

Five Minutes With...

Bianca!



What room are you in? Babies room

I grew up in... New Zealand

If you came to my house for dinner you would have...

Roast

My favourite place is... The beach

In my car I listen to... The radio

Early bird or night owl... Early bird

My friends would describe me as... Kind and reliable

If I wasn't a teacher, I would be... A gardener

The colours that makes me happy are... Yellow

My favourite game as a child was... Tag

Sweet or savoury... Savoury

The best day of the year is... Easter

My hidden talent is... Painting

My dream holiday would be... in Scandinavia

I love the smell of... Rain

Being a teacher ... Is rewarding

I love to... Travel

My favourite season is... Summer



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Kia Ora Parents and Whānau,

A big thank you to all the parents that came along to our parent evening, we had a great turn out! Joy will be back again on the 23rd October to talk about 'a fresh perspective on sleeping, eating and toilet training' so be sure to note that date down on your calendar.

All whānau are warmly invited to join us in celebrating the Maori New Year. We will be having a shared afternoon tea and story time.
Monday 10th June 3.00-4.30pm

MATARIKI

Measles in Auckland

Please vaccinate your child with the MMR vaccine at 15 months and 4 years. It is free at your GP.

Children exposed to measles at an early learning service may be asked to stay home for 1 to 2 weeks, if they are unvaccinated. They may be developing measles and infect others.

Those with one or more MMR vaccinations can still attend.

Check your child's immunisation record in their Well Child/Tamariki Ora book or ring your GP clinic.

Symptoms: cough, runny nose, fever, sore red eyes, then a rash.

If you suspect measles, tell your GP or after hours clinic before you arrive, so you don't infect others.



Auckland Regional Public Health Service
Rangatahi Hauora o Tāmaki Makaurau

Measles info at: arphs.health.nz/measles

In the Babies room...

Our babies are enjoying being outside as soon as it has warmed up in the morning we race outside into the garden to ride the bikes, explore the sandpit, negotiate the climbing equipment and kick the balls around. Children have lots of energy and spend each moment on developing their gross motor skills and this is easily achieved out in the garden. Everyone knows to put their coats and shoes on as it can still be a bit cool this time of year.



We even have our mat times out there every day before lunch where the children sing along and join in with the action movement to their favourite songs. Dancing seems to be a very popular activity as well. This month we celebrated Mother's day with lots of Mummies, Grandparents and Aunties joining us for afternoon tea. It's great to have so many of our families participating in these special events. Our children are showing more interest in animals. Our clever children can name each animal and even recognise the sounds they make. Books are always being read to our babies to make these important connections.



The children have been using their helping hands and being very kind and helpful to the new Juniors who have transitioned into the room. This encourages children to take on their own responsibilities and initiative by offering to help others through thoughtful and respectful actions.

The children joined in pink shirt day by dressing up in pink. The children helped to design our Pink t-shirt that's on display.

Mothers Day was a great success and the children loved singing to their mothers, grans, nanas and aunties and sharing afternoon tea.



Te reo word:

Pipiri
June



In the Juniors Room...

This month the children have been engaging in dress ups exploring all our new outfits and it has rekindled their love for Frozen. They have used hand bags to fill up with food as they play out scenarios including morning/ afternoon tea and picnics. The children have been using the laminated coloured crayons as ice creams and lollipops, selling them to their friends as they sing the songs. Role play is an important part of child development, as it builds confidence, creative communication, physical development and problem solving. Along with being a fun activity, it also allows children to get into character and act out real life roles or fictional performances.



In the Preschool room...

Following the children's interest we have a new focus in our room, transport. The children love building garages, roads and ramps to drive the vehicles over, through and on. We have talked about different kinds of transport and then identified if they go on land, sea or air. The children enjoyed driving trucks through paint and using them to make letters for the title of our wall display in our room. Through these experiences the children are extend their curiosity for the world of Engineering and become more familiar with letters.



We have also been focussing on self- help skills now that it is winter; like putting our own jumpers and jackets on which is an extremely useful skill. When children practice self-help skills such as feeding and dressing themselves, they practice their large and small motor skills, gain confidence in their ability to try new things and build their self-esteem and pride in their independence.

In the Toddlers room...

The highlight of last month was our trip to Sheep world. Everyone had a wonderful time feeding the various animals including miniature ponies, alpacas and pigs. They even got to feed the lambs their milk from bottles. There were rabbits to pat and all our children used their gentle hands. Our focus is on farm animals so this trip has extended our children's learning and experience with the world around them. We have been using our artistic minds to create some interesting animal art works so check out the beautiful creations displayed in our room.



We have also noticed that children have been very focused on construction whether it is connecting the train tracks, building structures with the wooden blocks or completing puzzles. This type of play supports children's cognitive development while learning social skills as they share and negotiate with one another. Mother's day was a huge success with lots of our Mummies and Grandmas enjoying spending the afternoon with their children and teachers.



For Pink Shirt day each room designed their own shirt to celebrate this special event where we promoted kindness to our Fantails friends.



AFTER PRESCHOOL/SCHOOL AND 'ON THE GO' SNACKS



Children are often hungry at pick up time.
Here are some tips to get them through the afternoon....

- ♥ Firstly, have they finished what's in their lunchbox?
- ♥ Offer a drink of water. Sometimes it's thirst rather than hunger.
- ♥ A piece of fruit or a carrot, a piece of cheese, a handful of nuts or some plain popcorn will reduce the hunger at pick up time - no need to stop at the dairy!
- ♥ Once home, toast with peanut butter might hit the spot or offer some wholegrain crackers with cheese or cottage cheese, a cold glass of milk, a pottle of yoghurt or a fruit smoothie.



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