

#### Under 2's

In the under 2's area at the moment we are focusing on settling in as we have quite a few new faces with our littlest being only 5 months old!

Our toddlers are loving posting which in simple form is like posting a letter in a post box except we are using a variety of shapes, sizes and slots.

We love water play and messy play, we have even been experimenting with new paint techniques whilst painting our Easter egg and themed crafts!

#### Over 2's

#### Kauhoe/Swimming

This term, we have been fortunate enough to attend swimming lessons at Elgin School through the Comet Swimming Club. The tamariki who have been attending have learnt so much with the support of Koka Lou, who is an amazing instructor. To those whanau whose tamariki attend, we thank you very much for purchasing their goggles and swim hats. We understand how expensive certain items maybe and we thank you for this. Our tamariki have increased their water skills in leaps and bounds and we are very proud of each one of them. We had our last swimming class this week and we look forward to taking this up again next term.

Easter is coming upon us fast. It only seems like yesterday we were celebrating Kirihimete/Christmas. The tamariki have been busy making Easter baskets ready for their Easter hunt at the centre. They have been making these out of 1.5 fizzy drink bottles and then decorating them. They have also learn't a new waiata/song called "Mrs Bunny". This is a favourite of theirs. Let us know if you would like the words to the song. The actions?..

Well your tamariki can show you those

#### Te ra o Anzac/Anzac Day

In remembrance of our tupuna who fought to save our country both here and in Australia, our tamariki have been inundated with activities within the centre. They have grown poppies, so be aware they will be bringing these home very soon for you to plant in your own backyard. They have been learning the Mâori Battalion waiata both in English and Mâori followed by the Anzac Ode/Poem. Our tamariki have also been involved in completing a large, beautiful poppy which is erected on the front window of our centre.

# CENTRERENOVA

Over the past few weeks you would have noticed a few changes to the appearance of the centre.

Our centre needed a make-over. So, discussions were held and a date was set for a working bee.



Here are the before and after makeover photos of each room within the centre environment.

Creative Art and Dining rooms with awesome blue wall and to the rear our pépi/baby environment with the lime coloured wall.

Our busy ruma poraka/block room and Ruma Takaro Whanau/Family Play Room with the same gorgeous yellow walls.

The fence was begging for a spruce up and our foyer was begging for a face lift...







Well whanau, what a busy time we have had.

There are a few people we would like to thank over the duration of the working bee for making our centre look as fantastic as it is now..

Big thanks to Papa Richard for knocking out the wall with his side kicks, Matua Steve and Matua Blair. Nanny Wendy for her go go attitude and energy at getting in there.

Koka Jo for all her physical efforts and colour co-ordinations. Our lovely Koka Lynnie for continuing to work after hours. Koka Shanti, Koka Tarn, Koka Debbie and Koka Megan for their utmost painting abilities they displayed.

Our awesome tamariki, showing manaakitanga towards their centre. We are very proud of them as we know you are!

Our lovely Koka cassie and Matua Tom for their kindness and efforts in supporting us. The Wyrill whanau for their masterful accomplishments they provided and of course our tamariki who were our focus' right from the start!!

Nga mihi tino mahana!!

















## IMPORTANT NOTICES

#### HEAD LICE

Please check your tamaiti/tamariki hair and treat accordingly

# TUMMY BUGS, COUGHING & RUNNY NOSES

This tummy bug is in our wider community, whánau are urged to keep tamariki home if they are unwell.

Signs to look for are:

- \* High fever
- \* Loss of appetite
- ★ Vomiting

Please ensure tamariki are dressed appropriately with the colder weather approaching and also thank you for placing a change of clothes in their bags.

Whanau, remember the importance of hand washing to eliminate the spread of germs.

#### UPDATE OUR DETAILS

For those of you who may not know, we have a new email address: gisborne@bizzybodzeducare.co.nz, please save our email address into your systems so that your bills will not go through to spam.

We also have a new website bizzybodzeducare.co.nz so you should go and check it out!!

#### DETAIL/SOFTWARE UPDATE

Over the next few weeks you will see a few changes in the way the sign in & out sheets and invoices look. We have recently changed the software that we use to Discover Childcare and we believe this to be a smarter more efficient software. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to speak with us and we are happy to help.

#### LOST PROPERTY

We currently have a box full of lost property at the centre with unnamed items in it. If you have misplaced anything please check out the box to see if it belongs to your child, after a month this items will be donated.

### **Apcoming**

# Events

#### 18th April/Paengawhawha:

- ★ We will be having an Easter hunt here at our centre. Tamariki will be given the opportunity to dress up as something fuzzy and cute ie easter bunny.
- \* There will also be face painting and koka Nancy is going to bring in her chocolate fountain and marshmallows.

#### 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> April/ Paengawhawha:

★ Don't forget whanau that our centre will be closed on these dates. Please have a safe and happy Easter.

#### 25th April/Paengawhawha:

★ Te ra ANZAC/ANZAC day. In conjunction with this memorable day we will also be closed.

> "Kei wareware tãtou/ Least we forget"



#### 12th May/Haratua:

★ Te ra mama/ Mother's day

