

# CBK Update

Term 1 2015

## CBK family fun at Kowhai Park

Parachute...bubbles...chalk art...face painting...exploring Kowhai Park...and so much more...

"Can I paint my face please?" (child to parent), "Of course you can, go for it!" (mum to child) and so the CBK picnic afternoon tea kicked off. Children roamed the park, parents chatted, lots of nibbles and drinks consumed, brave individuals tested the water play, Glen had us being sharks with the parachute, conversations with teachers and so much more. Thanks Rachel for your organisation.

Each Friday afternoon (weather permitting), a group of CBK/303 parents & friends meet at Kowhai Park, 3.30 – 5pm. YOU are most WELCOME to come and join the fun!



## 303...

**A place for parents to connect, chill and JUST BE!**

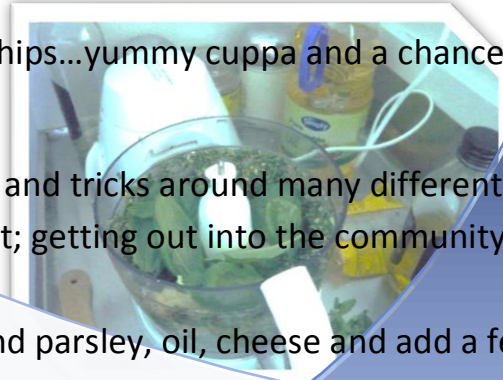
Facilitated by parents for parents....

Pop in for a cuppa: **Mon, Tue, Wed or Fri morning (between 9 and 12.30)**

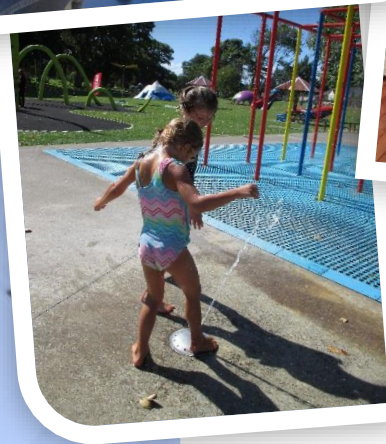
"A fun place where there is laughter...friendships...yummy cuppa and a chance to chat and meet other parents"

This term may include: pamper sessions; tips and tricks around many different parenting topics; sewing; cooking on a budget; getting out into the community and more.

(to make delicious pesto...handfuls of basil and parsley, oil, cheese and add a few other ingredients)



Nau mai, haere mai, join us when you are able...



## It's all go at CBK in 2015...

Nau mai, haere mai, WELCOME to this update on CBK

The year is well underway with children engaged with, and enjoying their learning and play; parents getting to know each other at Kowhai Park & 303; teachers engaging and planning alongside whānau for the individual learner...so much on the go!

*Kindy and Kindy house children have spent time delving into colours. A parent was overheard to say, 'I went into kindy and it was like I had stepped into a beehive, all the children in yellow!' Each day was different during rainbow week, not sure who was more excited coming into the centre each morning... parents or children!*

CBK Karakia  
E te Atua kaha rawa  
Korowaitia e mātou  
Ki te korowai aroha  
Ki te korowai  
pumautanga  
Ki te korowai hūmarie  
Ake, ake ake, Amine

CBK & 303 were part of Children's Day hosted recently by SKIP. What a buzzy atmosphere, loads of different activities for families to enjoy and sausages and apples to top off the fun day at Springvale stadium.

*We would love Parent feedback, especially this term around... PLAYGROUND revamp and CBK hours.*

Term 1 finishes Thursday 2 April and Term 2 begins Monday 20 April. Confirm your holiday booking (for children 2 – 5 years) at the office.

We look forward to partnering with you in 2015





## Children's Comments from Kindy House...

A few comments from recent 'fish' days –

"I've never chopped potatoes before ... not in my whole life!"

This (the knife) is sharp ... more sharp than Mum's."

It (fish's eye) feels like water."

"Sometimes they have blue or pink eyes."

"Is it dead?"

"It's dead because it's not moving."

"Can I touch the eye?"

"It's (the fish's body) really soft."

"The spike's making sharks think it's a shark."

"I saw it's tooth!"

"I touched it!"

"Sharks like to eat fish, aye."

"The tail is for it to swim."

"A real fish."

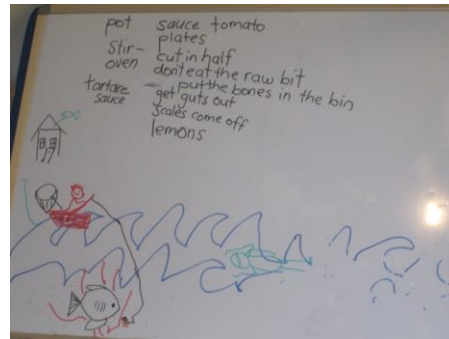
"It stinks, aye."

"I'm feeling this bit (top fin)."

"Where's the back bone?"

## Hmmm, something 'fishy' at Kindy House...

We have been exploring and developing our thinking around the 'Ocean'. This came about when a child wanted to know the 'helper' picture was – a paua shell.



Our investigation began ... we learnt more about the 'paua' and brainstormed other ideas of what we might find in our ocean. There has been a great interest in fish, particularly the puffer or porcupine fish. Our friend Sarah, helped our learning by bringing in a real puffer fish which she had found on the beach some time ago.

Our children have been able to share their own family experiences around fish, fishing, places they go and what they do with fish, plus we have been learning about "What is a fish?" We then knew that some fish were coming from the fish shop so we had group discussions about "How do fish get from the sea to the fish shop?" and we developed a plan (see photo) of "What we needed to cook our fish?" One of our families then brought in two different types of fish for us to look at, smell and touch as well as bringing with them an expert friend of the family to help with the filleting and preparation ready for cooking and sharing amongst us. Much learning is happening around such 'real' experiences ... exploration; questioning; contributing ideas to discussions; sharing and comparing knowledge; sometimes recognising that people have different ideas and that's okay; growing courage and taking a risk (when holding and touching fish, using a knife); using resources, technology and visual art materials and techniques to express our current thinking; forward thinking and planning, using 'describing' language; having fun 'doing'; feeling confident and capable when trying new things and probably more? [We would love to hear what your children have been or are talking about at home, any out of centre experiences that your family would like to share or ideas you think we could explore further ...](#)



## For your information....

### KOWHAI PARK...

#### COME & JOIN THE FUN

All CBK families and friends are invited to Kowhai Park each Friday 3.30 – 5 pm this term....

Overheard conversation in Kindy House last week, (child to another child), "Are you going to the park today?" "Yep, and we can play on the rocket." (Children then invited teacher to come along too)

Informal time for whānau to have fun alongside other families. The water exploration is fun until 4.30...the sun often shines...great conversations & a way of meeting others

### TOOLBOX parenting course options...

Next term some marvelous opportunities to be involved with a TOOLBOX parenting course...Early Years (0-6); Dad's Toolbox (0-6); Middle Years (6 -12) & Building Awesome Whanau (0-12 years)

### HOLIDAY programme....

Want to book your 2 – 5 year old in for the holiday programme for the Easter holiday break, 7 – 17 April? To register or for more information, talk with Carol or Royce in the office

### OUTDOOR AREAS...

We'd love your feedback.

A team has been gathering ideas for revamping our outdoor areas. Look for the mobile boards with the ideas displayed....what do you think? Do comment.

The projects will be prioritized and changes will be underway hopefully in 2015!

### HOURS AT CBK...

We continue to have conversations around the hours at CBK.

What do you think? Would you like to see changes? Do the current hours work for you?

Any feedback to Royce, Carol or Jenny helps with the processing

### Dates for the diary:

Friday afternoons: Kowhai Park

13 March: CBK & friends Picnic

2 April: End of term 1

7 – 17 April: Holiday Programme

20 April: Beginning of term 2