

## PARENT COLLABORATION ON OUR CENTRE PHILOSOPHY AND POLICIES

We are in the process of reviewing our Centre Philosophy and Policy documents. Policy review is an important part of ensuring our Centre is providing relevant, quality care and education for our children and their families. Part of the review process is to give opportunities for parents and whanau to contribute feedback and ideas.

Our policy documents are available online on our website: [www.elimkids.org.nz](http://www.elimkids.org.nz)  
You are more than welcome to contribute feedback on any or all of our policies at any time. You do not need to wait for a formal review to be able to provide feedback. If you have any comments you would like considered, please put these in writing and either email or post these to us:

[info@elimkids.org.nz](mailto:info@elimkids.org.nz) or PO Box 6410, Wellington.

## LATEST INFORMATION FROM MINISTRY OF HEALTH REGARDING SWINE FLU...

Be prepared! (FYI - we have a full emergency pandemic supply kit.)  
If you've got flu symptoms, stay at home until essentially well, that is not sneezing and coughing as this is how the virus spreads. This is usually around three to four days after symptoms start, but coughing may last up to two or three weeks.

Stop the spread of flu germs by:

- Covering coughs and sneezes
- Regularly washing your hands and drying them thoroughly
- Avoiding contact with sick people and reducing time spent in crowded settings.

If your condition worsens, seek medical advice by PHONING Healthline 0800 611 116 or your healthcare provider.

## EIK BEHAVIOURAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Staff are working with our Behavioural Management Plan - please ensure you are familiar with our approach to behaviour at EIK.

What are the negative behaviours that EIK deems MILD?

1. Toilet/tap play
2. Not eating food
3. Tipping out toys
4. Not wearing hats
5. Crying for attention

Consequences be for behaviour that EIK deems MILD?

1. Redirection
- We will offer an alternative to the children in a gentle manner

What are the negative behaviours that EIK deems MODERATE?

1. Playfighting
2. Shouting or screaming at each other
3. Breaking or ripping things intentionally

Consequences be for behaviour that EIK deems MODERATE?

1. Help the child to fix the problem (put things away, mend a tear...)
2. Redirect behaviour - we may need to physically take children (gently) to another activity

What are the negative behaviours that EIK deems SEVERE?

1. Hitting
2. Biting
3. Throwing things at people

Consequences be for behaviour that EIK deems SEVERE?

1. Immediate intervention
2. Use their name: \_\_\_\_\_ stop!
3. If some-one is hurt ensure we comfort that child before dealing with the behaviour
4. Encourage positive interaction between children / redirect



S.K.I.P. stands for "Strategies with Kids / Information for Parents." SKIP has developed resources for parents and the organisations supporting them. SKIP have put out nine pamphlets on bringing up under fives.

These cover managing behaviour, tantrums, ages and stages, special needs, supermarket survival, temperament, managing stress, jealousy and fighting, safety and are for parents.

You will see these hanging in a red PVC hanger outside the door of EIK. Please do help yourself to these - they are a great tool and contain loads of useful information and ideas. They are well worth a read!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's behaviour do talk to Centre Staff. We're here to help!

# PARENT NEWSLETTER

## ELIM INTERNATIONAL KIDS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE

### August 2009

# PIRATES AND PRINCESSES



## KIA ORA WHANAU

What a fantastic few months its been - we've seen a number of new families join the Centre, as well as farewelling a few families to different parts of the globe! We truly are an international centre - and we would love to see this continue to grow. We see many of our children speak more than one language - please do share some of your special words with us - we'd love to integrate them into our Centre.

Did you know that EIK has been open for nearly one year! Elim International Kids officially opened the doors on 18 August 2008. We are gearing up for our one year celebration! Please mark in your diaries the following 2 events:

Wednesday 26 August 4.30-6pm is our Centre celebration - all whanau are invited.  
Sunday 30 August 10.45am - Special Celebration at Elim International Church

We would love you to be able to celebrate with us at one or both of these events! These will be a special time of honouring staff and children - not to be missed.

He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata!  
What is the most important thing in the world - its people, people people!

Blessings  
EIK staff



## OUR JAPANESE ADVENTURE

At Arashi restaurant we took our shoes off and sat on the floor around the table. The noodles were popular and some of the children had a turn at using chopsticks.

Through this experience the children were becoming aware of their wider community, learning the limits and boundaries of acceptable behavior and experiencing another culture.

This links to Te Whariki through the strands of Belonging and Exploration, which encourage children to become active explorers of their different environments.



## INTRODUCTION OF 20 HOURS EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Elim International Kids is happy to announce that all parents and caregivers of Elim International Kids have agreed to the 20 hours early childhood education scheme. Therefore, for those of you that have 3 or 4 year old children at Elim International Kids, your new fees from 3 August 2009 will be:

Days child enrolled per week	Regular Fees	Fees with 20 hours ECE
2 Days	\$130	\$ 80
3 Days	\$195	\$120
4 Days	\$260	\$175
Full-time (5 Days)	\$290	\$205

If your child is 3 or 4 years old, please fill out an attestation form first if you have not already done so (these can be found at the centre), and then amend your automatic payments from 3 August 2009 to reflect the fees with 20 hours ECE.

For parents and caregivers with children under 3 years old, these fees will come into effect on your child's 3rd birthday and end on your child's 5th birthday. In the meantime, please continue to pay the regular fees.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact Andrew Pratley on [andrewp@wn.elim.org.nz](mailto:andrewp@wn.elim.org.nz) or (04) 385 9634.

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We have set aside the end of August and first week of September to carry out individual parent/teacher interviews. The purpose of parent teacher interviews are to:

1. provide an opportunity for you to discuss your child's individual learning and development
2. go through your child's individual portfolio book (which you will be able to take away with you)
3. put any strategies in place to ensure behaviour and development are on track

We will make a time with you over the next 2 weeks - please feel free to invite any extended whanau with you to these visits.

## IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP..

Monday 10 August

Ministry of Education final licensing visit

We are currently on a probationary license which is a standard issue when you open. Centres are issued a full license after one year of operation. We opened on the 18 August 2008.

Monday 5 October

Education Review Office (ERO) assessment

The role of ERO is to provide an external quality assessment of education providers to the Ministry of Education and the local community. The focus of ERO reviews are on the learning and development outcomes for children.

As parents and caregivers, you will be able to access a copy of the ERO report at the end of their time with us. In the meantime, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.



## AGE OF ACCEPTANCE...

Our Under 2 area has grown and developed, and we are now only able to offer places for 1 year olds. We are no longer taking children at the age of 6 months. We feel we can provide better quality care for our 1 year olds in a toddler friendly environment.

Please also be aware that when children turn 2 they will not automatically move to our Over 2 area. We like to transition children through to our Over 2 area over a period of time - allowing for their friends to transition with them.

## CENTRE HOURS

Please note that we do not open until 8am. Staff arrive earlier to set up the environment and will unlock the doors at 8am. We also close at 5.30pm so please ensure you are at the Centre by 5.20pm at the latest to collect your child at the end of the day.

It is important that you start and finish at the times specified on the sign in sheet. These are the times that we use to plan staffing and ensure correct ratios. If you need to change the hours you have booked, please contact Mitch to discuss. (801 6491 or email to: [info@elimkids.org.nz](mailto:info@elimkids.org.nz))



## WARM HATS AND JACKETS...

Please ensure you provide a warm hat and jacket for your child every day. Please clearly name these items too - thanks!



You will see we have included two resource catalogues with this month's newsletter. These are filled with some great discounted items for pre-school children.

If you would like to purchase any of the items in either catalogue, please fill out the order form included in the centre of the catalogue, and return it to the Centre by the end of August. We cannot take any orders without pre-payment. All orders that EIK generate give us an extra 20% of the total order to use to purchase additional resources.

We have been advised that it can take up to 4-6 weeks for delivery. We do appreciate your support, however there is no obligation on you to purchase any items.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk to staff.