

1, 2, 3 GO!



Ruben, Daniel, Finn and Ella were outside and walked over to the wall together where they had previously played the running game '1,2,3 Go'.

Ella started by calling out "1,2,3 Go!" and then began to run to the other side of the playground. Half way across she slowed down and turned around to see if any one was following her. As she did Ruben and Daniel began to follow her running and laughing as they went. Finn soon followed until everyone was at the other end on the step outside the activity room. Again Ella shouted "1,2,3 Go!" and began running back to the start. This time Ruben wanted a turn at calling out so he called out "1,2,3 Go!" and started to run after Ella with Finn joining in, laughing as they went. They did this for about 10 minutes, taking turns

at calling out the directions while the others followed. It was great to see them all engaging in this activity that had been demonstrated to them earlier.

WHAT LEARNING HAPPENED HERE?

Ruben, Daniel, Finn and Ella showed initiative by starting and playing this game without the need for adult involvement. They all demonstrated their understanding of turn taking and being the leader as they all took turns calling out the "1,2,3 go" then being the first to run to the other end of the playground. They revisited a previous experience they had enjoyed earlier in the week and further explored it through working together, using their communication skills and contributing ideas co-operatively.



LINKS TO TE WHARIKI

Contribution Mana Tangata Goal 1 & 3

- * Children experience and environment where there are equitable opportunities for learning, irrespective of gender, ability, age, ethnicity or background
- * Children experience and environment where they are encouraged to learn with and alongside others

EXTENDING THE EXPERIENCE

The children enjoyed using their gross- motor skills so we will extend this by providing more games using the climbing equipment and a range of resources that they have used during mat time or other teacher initiated group activities during the free play times in the daily routine.

Written by Olivia Pearce



PARENT NEWSLETTER

ELIM INTERNATIONAL KIDS
EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE

November 2009



DEAR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS,

What an action packed few months we have had! We have celebrated some milestones - such as our first birthday! We also were issued with a full licence from the Ministry of Education. ERO (education review office) also completed their time with us - and the draft report is EXCELLENT! Well done to the team!

You will see that we have some staff changes coming up - we wish Alex, Echo and Natalie all the best and we welcome Irene, Gina and Menglu to the team. We also have a number of new families to the Centre - a huge welcome to you too!

The festive season is nearly upon us - you will begin to hear your children singing Christmas carols in preparation for their performance for Wellington Access Radio. We will also be having a Christmas Party for all families - and there may even be a visit from Santa - so make sure you mark your diaries: Wednesday 16 December 4.30-6pm.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas - and trust that in amongst the busy-ness of the season, you find time to enjoy God's gift of love, peace and joy!

Meri Kirihimete!
Blessings,
The EIK Team

CHRISTMAS HOURS

We are currently working on our Christmas staffing roster. We would appreciate it if you could please fill out the hours your child will be doing on their enrolled days over the Christmas and New Year period on the enclosed form, and hand this back to us asap.

For your information, the Centre is closed for all statutory days - Dec 25 Christmas Day, Dec 28 (stat holiday in place of Boxing Day), Jan 1st New Years Day and January 4th (stat day in place of 2 Jan). When statutory days fall on a weekend, the Monday becomes the holiday.

During the Christmas/New Year period we will open with shorter hours. December 21, 22, 23 we will open 8am - 4pm. December 24th (Christmas Eve) we will close at 2pm. December 29, 30 we will be open 9am -4pm. December 31 (New Years Eve) we will also close at 2pm.

Normal hours will resume on Tuesday 5 January (8am - 5.30pm). If you have any questions regarding the Christmas break, please do let us know.



SUMMER IS FAST APPROACHING!

SUMMER HATS PLEASE! Please ensure you supply a summer hat for your child that is clearly named. From the beginning of December we will be applying sunblock to children if they wish to play outside. We supply sunblock - Cancer Society or Johnson & Johnson. If you require a special type of sunblock for your child, please provide this to the teachers, and sign our medicines chart. Thanks.

STAFF UPDATES & CELEBRATIONS

We have a number of staff changes happening over the next month or two, and we also have some great achievements to celebrate! Check out the details below. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk to Mitch Jordan - Centre Manager.



NATALIE BARNES

Natalie is going to Auckland to do a yachting course which will see her heading off to France in the near future! Natalie has been working in our Over 2 area for a number of months and has built a great repore with the children. Go for gold Nats - Au Revoir!



KATIE CORNISH

Katie has been studying for the last few years alongside her full time work! We extend our CONGRATULATIONS upon completion of your degree in Environmental Sustainability Katie - you are a legend!



ECHO YANG

Echo is leaving EIK to further extend her creative talents and will be embarking on a course in Graphic Design. Echo has been working in our Under 2 area and has given our younger children wonderful care and attention. We wish you every success Echo!



CHERIE SLIGHT

Cherie has been with us all year as a Campus Based student - and we are excited to see her successfully complete her studies! Well done Cherie on a great year! We are pleased to have Cherie continue on at EIK as a trained and provisionally registered teacher!



ALEX HILLS

Alex has been working here at EIK since she graduated from her degree & is leaving us to pursue something new. Alex has been leading the team in the Under 2 area, and has built a great programme and established some useful planning guides for the team! Thanks Alex for all your hard work - all the best for the future!



OLIVIA PEARCE

Olivia has been with us a few months, and is working well in our Under 2 area and will be picking up some of the leadership role when Alex goes. Congratulations Olivia on gaining your teacher provisional registration as well - its been quite a journey!



ANDREW PRATLEY

is heading off for a 3 month overseas adventure! Andrew and his wife Elaine will be visiting Asia, India, Europe and the States and will be returning to NZ in March 2010. If you have any questions relating to fees or finance, please direct these to Melissa Dring - our Administrator - 385 9634.

A MERRY, ENTERTAINING
PANTOMIME
TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS!
INTO THE
WOODS
STARRING... CINDERELLA, LITTLE RED, JACK FROM THE BEANSTALK,
THE BAKER & HIS WIFE, A MAGICAL FAIRY, A HUNGRY WOLF AND SOME PRINCES
DATE 4TH & 5TH DECEMBER TIME 7.30PM COST \$2
VENUE ELIM CHURCH, 22 TENNYSON STREET
TICKETS ELIM OFFICES PHONE 04.385.9634