

Still a kaiāwhina

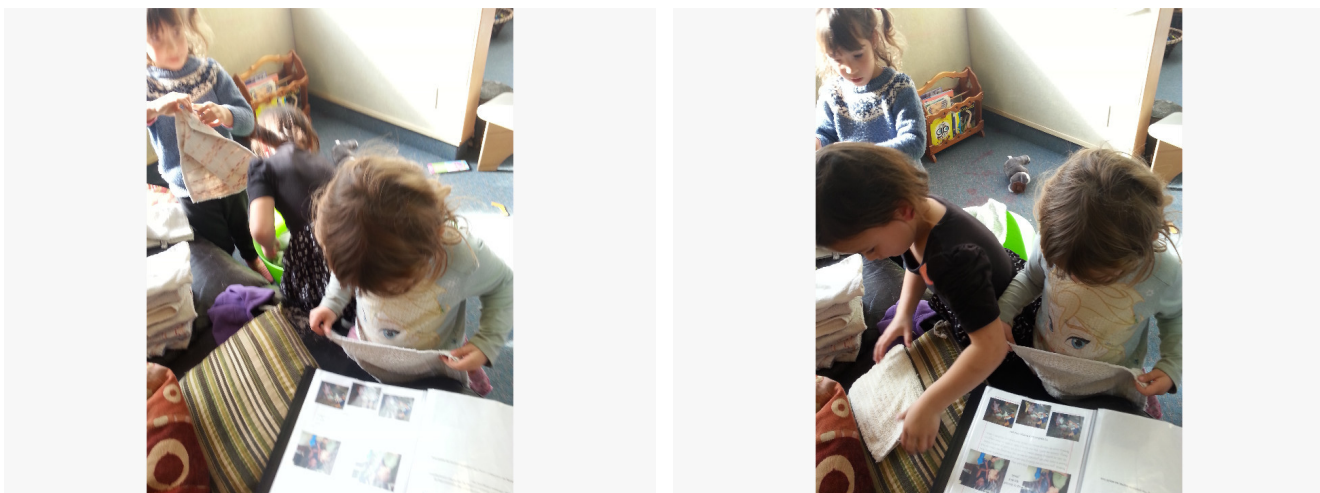
There was a BIG basket of clean washing that needed folding, and I asked if anyone wanted to help. Breeze you were the first to say a big "Yes!" and willingly started on the folding. As we folded, I reminded you about a story I had written for you about us folding washing together when you were very young, and still in Teina. Quick as a flash, you retrieved your special book and looked through until you found the story I was talking about. You looked closely at the photos of you helping, and with the book open beside you, you continued to fold - going VERY fast at times!

You can see in this first photo that your hands and the cloth are just blurs!





Your work ethic inspired your friends too Breeze, and they chose to join you, using your example from more than two years ago to guide their mahi.



Breeze, your willingness and ability to awahi and tautoko others is a strength. You have had, and continue to have, opportunities to demonstrate manaakitanga, which we value here at kindergarten. You are a member of the Mana Tuakana rōpū, and know how important the role of tuakana is, being a role model and inspiration to others. This small story again highlights one of the ways you naturally are a tuakana - and how your example and your earlier story, acted as a guide for others.

These ways of being, Breeze, contributes to your sense of mana, and help you to build a picture of yourself as someone who is competent and capable, with balanced mauri. You clearly see yourself Breeze, as someone who is capable of taking responsibility, and who can step up to assist.

At APK, we recognise that we all need each other and work hard to develop a sense of whanaungatanga, where building relationships with each member of the group encourages a sense of belonging. Within these relationships Breeze, each of us has different and fluid roles, sometimes as the teacher and sometimes as the learner. Here you were the teacher and leader, as well as the kaiāwhina! Ka rawe!

I have added your earlier story for you to revisit on Storypark too Breeze (and whānau!).