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Kia ora, Konichiwa, Malo e lelei, Tolofa, Kumusta and Hello to everyone,

WELCOME



We would like to welcome Seiline Williams to our morning sessions and Lincoln Homan, J.D. Edmonds and Jesse Clements to our afternoon sessions. We are sure that you will enjoy your time here with us.

GOODBYE



Sadly we will soon be saying goodbye to Willow McRae who will be turning five and beginning her journey through school. Thank you to her family for all the help and support they have given during their child's time at Kindergarten.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME:

AM: The interest in musical experiences and dancing continues in our morning sessions and we are supporting this interest with an excursion to the Theatre Royal to watch a ballet performance of Coppelia.



Children are becoming very competent standing up and saying their mihimihi (introductory speech) sharing their whakapapa (genealogy) with us at circle time. Through such experiences, not only do children gain confidence in speaking in front of a group, they develop an appreciation of te reo Māori as a living and relevant language. The mihimihi that we have been saying is just a beginning, it can be extended to incorporate children's family members and some geographical features

from the areas they are from such as a significant mountain or river. Please speak to a teacher if you would like more information or a mihimihi template.

PM: We are benefiting from the mixed age range we have in our afternoon sessions. We are finding that the older children staying on are guiding and supporting the learning of our younger members which is contributing to our settled sessions.

There is an ongoing interest in dramatic play, traditional stories and nursery rhymes, which provides children with the opportunity to develop and consolidate their communication, literacy and social skills.



WINTERS COMING

As the saying goes, "There's no such thing as bad weather just unsuitable clothes." Please ensure your child has gumboots, a raincoat or other suitable wet weather gear so your child's learning can continue outside in wet weather if need be.

TOILETING REQUIREMENTS



To support the more care giving in the afternoon, Fiona Tantrum, our Educational Support Worker from the morning sessions, is continuing on in the afternoons. Please see Fiona if your child has some specific needs around toileting.

STUDENT TEACHERS



Kelsea Sherratt, a student from Te Tari Puna, is joining us for four weeks on her placement. Please introduce yourself and we hope she enjoys her time here with us. We also have two gateway students doing work experience with us one day a week. Jasmine Day from Nayland College will join us every Thursday until the end of term two and Indie Welsh from Nelson College for Girls will join us every Friday also until the end of the term.

RECIPE BOOK



As part of our 60th celebrations we have collected 'tried and true' recipes from our kindergarten families and community and they are beautifully presented in this recipe book. (Cover designed by Abbie Taylor and recipes collated by Megan Stephens)

These books are for sale for \$15 each. **ALL** profits from the sale of the books will go back to Stoke Kindergarten to directly benefit the children.

Please encourage family, friends and neighbours to purchase one of these great books. They are available for viewing and pick up from the kindergarten.

FLG (Family Liaison Group)

Sadly we farewell our Family Liaison Group Chairperson, Cheryl Bell, who has done a superb job co-ordinating and organizing many fundraising and social events for the good of the Kindergarten over the past three years.

We are now looking for more members to join the team. Being a member involves helping to organize events, meeting to discuss events, spending etc and of course socializing with other parents! Meeting times are flexible depending on members and all we ask is that each member gives the time they have available. If you are interested or have any questions please talk to the teachers or a current member of the FLG. We would love to have you on board 😊

LIBRARIAN

A huge thank you to Toni Lewis and Jodie Jenkins for volunteering to be our new morning Librarians.



BENGE & CO GREENGROCERS

We have a partnership with Benge & Co Greengrocers where if any of our families or friends spends more than \$15 on fruit or vegetables, we get 5% cash back. We use these funds to buy equipment and ingredients for our cooking programme. There is a container by the sign in sheets for you to put any receipts in.

Healthy low cost lunches!

\$2.58

\$1.70

Healthy food doesn't have to be expensive; here are some low cost options you can include in your children's lunchboxes:

Wholegrain roll with 40g cheese, tomato, lettuce and margarine	\$1.42	Sandwich with spread of choice	\$0.36	Mini pizza with cheese and tomato	\$0.89
Carrot	\$0.37	Orange	\$0.62	Yoghurt pottle	\$0.58
Baked bean toastie	\$0.45	Apple	\$0.39	Popcorn	\$0.09
		Banana	\$0.45		

For more information, visit www.heartfoundation.org.nz

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

- 14th May FLG meeting at the Kindergarten at 7.30pm. All very welcome.
 - 15th May AM excursion to the Theatre Royal to watch the ballet.
 - 29th May Julie from Stoke Library visiting our morning session.
 - 29th May Parent Interviews. More information to come closer to the time.
 - 30th May Lee Corlett AM session 11.00am
 - 20th June Matariki Celebrations
 - 1st July Lee Corlett AM session 11.00am
 - 12th July End of term two.
- Small group visits to the Brook Sanctuary are also in the throes of being organized.

Thanks, Sue, Kay, Toshi, Karen, Bruce & Lynette