

Centre News

Havelock North – May 2010

Teacher News

As most of you will now know, Rachael is spending the next 3 months up at Te Mata rd centre as Kirsty is on maternity leave. Katrina is the head teacher of the Tui team while Rachael is away. Carolyn is also away at the moment with a knee injury. We wish her quick healing and hope she is back with us soon. We welcome Jemma and Sarah to our teams. Both of them have spent time in the centre as students and will be relieving for us while teachers are away. You may also see Caitlyn, who is a teacher from Napier who has been helping us out.

Orchard Trip

We had a very nice time on our orchard trip, and we thank Matt for hosting us again. The children really



enjoyed picking their own apples and we were very privileged to be sung to by the Samoan pickers. We finished off with a sausage sizzle lunch. We came back to the centre worn out from picking all the apples!

Village Kids Blog



As part of our technology development we now have a Village Kids blog. You can access it by going to our website-

www.villagekids.co.nz and click on links. You will see our blog there. We are hoping to add new content regularly.

Upcoming events

Look out for notices soon for our next two school leavers- both in early June. We do appreciate that these special days do make work for you all but believe us; the leaver really enjoys the process of planning their special day.



Fundraisers

Once again this year we will be having a Scholastics Book Fair in September. This is a great opportunity to buy top quality books at good prices (and maybe put them away for Christmas). We benefit by being able to choose books for the centre. We will also be offering calendars for sale in November.

ERO

Please see over for our latest ERO report for our Te Mata Rd Centre, which we are very proud of.

To the Parents and Community of Village Kids Childcare, Te Mata Rd

These are the findings of the Education Review Offices latest report on Village Kids Childcare, Te Mata Rd.

Village Kids Te Mata Rd is a privately owned centre situated in Havelock North, it caters for children from birth to two years. Since the July 2007 ERO review the premises have been thoughtfully organised to provide an informal learning environment that offers modern child care facilities for young children. The indoor and outdoor environments provide appropriately for children's developmental requirements. Positive, warm, affirming interactions between teachers and children are evident. Children learn to play independently and in small groups. They take turns, share and cooperate as they play alongside each other. Children investigate and explore a range of experiences in a calm nurturing atmosphere.

Educators and parents highlight children's development in detailed learning stories that celebrate milestones and current interests. Many parents support centre events and excursions. They actively contribute ideas for centre improvement in parent surveys and through informal daily discussions.

Educators work effectively as a team, communicating with each other constantly about the needs of children throughout the day. Each staff member takes responsibility for closely monitoring individual children's well being and learning closely. Home communication books provide daily opportunities to let parents know about children's responses during daily routines.

Children access books that are age appropriate and support their current areas of interest. They enjoy revisiting and retelling their own and others learning stories. Adults read to children spontaneously throughout the day. Children demonstrate enjoyment during singing, music and dancing sessions.

Centre practices appropriately reflect cultural protocols that promote the dual heritage of New Zealand/Aotearoa. Teachers use waiata and te reo Māori regularly during the routines and regular events of the centre.

Effective processes for self review have been sustained since the previous 2007 ERO review. Centre personnel are using more robust self review procedures to investigate curriculum and operational aspects of the centre.

Future Action

ERO is confident that the service is being managed in the interest of the children. Therefore ERO is likely to review the service again within three years.

When ERO has reviewed an early childhood centre we encourage management to inform their community of any follow up action they plan to take. You should talk to the management or contact person if you have any questions about this evaluation, the full ERO report or their future intentions.

If you would like a copy of the full report, please contact the centre or see the ERO website, <http://www.ero.govt.nz>.

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