

KOWHAI TUI CHILDCARE CENTRES

A home away from home

7th November, 2018

The Art of Settling In!

The single most important predictor of how smoothly a transition will go for settling into a new group is the adults attitude and energy.

- Faith Collins (Author, Teacher, Coach, Speaker)

When a parent/adult is confident and trusting of the new situation that they are coming into, the children settle quickly. It is amazing how a child soaks up the emotions of the parents as they are brought off for their session. If a parent feels worried, anxious or even guilty, generally a child will find it harder to find their peace at this time.

I know I could almost guarantee if I was running late or worried about my day, my youngest son would break down at drop off to Kindy and it would take twice or three times as long to say goodbye and sometimes end with the teacher having to peel him off me kicking and screaming.

The best thing we can affirm is that we are leaving our children in good hands and that saying goodbye is hard and my child will have a good time while I am away. Ensure plenty of time so that you are not rushed. Develop a short ritual to let your child know you love them and that you will be returning later on. Then place your trust in the teacher to take over from here.

Refrain from discussions and reasoning or bribery with your child. Short and sweet is best. And what happens 95% of the time is that an upset child moves on within five minutes of your departure.

We are happy to call you to let you know how they are at sadder drop offs. And if you feel that your ritual at drop off needs more support, please reach out to Cheryl, Brooke or myself and we will ensure we are doing the very best job for you and your child.

We would love to see you all at our Parent Evening this month. PTO for more details. Also if you can share our Open Day with friends or on Social Media we would very much appreciate it!

Spring Blessings to you all,
Rebecca & team.



Our Open Days for all of our existing families and people interested in seeing our centres. I remember these open days fondly as an opportunity to meet my children's day-care buddies and their families and create new connections. Please join us and enjoy some chill out time in our lovely environment. Muffins provided for morning tea.

Inside Kowhai Whare



Georgia has been with us for three years now and works with Laura in our toddler room. She was blessed to attend Miro House Kindy 20 years ago. Steiner education has a special place in her heart with her brothers attending our Waldorf School. Georgia loves the outdoors and loves being active and keeping up with our tamariki. She is enthusiastic and passionate about her work and builds lovely relationships with our Kowhai whānau too.



Victoria is another of our wonderful teachers in Kowhai Whare caring for our youngest treasures alongside Cheryl. She is mama to Wyatt who certainly keeps her on her toes. Victoria has been with us two years and was previously the Manager of a Retail Store. She is a cheerful and friendly teacher who is always looking to learn something new and take on a challenge!

KOWHAI TUI CHILDCARE

At Kowhai, we are guided by the Cultural Competencies of Tātaiako, beginning with Wānanga. This involves our team participating with our parents and whānau in communicating about the children's growth and development. We share our curriculum and encourage our families to engage and support this as best they can at home. We listen to our tamariki and show respect and care for each child and where they are individually at.

So to assist the development of Wānanga in our centre, to build stronger connections with our whānau and share more with you about our curriculum and philosophy, we wish to invite you all to our Parent's Evening on November 20th at 6:30pm.

We wish to share with you the recent developments of our centre, the up and coming Advent matters that your children will be engaging in, the songs and stories for the season as well as our summer curriculum as well as our new fee structure coming to effect in 2019. We will also have Maria from Rimu Cottage Play Circle discuss the importance of rhythms for our children.



We are noticing more and more toys creeping in from home (particularly plastic). Please create a boundary around this with the children to not bring these in. Unfortunately these create such a distraction from our programme and cause unnecessary upset throughout the day. You are welcome to bring a Steiner doll/soft sleeping doll or cuddly who can be placed to bed on arrival. We are working hard to strengthen our Waldorf philosophy and appreciate your support with this. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DATES:

CLOSES: 21ST DECEMBER 5:30PM

TEACHER ONLY DAY 7TH JANUARY

RE-OPENS 8TH JANUARY 7:30AM

KOWHAI TUI PARENT EVENING

20th November, 6:30pm

You are all welcome to join us for a warm evening of sharing about the children's time at our Centre's.

Maria Adlam from Rimu Cottage Play Circle will be speaking about the importance of rhythms.

We will also share our advent programme with you.

Our new fee structure.

Ending with tea and biscuits.

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