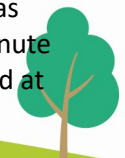


Sensory exploration remains a key aspect of our daily programme and an opportunity for children to freely explore at their own pace, leading their own learning and discovery. With different materials and resources provided the exploration is open to each child's interpretation and it is wonderful to hear the descriptive language and working theories stem from these experiences.



Reminders

Thank you to parents for labelling food at home that you would like put in the fridge. A reminder that all food that you would like heated must be in a microwave safe container, ready to heat and serve. For example canned food such as spaghetti, opened and in a container, 2 minute noodles and items requiring grilling, cooked at



home ready to heat. All lunchbox food should be prepped and ready for your child to eat so they are not left waiting for a teachers assistance.

Please use name stickers to clearly name lunchboxes, containers and drink bottles. We are often finding we can't read names written in vivid as it has washed or rubbed off.

The preschool children's profile books have been moved around the corner into a new custom built storage unit. Please feel free to take these home at any time to write in or add photos. You are also encouraged to write your own family stories on Educa and upload photos. We love to see what the children get up to outside of York Place.

Bookings

If you would like to stay to help settle your child in the morning, please do this within their booked times. We have noticed parents arriving before their child's booking starts when we do not have staff rostered to support these children/parents. Additionally if you would like to chat to a teacher at the end of the day or check your nappy supply etc, please arrive before your booking ends to do this. We roster our teaching team based on booked hours and are unable to have children here outside their times, which ensures quality ratios.

Our tamariki

Happy school days to:Lilly, Aubrey, Maclin and Noah

Farewell to: Malia

Welcome to our new children:August,Theo, Ren and Zac

Clothing

With wet and cold winter weather, please ensure your child has suitable clothing, such as a waterproof jacket, gumboots, and hat so they can continue to enjoy the outdoors as well as warm changes of clothing all named please. We recommend waterproof pants/overalls for children that enjoy outdoors and waterplay. We

have some waterproof overalls available for nursery children.

Illness

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 7th August. Please order 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.

