TARARUA REAP
Rural Education Activities Programme

ECE NEWSLETTER

TERM 4, 2026

Nau mai, haere mai!



Mel Oliver
Education Support Coordinator

We had a fabulous Term 3, with playgroups & kōhanga tamariki participating in activities around communication/korero about the weather in New Zealand. We read Te Huarere/The Weather, created colourful frost paintings, enjoyed music and practised problem-solving with weather-themed puzzles. Well done everyone!

This term, our focus is on exploration of our natural world. Spring is the perfect season to plant seeds and witness their growth and life cycle in real time. We will share a story called "One Little Seed" and do a creative spring art activity.

I look forward to seeing you all during term 4, if not at playgroups, then at our Tiny Tots Christmas in the Park on the 9th of December. Our annual Christmas celebration is a great opportunity to share time and festive cheer together, with numerous community organisations already confirmed to provide free activities throughout the morning. Tamariki will have lots to keep them busy!

Ka kite anō, Mel

TERM TOPIC

EXPLORATION

SPRING SEEDS

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Spring Sunflowers/Lifecycles

TERM FOUR 2026 – DELIVERED BY MEL OLIVER



This term, our focus is on exploration in our natural world!
This includes reading "One Little Seed", planting a sunflower and a craft activity.

Play Groups	Day	Date
Monday @ Ruahine	Monday	19 October
Te Whare Koha Playgroup	Wednesday	28 October
Te Kōhanga Reo o Atawhai	Monday	2 November
Ruahine Playgroup	Tuesday	3 November
Kumeroa-Hopelands Playgroup	Monday	9 November-TBC
Ti Tree Point Playgroup	Wednesday	11 November
Building Blocks Dannevirke	Monday	16 November
Woodville Playcentre	Tuesday	1 December
Te Kōhanga Reo o Kaitoki	Tuesday	15 December

TE WHARIKI STRAND

Mana Aotūroa Exploration.

GOAL

They develop working theories for making sense of the natural, social, physical and material worlds.

LEARNING OUTCOME

Making sense of their worlds by generating and refining working theories / te rangahau me te mātauranga.

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LIFECYCLE OF A SUNFLOWER

1 Germination



2 Roots



3 Leaves



4 Flowers



5 Seed Dispersal



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COUNT THE SPRING THINGS!



Record how many Spring Things you can find ...

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PARENTING with REAP

REAL TALK, REAL TOOLS, REAL LIFE!

Triple P Positive Parenting Program — for every parent

Parenting comes with plenty of ups and downs for everyone!
Join us for a series of practical, relaxed workshops packed with helpful tips and strategies to raise happy, confident kids and bring out the best in family life.

Topics will include:

1. Cooperating with Instructions
2. Expressing Feelings without Aggression
3. Developing Bedtime Routines
4. Hassle-free Outings
5. Being a Positive Parent

Connect with other parents, enjoy a light meal and discover new ideas for your parenting toolbox.

PRACTICAL IDEAS

OPEN-MINDED SAFE SPACE

Details

- 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm
- 5 x Wednesdays starting 11 November
  Pick and choose or come to all
- Tararua REAP
  15 Gordon Street
- Donation Appreciated
- Light Meal Provided



For more information or to register, visit www.tararuareap.co.nz

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Tiny Tots CHRISTMAS

Nau mai, haere mai!
Join us at

Tiny Tot's Christmas Party in the Park!

Enjoy a fun morning and celebrate with local organisations supporting tamariki and whānau!

Santa's Coming!

with a gift for every child!



Grab a Scoop, Twilight Coffee, Wai Splash, Community Toy Library, Play Trailer, Dannevirke Library, and the Dannevirke Fire Brigade will all be there... Plus our amazing local support services!



Details

- 10 am - 12 pm
- Wednesday 9 December, 2026
- Dannevirke Domain
- For Tamariki aged 0-5

Register with Tararua REAP

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The Incredible Years®

Be empowered!

2027

The Incredible Years® is a FREE 14-week parenting programme that promotes positive parent-child relationships.

Only offered once a year!

If you are finding your child's behaviour challenging and would like to broaden your parenting skills...

The Incredible Years is for you!

This course will help you feel more confident guiding your child through the big emotions of growing up.

Taking Expressions of Interest for 2027 in Woodville

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"I am now a non-smoker! The kids' behaviour has improved so much that it has been less triggering for me."

Feedback from 2025 participant

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Your everyday essentials... keys, wallet, phone, Sunflower

The Sunflower allows you to let others know you have a disability, condition, or chronic illness that is not immediately apparent, and you may need extra support. This could be as simple as extra support, understanding, or just a bit more time or space.

Where to get a Sunflower lanyard:

Pick one up at selected Sunflower-friendly locations, like Tararua REAP. Check out our Sunflower map online to find a location near you.

Or you can order one online:
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HIDDEN disabilities