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Kia ora, Kumusta (Tagalog), Namaste (Fiji Hindi), Talofa lava (Samoan), Mālō e lelei (Samoan), مرحبا (marhaba- Arabic), नमस्ते (namaste - Nepali), আসসানামু আনাইকুম (Asôlamu alaikum-Bengali), നമസ്കരം (namaste- Indian - Malayalam) parents/caregivers and whānau,

Transition policy - thank you the parents/caregivers who took the time to read and contribute to this policy. Transitions in early learning are - **into, within and beyond**. Moving into a new environment is a time of change and adaptation for children, their families/whānau and teachers. A child does not adapt to, and cope with, change in isolation. Parents, whānau, families, siblings, peers, and teachers in the child's world all play an important part in facilitating the process of change with children. If you have any concerns about your child transitioning into, within or beyond please talk to the teaching team about this.

Into - We welcome **Anavab, Ahmed, Xander, and Adaline** and their families to New Beginnings Preschool. We hope you have a wonderful time with us. We now have families from India, Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Nepal, Bangladesh, Jordan and the Philippines.

Within - Happy second birthday recently to **Te Koha, Savelio, Abby and Mahira**, who have now transitioned to the over two's room.

Beyond - This month we said goodbye to **Teina and Chelsea**. We wish them happy school days at Linwood Avenue School. We have had two visits this term to Miss Eriksen's new entrant room at Linwood Avenue School where we take six of our eldest 4-year-olds. These visits are a great opportunity to learn what a new entrant classroom looks and feels like.



Matariki the Māori New Year - 25 June, is rich with tradition. Matariki is the Māori name for a group of seven stars known as the Pleiades star cluster.

Traditionally Matariki was celebrated by gathering with whānau (family) and reflecting on the past. The festival's connection to the stars provided an opportunity for families to

remember their whakapapa (genealogy) and those ancestors who had passed away. Many of these traditional celebrations are still practiced today. There are many other ways that Matariki is celebrated also. We are celebrating the Māori New year by coming together as a community at our disco. The children are practicing hard by learning rima (5) new waiata. Here is Shadika practicing singing Twinkle Twinkle little star.



Friday 28th June Matariki Disco
The children have been practicing hard to perform for you all.
See you Friday 4pm to 6pm

Current curriculum focus

We have noticed an increase in role play and socio-dramatic play recently in the over twos' area. On our large planning wall you will notice a change of documentation. We will be adding photos and a small blurb linking the children's play to dispositions and the curriculum. You will also notice a change of the small noticeboard as you come into the preschool where photos of each child will be displayed and what their current learning priority is eg belonging/ mana atua, wellbeing/mana whenua, contribution/ mana tangata, exploration/ mana aotūroa, communication / mana reo. In the nursery the teachers are supporting our new children and the children are learning their emotional wellbeing is nurtured and they are starting to feel comfortable with our routines.



Savvy and Te Atarangi on our new bikes.



Daisy enjoying our new swing

Snippets this month

- **New resources** - We brought two new bikes for the over twos' area and two new trikes for the nursery and a new swing with the bbq fundraiser money. Thank you to those who helped, we raised over \$1000 dollars.
 - We have been looking at increasing our music and movement programme and have recently purchased these two drums in which the children are learning the art of rhythm and music.
 - We have also purchased 10 green rain jackets for the preschool. These jackets **must** stay at the Centre and are used when children have not got theirs or need another layer. We receive targeted funding which allows it to be used for specific resources such as these.
 - **Congratulations** to our teacher Sarah and her partner Tam who had a wee baby boy named Oscar on 13 June.
 - **Lost property** - there is a lot of good jerseys/jackets/socks/tops in the lost property. Please check. If not claimed by the end of June we will wash them and donate them to charity.
 - **Children's art** - All children's finished art is filed in two boxes in the art room. You can take your child's art anytime from here.
- **Learning Journals** - If you would like to contribute or just take your child's learning journal (profile book) home to read please fill in the small notebook hanging on the learning noticeboard with the date taken and date returned. Thank you.
 - Please find attached an article from our Community health worker on the **importance of outside play in the winter.**



Angelo enjoying our new drums.



• **Allergy** -Here at New Beginnings Preschool we have a child who is allergic to all nuts and any foods that contain nuts. Please remember not to include any nut based foods in your child's lunch box eg peanut butter sandwiches, nut bars, etc. Thank you for your understanding in this matter. Also a reminder we are a water only Centre. Please keep any juices, flavoured milks etc at home as well as any sweets and lollies Thank you.

Ngā mihi nui, Jo Knudsen, Acting Centre Manager

Please feel free to contact us at the times below.

Acting Centre Manager: If you have any concerns, no matter how big or small Jo is in the office, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays 8.00am – 4.30pm, Fridays 8am to 12.30pm Jo can be emailed at teacher@nbp.nz

New Beginnings Preschool teaching staff are available 8.45am to 3.15pm

Nursery: Chrissy and Laura (T-F). Laura and Rochelle on Mondays.

Preschool: Stef (Curriculum leader) Pauline (H & S Rep), Sally, Mel, Neena (T – F), and Christina (lunch cover)

Administrator: Rochelle is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8.30 to 3.15pm.

Rochelle can be emailed at office@nbp.nz