

## Staff News

You may have seen a new face in March. We are so excited to have Lano join our team of staff. Lano is a qualified teacher and has been working within his community as Early childhood teacher since 2012 at Nuanua Kindergarten. Lano experience, culture, music and enthusiasm adds to our realm of fabulous teachers. Welcome Lano!



## Parent Questionnaire

We currently have a questionnaire on our website [www.poriruwahana.org.nz](http://www.poriruwahana.org.nz) for parents to fill in. A hard copy will also be sent home for those parents who do not use the internet. We are seeking feedback from parents and are keen to hear your thoughts. Please take the time to fill in the questionnaire as all feedback is useful feedback.

## Notices and upcoming events:

- Remember to check your child's hair for head lice, we still have a small number of children coming with head lice.
- We still have spaces available so if you know anyone looking for a childcare or you want to increase your child's hours please let Michelle know.
- ANZAC day on 25 April, the centre will be closed. Celebrations for ANZAC will start on Monday.
- We welcome all parents to come in and see what we are doing within our childcare, especially the parents whose children are on the van. We would love to see you.

## Teacher's Corner

Learning stories and assessments.

Each month the teachers will be sending home your children's learning stories which discuss what and how they are learning. We would like to encourage parent participation by sending home a parent voice for you to fill out. The parent voice is what connects the children's contextual cultures to their learning and our Centre. Please take the time to fill them in as these are very important in extending your children's learning.

Our under twos children are engaging in learning about independence and exploration. The teachers set up a number of activities to support children in socially interacting with their peers, teachers and their environment. We have new wall displays for the parents to see that show how the children are interacting with the environment please feel free to pop in and check out what our tamariki are up to.

Older children

The programme that is running in our older children's area pertain to their individual interests. They are learning all about themselves. We are doing music and movement to encourage fitness, learning about sustaining our planet e.g. growing plants etc, Healthy eating (cooking alongside the children making healthy snacks). How to build and, maintain strong positive relationships. And getting our hands dirty through engaging in lots of art work. We have lots of wall display that show our programmes along with the art they have been producing. Please come in and check it all out.