

Kia ora from the Home Grown Kids Auckland Coordinators

Newsletter – term 2, 2010

Welcome to Term 2 which has come around very quickly. Term 1 was great, thanks so much to all of you who turned up to our outings and playgroups. The Easter egg hunt was fantastic and Dramarama's performance was enjoyed by all the children (and adults), Kara our face painter did some fabulous face painting. All the children left with their loot bags filled with eggs left by the Easter bunny.

A big welcome to all new families, nannies and educators, we look forward to a great working relationship with you and seeing you at our outings and play groups.

Reminders for Nannies and Educators

It is school holiday time which is a great time to do your termly fire and earthquake drill. These **must** be done once a term and documented with the date of the drill and the children that participated. Your Coordinator will be leaving a manila folder with you at your next visit and you will be able to document in there (or of course in your HGK diary). In the manila folder will also need to be a copy of your first aid certificate - your Coordinator will go through this with you at your visit.

Evacuation plan

These must be displayed at all times and we recommend that you put them in a clear view area or in your manila folder for ready viewing.

First Aid

All Nannies and Educators must hold a current NZQA first aid certificate.

Please speak to your Coordinator about renewing or sitting your first aid certificate as HGK has a preferred course and will assist with the cost.



There needs to be a first aid kit in the car also when you go on outings for in case of an emergency.

Looking for nanny jobs

If you are looking for work as a nanny or know anyone who is, please contact our lovely recruitment person Tanika Goodall, she can be contacted either by:

Mobile 0272715432

Email:

recruitnorth@homegrownkids.co.nz

Don't forget that if you introduce a **Nanny** family to the service you may be eligible for a \$50 voucher of your choice.

Education Resource library

Please continue to take care of the toys on loan and to return them in full, clean condition. There is a charge for any resources that are broken or that have pieces missing. Thanks.



Learning journals

It's good to see some really great learning journals, keep up the good work! These journals are full of anecdotes, observations and photos. It is a requirement to view each child's learning journal every month at our visit along with your contribution in it. You can download our learning story template on our website:
www.homegrownkids.co.nz

Playgroups and outings

Playgroups and outings are a great way for children to engage with others in a fun and educational manner. It is also beneficial for new nannies and educators to meet with each other and share experiences.

If you have any ideas or there is something you would be interested in doing with regards to HGK outings please let your Coordinator know

RSVP - OUTINGS

It is very important that you RSVP to your Coordinator regarding HGK planned outings. We often need to give numbers to book places and to be able to subsidise some costs, it can be difficult if we have no information. You will only be notified of change of venues or cancellations if you have RSVP'd to your Coordinator. Thanks!

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Use of HGK diaries

For families are who are in care with educators please ensure the diary goes with your child to care each day they attend. Your educator is required to record information in there such as medical, accidental etc. For nanny families please ensure the nanny has access daily to the diary. Thank you!