



Portobelo Kaiapoi News

Autumn 2019



ANZAC DAY 2019

In preparation for ANZAC Day, tamariki in the preschool helped bake some ANZAC cookies and read the story ANZAC Ted at hui time. Both the nursery and preschool have been very artistic and made handprint and fingerprint poppies to create a wreath. The wreath was then taken by a group of children from the preschool and nursery along with some parent help (thanks Mick) to lay at the Cenotaph. While there, our tamariki got to talk to the Vice President of the RSA and learn a bit more about the nurses and soldiers. They said a karakia and enjoyed an ANZAC cookie as they looked at the pictures and crosses of the fallen. Our ANZAC activities and excursion allows us the chance to korero and build an understanding of our ANZAC history for each generation - 'Lest we forget'.



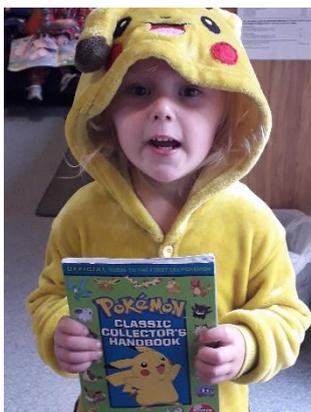
Planning for your child's learning



Ngā mihi nui, a big thank you to all the whānau who made the time or chatted on the go during our individual assessment period. We enjoyed our mahi tahi meetings with you, getting to discuss your child's learning, interests and developing skills at Portobelo. Your ongoing contributions in your child's learning journal and the conversations we have daily help strengthen our wānanga; the learning between home and Portobelo for your child.

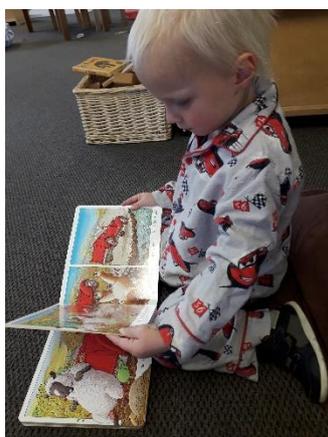
Remember we are always willing to chat about your child's learning. If drop-off or pick-up times are tricky for you, we are happy to work out a time that suits. How else could we better highlight learning for you? Let us know if you have any ideas. 😊

Pyjama/Book Day 2019



To extend on the children's current interest in language and literacy across both centres, we invited all children to a PJ and Book day. We were delighted to see everyone participate by dressing up and sharing one or more of their favourite stories from home. We had many hui over the day to read these special taonga together and the children all had so much fun playing in their pyjamas and proudly showing them off!

Sharing their books was a great way to strengthen their interest in oral language but also empower the children by making a connection between home and preschool with something they value, while building on their tangata whenuatanga here at Portobelo.



Upcoming events –

Wider World Week of 27th May – our Wider World Week was a big hit last year, so once again we are extending the invitation to parents and whānau to share with us something special that is unique to their family and how they live. Culture is not only about the country we come from or language we speak, but who we are as individuals and the unique ways that our whānau live. All of this learning helps build upon our value of tangata whenuatanga as we take the knowledge we have gained from families to strengthen children's learning and sense of belonging here at Portobelo.... more info to come soon 😊

Matariki - June - We will be celebrating Matariki throughout June with activities and fun to deepen our knowledge together. As part of this we will be having an evening get together that you are all welcome to attend. The date we have planned for this event is Friday 21st June, pencil it in your diary 😊.....more info to come soon.



ERO visit - The Nursery will be visited by the Education Review Office (ERO) as part of their process for ensuring centres are providing quality care, education and environments. As part of this process 2 people from their team will be with us during the week of 20th May. See notes by the sign-ins and on the white board for more info.



WELCOMES & FAREWELLS

At the Nursery we welcome Rafael and his family.

At the Preschool we welcome Olivia and her family and our transition children from the Nursery and their families - Grace, Chloe, Luca, Layken, Stella, Ruby, Jed P.

Farewell and best of luck on your ongoing learning journey to the following children who have left for school or are leaving for school soon – Charlie, Oliver, Levi, Chace, Sophie, Jayden and Duncan.

Big congratulations to

Noel, Claire and Fionn on the arrival of Katie
Chris, Lisa, Charlie and Lincoln on the arrival of Theo
Ricky, Amanda, Levi and Connor on the arrival of Odin



Booking Changes

Please speak to or ring Jo (Centre Leader) on the Nursery phone
3279113

or
text the nursery cellphone
0273439943

Remember – we need at least one week's notice due to rostering requirements 😊

Upcoming public holidays

Queens birthday
Monday 3rd June

All Portobelo centres are closed on public holidays

Ū ki te ako, tū tangata ai āpōpō

Excel in teaching so our learners will excel in the future



Nursery Team - Jo, Stacey, Jenna, Nikki, Martine, Sharon, Kerry, and Anna.

Preschool Team - Jo, Michelle, Leslie, Rebecca and Rachel.

Relieving Team - Lisa, Christina, Elaine and Lizzie

Keeping in touch 😊

- Please text the centre cellphones if your child will be absent. The numbers to use are: **Nursery** 0273439943 **Preschool** 0275422272. These phones stay at the centre so you can flick a message through outside our opening hours and know that we will get it in the morning when we arrive. We may have children waiting for days to become available, so knowing in advance or as early as possible on the day, is a big help for these families and for us to plan staffing to meet our ratios.
- The teams also use our cellphones to text you any non-urgent messages specific to your child eg how they are settling, more nappies needed, or reminders of events.
- If you need to chat with us or pass on an important/urgent message please ring our landlines. If the Preschool landline 327114 goes to answerphone, that means we are busy with the children, so please ring the Nursery landline 327113 instead.
- The centre landlines are still the quickest and most reliable way to contact us in a hurry.
- Our email address for both buildings is kaiapoiportobelo@xtra.co.nz.