

Te Akonga Early Learning Centre

Term 2 Newsletter

2024

Key Dates

We will be closed for

Matariki

- Friday 28th June

Kings Birthday

- Monday 3rd June

Upcoming Events

Working Bee

- Sunday 5th May

Mothers Day Morning Tea

- Friday 10th May

Pink Shirt Day

- Friday 17th May

Dear Whānau

Welcome back to all existing whānau and those that have just or are soon to join us.

We have welcomed Ecko Du Plussis, Tioata Adams and Journey Wihapi to Pitau.

We have said good-bye and good luck at school to Lynx Short and Tira Webb.

We will also be saying good-bye and good luck to Skylar Ewe-Gardner who will head off to school soon.

Recent Education Review Office Visit

In April we welcomed ERO into the centre.

We flew through the Akanuku / compliance section with only minor suggestions around additions to policies and excursion forms, and were able to progress to the Akarangī/ Curriculum review.

ERO were quickly able to recognise and celebrate all the wonderful things we know to be true of Te Akonga. They saw that our philosophy was delivered to its full potential throughout our curriculum, and that everything we aimed to provide our tamariki and whānau was upheld throughout documentation.

They celebrated the ways we are ensuring equitable learning opportunities for our learners with additional needs and our Māori akonga.

ERO were able to meet with 2 board members and 3 whānau members from Te Akonga and we appreciate not only the amazing things they shared about our centre but also that they were willing to take the time to come along and support Te Akonga.

ERO provided us with just 2 suggestions around how we could enhance our service. 1. To continue our journey in strengthening our knowledge and curriculum delivery in supporting Pacific learners, and those from other cultures. 2. To weave/ streamline our strategic plan goals with Internal Evaluation and professional growth cycles.

Overall, it was a great experience through which our team were recognised and celebrated for all of the amazing work they do.

Staff News

We have welcomed back Waipouri from Maternity leave and welcomed pēpi Tioata to our Pitau Team.

We have farewelled Amy off on maternity leave and wish her and her family the best for the safe arrival of their pēpi.

While Amy is on maternity leave Kayla will move to Pitau 4 days a week and remain in Koru on a Tuesday. We also welcome Rain (4 days a week) and Rene (2 days a week) into Koru during this time.

Policies to be reviewed

Governance Board Policy
Privacy and Confidentiality Policy
Drugs and Alcohol Policy
Recruitment & Vetting Policy
Security and Surveillance Policy