

Monthly Head Teacher Report



Te Mata Kindergarten Date: 24th August 2010

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Teachers: Rachel Furniss

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Kindergarten Support: Michelle Thompson

Teaching and Learning

What has been happening in the programme over the last month?

This term started with our recognition of New Zealand Maori language week. The morning children enjoyed a special excursion to a performance by Waipatu Marae. This was again a great experience and two of our children were even brave enough to go on stage and dance with the group. We were very proud and also enjoyed sharing our Waiata “E Hara”.

Early in the term we were visited by Stu Farnworth from Playball. The children worked in groups of 10 to one coach and were actively participating in fun and engaging physical skills which develop coordination, balance, and a variety of large motor skills. Stu was an excellent coach and the children all enjoyed the special games which were specific to their development. The Village press also printed an article and photographs about this experience for the children at Te Mata Kindergarten.

Continuing with a focus on large motor skills we have been integrating Brain Gym and specific games which develop and extend fundamental physicals skills such as hopping, jumping, crawling, crossing midlines and balance. We purchased some new equipment for the children to practise their new challenges with and two of the most popular have been the rope and cardboard box.

We would like to thank Sumiko who wore her traditional Japanese kimono to Kindergarten and taught us how to make sushi. After a demonstration of Japanese culture the children spent the morning making Japanese food and enjoy tasting sushi at lunch time.

This past week we have been teaching the children some science experiments. This has been very entertaining with exploding film canisters, erupting coke, ice sculptures and many other simple science concepts which the children have shown great interest in.

<p>- Literacy and Numeracy.</p> <p>- Meeting the aspirations of Maori children.</p> <p>What will be the focus in the programme over the next few weeks, any resources required for this.</p> <p>Excursions planned.</p>	<p><i>Numeracy and literacy are integral components of the programme on a daily basis. All children are encouraged and supported to recognise, read and practice writing their name. Many children develop confidence to extend these skills to writing the names of members of their family and friends. Children also regularly copy print which describes their pictures and play. Numeracy skills are developed through the many quality opportunities, resources and experiences available.</i></p> <p><i>The children in both sessions frequently enjoy listening to our story about the legend of Te Mata Rongokoko. We use the laminated version, magnetic story and the children have also been acting out this legend which is special to Te Mata Kindergarten and Havelock North. We have approached the Village Press who are going to print an article for us and share the story about how we are now looking for support to have the book published. Several groups and schools have expressed an interest in purchasing copies if we are successful in publishing.</i></p> <p><i>Individual Discovery Projects</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Dancing & Hip Hop</i> ➤ <i>Japan</i> ➤ <i>Science experiments</i> ➤ <i>Princesses in Fairy Tales</i> ➤ <i>Te Mata Rongakoko</i> ➤ <i>Physical Skills</i> ➤ <i>Shells</i> ➤ <i>Horses</i>
<p>Relationships and Strategic Management</p> <p>Report on any Quality improvement processes.</p> <p>Other areas of review or improvement not included in previous planning.</p>	<p><i>The Association has paid for a plumber to replace drain pipes and guttering. The new guttering will be installed over the term break.</i></p> <p><i>We have purchased a video camera. This will be a valuable for filming and documenting children's learning. The children often perform plays and special performances and with this technology we will be able to share these with families.</i></p>

<p>Policy and procedure review.</p> <p>Liaison with outside Agencies.</p> <p>Head Teacher release time.</p>	<p><i>Curriculum review</i></p> <p><i>IEP Meetings</i> <i>Teachers from Havelock North Primary School visited</i> <i>Teachers from Te Mata School</i></p> <p><i>Fiona used the Head Teacher release time to prepare all the documentation required to be sent to ERO prior to their visit.</i></p>
<p>Health and Safety / Property</p> <p>Building or Ground Development/ Maintenance.</p> <p>Health visitors or relevant information to parents.</p>	<p><i>We have received regular information from the Department of Health, Public Health and our Association regarding the swine flu.</i></p>
<p>Human Resources</p> <p>Thanks to</p> <p>Visitors to Kindergarten.</p> <p>Report back on PD attendance.</p> <p>Relievers, Students, kindergarten support.</p>	<p><i>During the term break Fiona, Rachel and Karen attended the Association Teacher's Conference for 2 days.</i></p> <p><i>We continue to have Annie our student who comes on a Monday and Tuesday as well as Kayla Anderson who visits on Thursdays from Havelock North High School.</i></p>
<p>Information Systems</p> <p>How are we managing ICT development</p> <p>Requirements.</p> <p>Web Page Changes required</p>	<p><i>New video camera purchased.</i></p> <p><i>New photographs and information are sent through to the office when required.</i></p>

<p>Finance/ Administration</p> <p>Rolls</p> <p>Any significant purchases/ grants received.</p> <p>Wish list/ requests.</p> <p>Petty cash requirements.</p> <p>Fundraising support.</p> <p>Total payments approved for payment</p> <p>Date of next committee meeting</p>	<p>45 / 40</p> <p>\$60</p> <p><i>Quiz night raised \$1000</i></p> <p>\$4213.01</p> <p><i>Thursday 16th September</i></p>
<p>Marketing / Communication</p> <p>Communication and Consultation with Parent's, Caregivers and Whanau.</p> <p>Parent Information and Social events.</p> <p>Promotion Plan.</p> <p>Liaison with local schools, and other Community groups.</p>	<p><i>Thank you to Kirsty who has taught Fiona how to e-mail all the families. We have used this to communicate with families and received very positive feedback.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you also to Nannette and the Rose & Shamrock who hosted another very entertaining Quiz night for Kindergarten. We would also like to acknowledge and thank all the families who donated items for the raffle and purchased tickets. Through the raffle, quiz night and a donation we raised \$1000 from the night. It was a great evening and especially successful for the Kindergarten community. It was lovely to see many of our past families continuing to support our fundraising and socialise together. Evening like this highlight the special community which develops through Kindergarten.</i></p>