

**Bright Start  
Educare**

# Octobers News letter

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## Special Points of Interest & Up-coming Events

- Music sessions every second Thursday.
- Pot Luck Dinner Thursday the 28th of October for Beth's Farewell.
- Y.M.C.A Trip every second Thursday

## What's been happening?

Kia-Ora Koutou, yes another month has rolled by and boy has it been windy. This month the children have been busy cooking up a storm inside with the play dough outside in the sandpit and even with the bark. There has been a lot of peer tutoring going on with Shaa-ista showing Maya how to put on a nappy. Working together and communicating their own ideas while playing shops and doctors. All the children have been very busy exploring how things move such as bubbles spinning and dancing in the wind. With the warmer weather the children have been able to explore the different properties of water. For example



what happens to water when you mix it with the sand. Counting and shapes is also another area of interest this month this has been seen through the interest in singing simple rhymes like five little duck and



### **Big Kids**

Another fun packed month has rolled by for the big kids. They have been busy learning how to add and subtract with our very popular dinosaur game. The dinosaur game then led onto the children wanting to learn more about dinosaurs through stories and drawing pictures. Other areas of interest were working out what new colours they could make by mixing two colours together. This interest was then extended through baking and talking to the children about what happens when we add different ingredients together. (Does it change colour, how does it feel?)



### **Reviews**

This month we are reviewing our Medication policy and osh policy

## This month's centre planning...

This month centre planning will still be focusing on role play and relationships. I have often seen the boys racing around the road mat saying, "I am Lightning Macqueen." Meanwhile, over in the family play there are babies going to bed, having dinner and lots of cuddles and getting fixed at the doctors. We hope to extend this interest by taking the big kids for a walk to the chemist. The under twos continue to be interested in animals, so, we hope to plan an outing to Animates for further exploration of this interest. Books, songs and plastic animals will also be provided to extend this interest. Messy play continues to be an area of interest at the moment, as is physical play. These will be extended by visits to Montessori and the park, while also enjoying different messy play activities. We look forward to watching how the children react to these different experiences.



### Now a couple of things to remember....

- Please ensure only food that needs to go in the fridge is placed into the pink and blue containers located on top of the lockers in the entrances way. There is a little white lunch box shelf located in the eating area on other side of kitchen for all other food.
- Please remember the centre is open from **8.00am to 5.00pm we are not licensed to look after your children outside of these hours.**
- YMCA gym excursions start term four. This will involve a bus trip which the centre will pay for and a \$5.00 dollar fee for entry once a month for each child attending.
- Bright Start will be closing on the 17th of December for the Christmas break and reopen Tuesday the 11th of January 2011.
- Behind the sign in sheet we now have a temporary and permanent pick up person permission form you need to fill out if someone different is picking up your child.
- We have a few potential spaces available at the beginning of next year so let your friends know now is a good time to confirm a space before we are full.
- World teachers day coming up on the 29th of October.
- Fees will be increasing by 2.5% from the 1st of October. Please see additional page for further details of how this will affect you.

## Staff news

- Next term Aida our student form Horizon will be joining us again on Wednesdays and Thursdays. She has also sent out a questionnaire to all parents as part of her assignment.
- Courtney is on practicum for three weeks starting October the 11th finishing October the 29th we will all miss her heaps but know she will come back with lots of great ideas for Bright Start.

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### Birthdays

Martina and  
Sofia



### Welcome

We are happy to welcome ...  
Beatrice Bentley– Hewitt  
and  
Armita Kavian-Pour...

to the Bright Start Whanau.  
We look forward to getting to  
know and work with &  
alongside you and your families.

### Ka Kite /Farewell

This month we have no one to  
say good ye to. .

## News from the office...

Don't forget GST will automatically increase 2.5% on 1st October. Due to the current system we use, we will be implementing the GST increase from 4th October 2010.

With the GST increase happening there will be a few changes to the childcare system used on the computer in the office. Please bare with us as this process happens, we will do our best to get it done as promptly as possible.



## Christmas Party in December...

Thank you for all your input here. It has been decided that we will have our Xmas party at Lollipops play land. There will be a cost to each family that will help cover food, drinks and entry. This will be added to your last month's invoice once you have filled in an RSVP to purchase tickets. This will be such a nice way to end the year, especially with the convenience of not having to bring food yourselves.

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That's all from your Bright start team until next month