

Carter's Happy Place

Carter, today was our first day back at kindergarten since we had stayed at home during the rāhui and it would be fair to say you were beyond excited. You bounced in the gate, beaming from ear to ear and your enthusiasm to be back was infectious. You hung your bag up, washed your hands (part of our new hygiene routine) and you were ready for action! Ready for a fabulous day at kindergarten. The first place you chose to play was the sandpit, your number one favourite place at kindergarten.

Later on Yasu discovered you beside your bag and he asked you what you were doing. You opened up your hand to reveal a small blob of play dough. You explained that your mummy has no play dough at home. Yasu and I laughed, I wondered if you were thinking of stock piling play dough in case

there was another rāhui. I suggested that you could put the play dough back in our play dough bucket so you could play

with it tomorrow and that is what you did.



Photo by your mummy



The next day you returned to the play dough table and created a volcano. The play dough is another of your favourite places. Carter, you are in your element being back at kindergarten.

While we were at home during the rāhui your mummy shared with us some of the adventures that you enjoyed with your family. Your mummy shared with us that you love digging in the garden and you spent many happy days playing in the dirt. I imagine this would be similar to playing in the sandpit at kindergarten. What a fabulous way to spend your days during the rāhui.



"Making pancakes."



What learning do I see happening?

Carter, it is such a delight to be back at kindergarten with you and your friends. We (your teachers) certainly missed playing with you, we missed being involved in your learning and we missed the surprises you bring to your play. I loved how the lack of play dough during the rāhui sparked the idea to take some home. Carter, you did make Yasu and I laugh. I promise if there is another rāhui we will make sure you have play dough at home too. We love your enthusiasm for learning and we can't wait to see the direction you lead your learning now that we have returned to kindergarten.

"Another day working hard in the garden with Bella."