

# Pānui

Term 2, 2025



## Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

Term 2 kicks off today and the year is already getting away. Our days are colder, and winter is fast approaching so keep warm and look after any coughs and colds. Stay home if you are unwell. Hopefully everyone had some time to relax and recuperate over the holidays for the next term. Our Visiting Teachers have put together some cool playgroups so please come along as these are opportunities for our tamariki to explore our community and mix with each other. It also supports our Educarers in their important role as Kaiako in the learning journeys of our tamariki. I look forward to catching up with you all soon.

Ngā mihi nui - Maree 😊

## Messages for whānau and Educarers:

### Family Boost payments for whānau

Have you claimed the new childcare payment that the Government has introduced? See the link for further information. <https://www.ird.govt.nz/familyboost>

### Keep bugs at bay

Autumn so far has been cool and wet and winter is fast approaching. If your tamariki are feeling unwell, show signs of fever, coughs, colds, or possible Covid symptoms please keep them at home. Our Educarers are responsible for the care of all tamariki, so if they phone you to pick up your unwell child please do so as soon as you can to stop the spread of infection. Ngā mihi. ❤️

### Nau mai haere mai to Annie

A warm welcome to our new Educarer, Annie Magee. Annie was recently a Bizzy Buddyz parent and now is officially part of the BB Team, yay! 😊

### Vocabulary Hui update

We had a great turnout for the Educarers' workshop last term with Carla and Katie, MOE Speech Language Therapists. This term our Educarers will be trying out new intentional teaching strategies to help tamariki extend their vocabulary and communication skills using books in a new and engaging way.

### Study News

- Meenu Baby and Annie Magee will be studying this year. Good luck ladies and we are here to support you all the way.



Whānau, if you are not on Storypark yet, please let your Educarer or the office know. Our pānui, community posts and your child's learning journey are all on this platform and we would love you to be part of that.

## Bizzy Beelings Exploring...What did we do in Term 1, 2025?

Braemar Springs picnic and sausage sizzle, Ōhiwa Harbour, Waitohe pipi beds, Sea Week, Ōhiwa harbour, Whakatāne Fire Station visit, West End rock pools, hīkoi at the Heads landmarks, Easter Egg Hunt and shared kai at White Pine Bush Walk. At the Hive we had Waterslide play and SunSmart Day, Fun with Ice, dinosaurs and playdough day, rock painting and making fairy doors and Easter decorations.

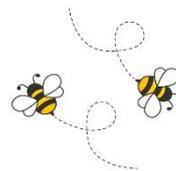




### Term 2 2025 playgroups

We strengthen our bicultural heritage for tamariki and enhance their learning when we do community outings. We enjoy all Papatūānuku has to offer. Playgroups are also at The Hive, every Thursday from 10am – 11.30am during term time. Whānau are welcome to attend.

- Tue, Apr 29 Dress up as your favourite book character, Duffy Books celebration, the Hive.
- Wed, Apr 30 Ōtipa Arboretum bush walk, SH30, Ōnepu. POSTPONED.
- Tue, May 6 Mother's Day shared kai and activities, the Hive.
- Wed, May 7 Ōhope Boardwalk track, by Ōhiwa wharf
- Tue, May 13 Thank you cards for marae visit, the Hive.
- Wed, May 14 Marae visit – TBC.
- Tue, May 20 Rock painting, the Hive.
- Wed, May 21 Gymnastics, 13 Lovelock Street, Whakatāne, **10am**, \$3 per child.
- Tue, May 27 Samoan Language Week celebration and shared kai, the Hive.
- Wed, May 28 Maraetōtara Reserve, Ōhope and sausage sizzle.
- Tue, June 3 King's Birthday High Tea, the Hive.
- Wed, June 4 Awakeri Hot Springs, 1363 State Highway 30, Awakeri. Adult \$3 or \$10. Supervising adult (non-swimming) \$3. Child (5-12 years old) \$6. Infant (Under 5 years old): \$2.
- Tue, June 10 Matariki shared kai and art, the Hive.
- Wed, June 11 Whakatāne Library, Matariki story time.
- Tue, June 17 Matariki art, the Hive
- Wed, June 18 Gymnastics, Whakatāne, **10am**, \$3 per child.
- Tue, June 24 Disco and bubbles, the Hive.
- Wed, June 25 Ōpotiki Library, Ōpotiki and fish and chips.



### Bizzy Beelings Graduations

We celebrate tamariki heading to school with a graduation ceremony. Whānau and friends are encouraged to take part. Tamariki wear our korowai, receive a certificate, a school portfolio and a taonga necklace in recognition of their time at Bizzy Buddyz.

**Congratulations to:** Ella Magee, Te Wharengai Wikaere



### Educarer of the Month 2024

Educarers who complete their learning stories by the end of the month go in the draw to win a \$50 petrol voucher!

**Congratulations to:**

Jan: Mereana O'Sullivan 😊 Feb: Dalice Smith 😊 Mar: Dalice Smith



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