

CBK Update

Central Baptist Kindergarten

Newsletter Term 2 2014

Did you know?

Kindy House is focussing on Autumn – what happens in Autumn?

Kindy House welcomes bags full of Autumn leaves for the Autumn Leaf Pit!

Coming soon....

'A starry, starry night' an evening to remember Puanga/Matariki and celebrate our River (Whanganui awa) learning so far. Date and time mid June – details to be advised. All families welcome.

Outdoor lights/lighting: can you help? Talk with Tanya in Kindy



Off to a High Tea....

Royce, our Manager is on leave for four weeks. Jenny will be our acting Manager



Nau mai, haere mai, welcome

to Term 2 at CBK. A special welcome to new families/whānau to our centre. We look forward to connecting with all families this term.

This term we have:

- **Our AGM....** A High Tea and a chance to hear and see what has been happening and what is planned at CBK
- **Toolbox parenting course** – six sessions for parents with children aged 1 – 6 years
- **Korero CBK** – an opportunity to contribute and feedback your thoughts / ideas / questions about CBK – check out forum dates and feedback opportunities
- **WELCOME week** – we especially look forward to catching up with our new families to CBK
- **SKIP seminar** – Laughton King – a dynamic and very worthwhile seminar. Laughton shares practical ideas and from his extensive personal experience. Dates to be advised
- **CBK Survey** – we encourage whānau to take time to fill in the survey – it will help form part of the strategic plan for CBK (and of course it is essential to hear from families)
- **AGM** book of reports available from office



AGM 2014....

'Because you are worth a little bit of fancy!'

With a wonderfully decorated environment, parents were treated to delicious food, fabulous company, scintillating feedback from the CBK team and this was the AGM for 2014!

Updates on CBK:

Trust: encouraging ERO review, sincere thanks to all, especially teachers for their ongoing energies and professional approach to teaching

Manager: our parent community are vital to the happenings at CBK, thank you for 'hanging out' in and around CBK. Parent engagement happens in many ways....

303: is alongside families of CBK and the wider community in many different ways....

YOU are welcome!

KIDZ @ 303: basing their practice on the Pikler philosophy, often referred to as the peaceful curriculum

Creche: shared the value of providing a range of extensive art opportunities for children to explore their creativity

Kindy: the photos taken by the children provide a glimpse into their view of the world, a reminder it's so good to change our lens often!

Kindy House: whānau are welcome to be involved especially sharing the interest in the place based learning.

Financials: information available from office

News board....

TOOLBOX ~ *early years*

Practical solutions for parents

Toolbox groups are designed to encourage you in your role as a parent. The most important years in your child's development are these early years and no one will influence your child's future more than you, their parent!

During the six sessions you will have opportunity to discover and apply new tools and strategies to use within your family

Topics for consideration....

Parent Types

Developmental stages

Tools for engaging cooperation

Discipline

Making memories

Toolbox courses offered in terms 2, 3 & 4.

Thanks to funding from the Tindall Foundation, Toolbox is offered at no cost



WELCOME WEEK

Especially for those families new to CBK... Early in June, you will receive an invitation to be part of 'WELCOME week'. We'd love to meet with you, have a cuppa and chat and show you round CBK, answer questions, share ideas and much more.

All CBK families are invited! For more information talk with Rachel or Jenny



Korero CBK

More opportunity to share your thoughts....this term around Portfolio – tracks your child's learning over time. Keep an eye out for information....join us for a cuppa and conversation on Wed 4 June at 9.15 or Thur at 1pm, meet at 303



Helpful Resources for Kindy please

Do you have....

- Untreated wood – smaller pieces for carpentry
- Small boxes, tubes, yoghurt pots etc (please no toilet rolls or medicine items)
- Clean grocery bags
- Old pantyhose/stockings
- Cotton reels, corks, bottle tops
- Guttering & pipes
- Shells, leaves, stones, pumice, cones, driftwood (large pieces)



Facebook

With technical difficulties ironed out....CBK is about to launch a CBK parent Facebook group – a parent run group, just for parents of CBK children. It is envisaged that the page will be useful in: connecting with other parents; keeping you updated with happenings in the different centres and much more.... Notice of invitation in pockets



303....

303 is our Parent Space, it is situated next door to KIDZ – the Under 2 centre. You are warmly invited and very welcome to:

- call in for a cuppa
- engage in conversation
- be involved with activities
- check out resources and supports around parenting
- set up a home visit – Jenny our coordinator visits home regularly
- share or add to your skills

A 'SHARE' table is on the verandah – help yourself!

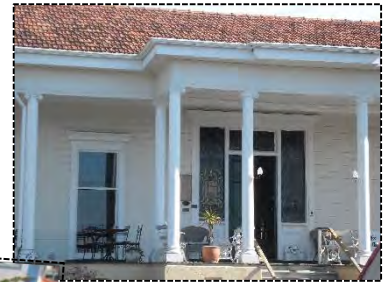
Crèche Happenings....

Over the summer months, in crèche, the children have been closely following the life cycle of the Monarch caterpillar/butterfly. We have had a progression of caterpillars on our inside and outside swan plants and have watched closely as they ate the leaves, growing bigger every day. We were able to watch the process of the spinning of a chrysalis and then seeing it hatch into a butterfly. An amazing miracle of nature that we have been able to witness several times over.



This fascination with nature, led us to plan a trip to trip to Bushy Park in April for twenty of our children and their parents. The bus ride (an experience in itself!) followed by walking through the bush, noticing the smells, sounds, sights and hearing the birds, insects and trees all added to a full on learning experience for us all! The Fantails and Stitch birds were so friendly they flew beside us and darted around our heads.

Following on from Bushy Park, we created a bush area that explored the sounds of the pretend native birds – Tui, Morepork, Kereru, Kiwi and Piwakawaka (Fantail).



Kindy House happenings....

Our place based learning continues around the Whanganui awa with families adding to our learning.

- Photographs of family marae; and Nicki has helped us with te reo Maori terms for the different parts of the whare
- Hunting photographs from the Whanganui River Hunting and Food Festival;
- Photographs of family eel trips;
- Visit to the Waimarie and Museum
- Marley's Mum, Jasmine, came to tell us about the river and how DOC take care of it

Our learning

- About the eel/tuna – their habitat and characteristics; their life cycle and the dangers they face when traveling afar; what they need to survive and how we can look after our eel, Eru; the catching of tuna and preparing for kai
- We have constructed Waimarie vessels, waka, yachts, Dublin Street Bridge
- Explored the parts of a Marae and expressed our ideas through visual art
- Children's growing confidence to talk about and share their own family awa experiences



You are invited to come and look at our learning....

Is there something you could add to our learning?



CBK Teaching Teams



KIDZ team....Emma, Amanda, Julianne, Lorraine, Tash & Becky (not pictured)



Crèche Team: Maureen, Robyne, Heather, Gillian, Kerry & Amanda (not pictured)



Kindy Team: Insook, Catherine, Tanya, Karlene



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