



Bizzy Buddyz

Home Based Childcare and Education Service

Newsletter Term 1, 2021

Kia ora koutou whānau,

Welcome to Term 1, 2021 everyone! I hope you all took a bit of a break over the holiday period to rest and recover, while enjoying that precious whānau time. Playgroups start again next week and it will be great to see all our tamariki and beautiful Educarers at our community outings and Thursday Bizzy Beelings Exploring sessions here at our Office. Check out the exciting playgroup calendar below for Tuesday outings and the Gymnastics days. We appreciate you taking the time to read over our Newsletter as it's always full of important dates and information. Arohanui Maree ☺

The Bizzy Buddyz community nurture our tamariki and help them grow, learn and thrive in a happy, creative, safe home environment. Welcome your whānau to ours.



Welcome back to 2021 whānau:

Happy New Year, a fresh start to fun and learning for your tamariki at our dedicated Educarers' wharekura.

Are you on Educa and able to view your child's profile? We would love feedback on the observations the VTs and Educarers write about your tamariki and their interest and learning while in care. It would be awesome to see what interests they have at home, so please feel free to add stories and photos on your child's profile.

Did you know Educa has **free to you** online workshops (<https://www.geteduca.com/webinars/>) and you can register for any webinars that interest you? A certificate is sent to you once you have viewed it.

With the warmer weather here please make sure your tamariki are coming into care with a change of clothes in case they have water play, a hat and drink bottle. We recommend SPF 30 sunblock.

Whānau you are welcome to join us on any outing and excursions and at our Thursday playgroups at the Bizzy Buddyz office.



Notices for Educarers:

Due to Health and Safety we will not have a nappy bin available when playgroups return this year. However, we will provide nappy bags for you to **take home** the soiled nappies – please do not use the rubbish bins provided in our environment.

Please remember how **important** it is for VTs to **visit all the tamariki in your care each month**. This is a requirement of the **Ministry of Education**.

Thank you to our lovely Educarers who have provided feedback about our Bizzy Beelings playgroup setup, all the VTs put a lot of time and energy into all our groups.

We invite Educarers and whānau to give us suggestions of things you would like to do in our environment or out in the community.

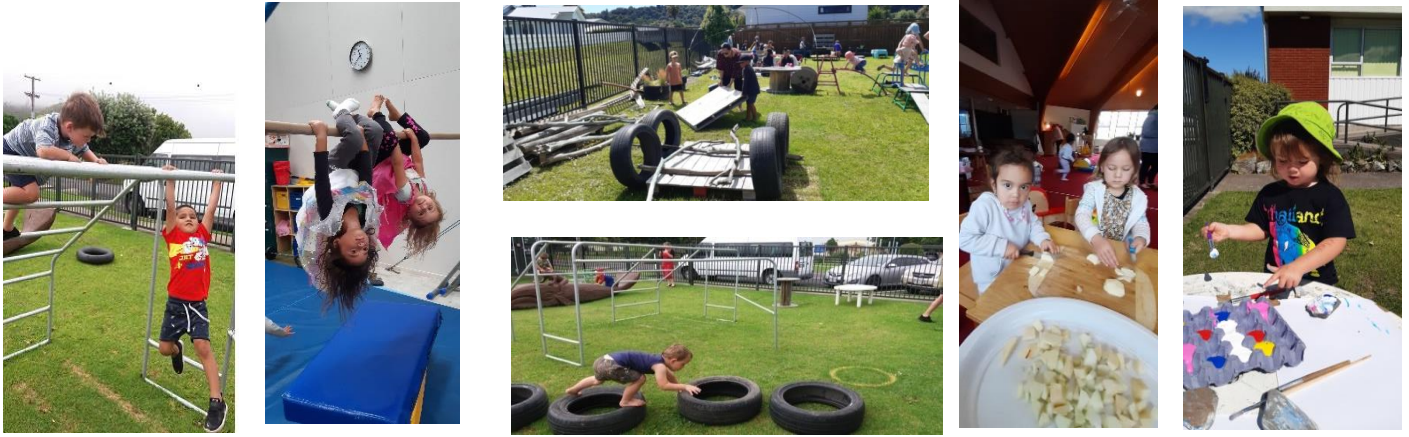
Eucarers please remember **Emergency care** must be organised by your VTs, if after hours contact the office and follow the prompts.

Reminder: Please display your COVID-19 QR codes and have parents scan or sign in and out.

Bizzy Beelings Exploring...Recap on Term 4, 2020:

Gymnastics, Clucking Good Farm, The Heads and Kiwi Trail, Maggie's Farm, Marae Visit, West End, Miniature Trail and of course ending with the Children's Christmas Party. In the Auditorium we continued to use the glue guns at the request of our tamariki, cooking, dress-up and family play, transportation and much more in our child led environment. Playgroups out

in the community we visited: Mataatua Marae, Whakatāne Library, hīkoi in the ngahere, bike track, gymnastics and had a visit from the local firefighters and the fire engine. Wow, we had so much learning and exploration through play.



Term 1 Learning opportunities for Bizzy Beelings Exploring:

With the warmer weather here (at last ☺) we will be focusing on te waho nui – the great outdoors.

What does this mean for our Bizzy Beelings Exploring? Lots of water and sand play, building obstacle courses with loose parts, pretend play at the mud kitchen and more.

We have our new jungle gym (thank you, Maree ☺) in our playground which provides the children with opportunities to develop co-ordination, flexibility, strength and confidence.

09 February: Fairy Garden/ Waiotaha pipi beds – gold coin donation per child for the fairy gardens.

16 February: Picnic and gather resources at the heads.

24 February: Gymnastics \$2 per child

02 March: Ohiwa Harbour

09 March: Bird Walk, Ōhope Scenic Reserve

16 March: Edgcumbe Playground

23 March: Bike track

31 March: Gymnastics \$2 per child

06 April: Maggie’s Garden \$5 per adult, \$1 per child (visit Tuesday and Thursday limited numbers)

13 April: Stoneham Walk Kawerau

Playgroups out in our community are subject to weather. If wet, playgroups will be in the auditorium.

Bizzy Beelings Graduations:

Tamariki turning 5 celebrate with a graduation before they leave for their next learning journey. Whānau and friends are encouraged to be part of such a special celebration. Tamariki can wear our Bizzy Buddyz korowai, receive a certificate, a transition to school book and a gift in recognition of all their time at Bizzy Buddyz. Congratulations to our 5 year olds and we wish you all the best on your next learning adventure.



Educarer of the Month – September, October, November, December

Congratulations to our Educarers:

Tiana Kerrison

Lavinia Moore

Linda Haney

Marama McCarmick

Daphne Nepata

Kelly Anthony

Ruth Greyvenstein

Andrea Hickson

Lucy Tarapi

Emma Gerrard

Flo Tuhakaraina

Annzita Te Kuru

NAU MAI HAERE MAI NEW EDUCARERS: Kerrie Crosswell – welcome to the Bizzy Buddyz whanau.

HAERE RĀ EDUCARERS: Cindy Terrey - wishing you all the best for the future.

