

June Newsletter

Great Results are our Bottom Line



Brainwave Professional Development

A free PD Session for Happy Tots Parents / Educators

Happy Tots organised a Professional Development Session for Happy Tots parents, educators. We appreciated everyone attended the PD session.

We invited Norma Hayward from Brainwave as the speaker. Brainwave is the organisation specialises on children's early years developments on brain, languages, social development and so on. Brainwave's focuses are based on large numbers of academic research and data analysis. [Details in blog \(Link\)](#)

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LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

Early year is crucial for language developing

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CURRICULUM PLANNING

What's the current month planning

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SOCIAL COMPETENCE

How children develop their social competence?



Language

What are the important elements for children's language development

Curriculum, Planning



What are covered in Happy Tots' Current month Curriculum Planning?

Social Competence



My children are too shy - Sounds familiar? Read on...

Happy Tots June Curriculum Planning

What's on this month's curriculum planning?

Matariki is the Māori name for the star cluster known as the pleiades. Traditionally for Māori when it appeared just before dawn in late May or early June, it signalled the start of the Māori New Year.

As Te Whāriki - the New Zealand Early Childhood Curriculum is Bi-Cultural based. Happy Tots will be focus on children's interest along with what is happening now in the society - celebrating of Māori New Year Matariki.

Different tribes celebrated Matariki at different times. For some it was when Matariki rose in May / June. For others it was celebrated at the first new moon, or full moon, following the rising of Matariki. It will begin on 06 June in the year of 2016.

Current Month planning, Happy Tots focus on Matariki, combined understanding one of Kaupapa Māori - Wairuatanga, that is about understanding and believing that there is a spiritual existence in addition to the physical.



“Te Ao Marama is Surrounded by Nga Rangi Tuhaha and Nga po”

There is a strong linkage with previous month's curriculum planning. Happy Tots organised the outing to Stardome, children, parents, educators and whānau enjoyed the experience. This also is a great opportunity for our tamariki to explore universe and start learning Matariki.

Parents and Educators also contribute to our planning by help children to make poi, star, going to local libraries and attend different Matariki celebrations offered locally.

CHILDREN'S SOCIAL COMPETENCE

How many times parents complaining their children are too shy in front of other people, hard to interact with others, or making new friends.

Social competence refers to a child's ability to get along with other people. A child's social competence is affected by how well communicates with other children and adults. A child's view of herself in relation to his/her family, peers, and the wider world also affect her social competence.

We will use some good examples to extend it further. Read more...

