

Moa Autumn News



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Welcome to our new Moas and their families...

Since the February newsletter we have had Campbell, Danica, Ruby, Angus, Jaia and Porter transition from the kiwis to the Moas. Great to see them all joining in new activities and making new friends, as well helping one another. We look forward to getting to know you and your families better, and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask one of the team, our communication airways are always open. ☺

Introducing... "The Moa Seniors"

As we now have a vast range of ages in the Moa room, from our observations we felt that there was a need for more of a focus group for our oldest Moas. The purpose of this group is "preparation for school" The focus time for the group will be approx 2-3pm. During this time the children will be focusing on more in depth literacy, numeracy, mathematical concepts and prewriting skills that are appropriate for the preschool ages. We decided to limit the group to our 8 oldest children, in order for the teacher to be able to offer each child one to one interaction throughout the focus time.

Our programme will still remain the same, and **all** other Moas will still be having focus times with learning key concepts planned for their development. Often the children are spilt into smaller groups also, to offer more opportunity for small group interactions between peers and teachers.

In the Moa room we also believe vital learning comes from "capturing those teachable moments" in children's interests. For example, the pirate interest that came from a child's love of pirates has been a great adventure for all the children and has taken many turns and twists that have involved, critical thinking, geography, New Zealand bird life exploration, math concepts (such as direction, shapes, map making, numeracy) literacy, drawing skills and dramatic play.

And this is just one of the fun things the Moas have been up to this year! Please check out our planning wall and our planning book to see what we have been up to. We would love to hear your feedback.

Language Development

A few of you parents have expressed concern or curiosity about your child's language development. As a centre we believe it's important that you have the opportunity to learn about how your child's language develops and what we can do in partnership to aide your child's development. Therefore we are in the process of organising a parent night with a Speech Therapist. This is a great opportunity for you to be able to get your questions answered from a professional. Please keep an eye out for the up and coming dates and info to be announced.



Some house keeping...

Now the days are getting colder please remember to provide your child with **named** warm clothing for outside play. Perhaps you'd like to provide your child with gumboots for outside play and slippers for inside play? If so gumboots can be kept in the awning with bags and the children can change them appropriately.

Once again, we thank you for all your support, from the Moa team. ☺