



## Kaharoa School Transition to school.

We are excited to offer Kaharoa Keas again this year for children due to commence school for the first time in 2019. This transition to school session runs for the term (week 2- 11 for Term one) from 1.20 to 2.30pm on a **Wednesday afternoon**. *This year prior to the afternoon with your children in our classroom, I would love to meet with parents each fortnight (from 12:45-1:20) and work through the transition to school for yourselves - what it is like to be a parent of a school age child! These sessions are outlined below.*

**PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO TRANSITION WEEK ONE , OR WEEK SIX, DUE TO SWIMMING SPORTS.**

**Week two-** walk around school and familiarise parents with areas and spaces children are allowed to explore. Talk about duty teachers and procedures for illness or injury. Show them through all spaces of the school so there are no unknowns.

**Week four** - School life - communication (emails and the use of dojo), expectations, curriculum jargon, Q & A, how we report to parents in the first year at school. Parent Interviews - week 9 (Wed or Thurs 27/28 March)

We will talk about the curriculum (NZC and Te Whariki) and what we focus on in the first year or two at school. What the expectations for learning at 5 and the importance of play in the first two years of school. Developmental stages and how to get children ready for formal learning situations.

**Week six** - NO TRANSITION DUE TO SWIMMING SPORTS

**Week eight** - Literacy in the NE class. We will discuss the importance of developmental stages - and how this impacts learning. How we teach literacy at school and what you can do to support them at home.

**Week ten** - Numeracy in the NE class.

We will look at some of the equipment we use and what we work on over two years at school. How you can support numeracy at home.

**Our lunch break starts at 12:20 with play, please come to the school office at approx. 12:15pm to sign in and I will meet you and help get your child settled - they can play outside (please bring a sunhat), or if they prefer to, can stay with you while we chat. Eating time is 1:00 so please bring a packed lunch for your child to enjoy. We are also likely to be using the pool on hot afternoons, so please ensure your little person has their togs and towel with them.**

You can select how many visits you would like your child to have - some children only need one or two, others need more frequent visits to become comfortable. You know your child the best and can decide how many times you would like to visit based on their needs.

During these sessions, run alongside the classroom programme in Room Kauri, children become familiar with the school environment, classroom routines and etiquette, as well as meet other children who will be in the same classroom as them. This is our third year running our transition programme, and in the past this has been so helpful in settling in due to their regular presence in the classroom.

While children are involved with the teacher and their friends, you are welcome to stay and work alongside, or leave your child and come back at the end of the day.

### **Morning visits**

Children also have one or two morning class visits prior to starting school from 8.50- 12.20am. The children will become involved in the morning class programme where our learning groups usually happen, please bring morning tea. You will be welcome to stay with your child, or leave them depending on your preference.

I look forward to meeting you and your child and going on this exciting new journey together.

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