

# Mud... Mud...MUD!

## Ngā te aha / What happened?

Mila, you have been talking a lot about the rain lately. Sometimes you are unsure about it and other times you will come and ask us if it is raining or point and show us.

With all of the rain we have had lately, our outdoor area in Teina has turned into a bit of a mud pit. I captured these photos of you recently Mila, when there was a break in the rain. You were not worried at all about exploring the mud, jumping right in there. Just look at these great pictures. You jumped so high and splashed your feet so much, your pigtails flew up with such velocity!



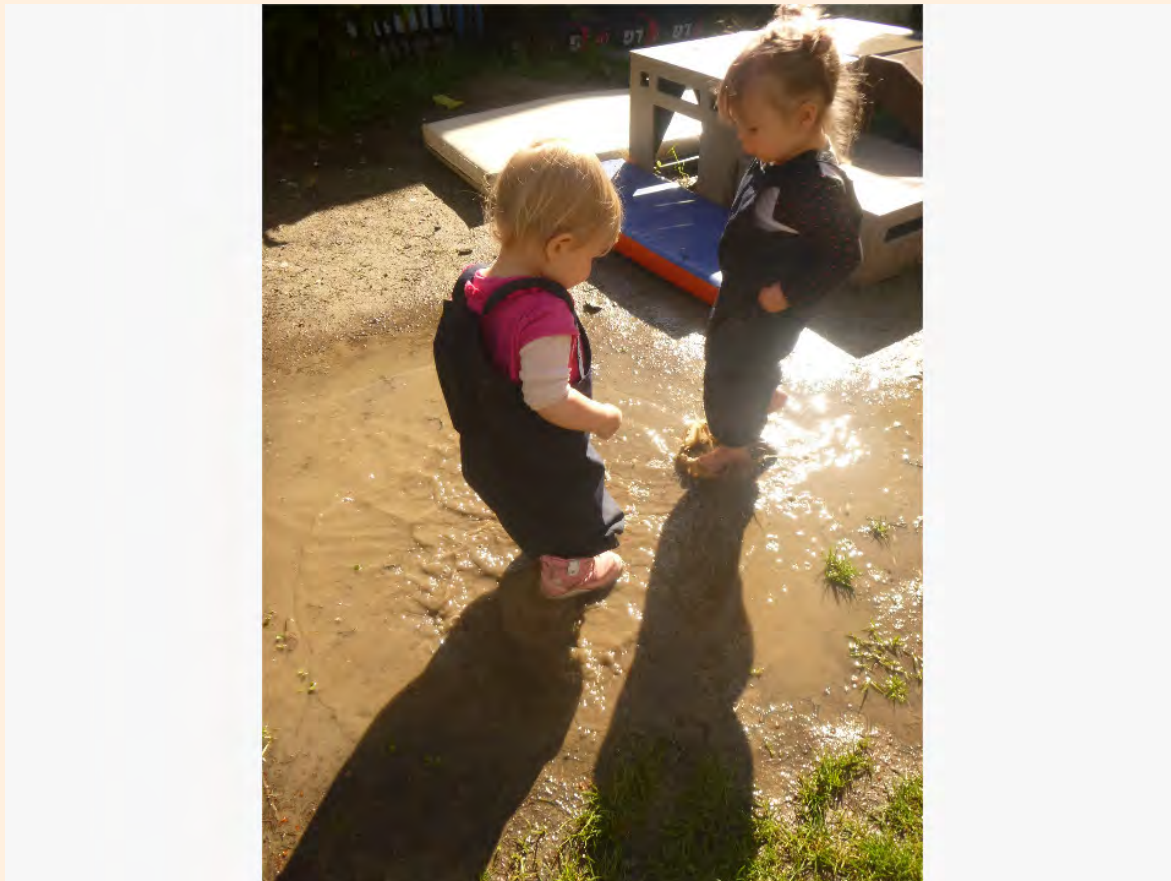


On Thursday last week, I noticed you again showing an interest in the muddy muddles. You splashed your feet and even sat in the puddles, not bothered being wet or cold. You also kept coming back to explore the puddles throughout the morning.



Jojo also captured these great videos of you, having the best time last week after a heavy down pour. What fun to share with your friends.





### **E aha te matauranga kei te ako / What learning was happening?**

Mila, as you explored the muddy puddles, you used your whole body to touch, observe, listen to the water and watch how it changed as you jumped and sat in the puddles. It would have felt cold and wet to jump in. These senses are so important as they provide you with the chance to investigate your learning and develop working theories about the world around you.

Mila you also practiced using your communication skills to clearly tell a story about this experience. You smiled, laughed and squealed with delight - just look at the happy expressions on your face! These are also important skills for your future learning as being literate and developing relationships are key for future success.

Lastly Mila, I loved to see you having fun and taking the plunge. You displayed confidence as you hopped straight into the mud and also control of your body as you jumped and also balanced on one foot at times. You were also able to further your understandings of the natural world - exploring rain, water, mud and the beauty and wonder of nature. Being in nature is one of the best feelings and being able to explore it so intimately is a pleasure. Well done Mila, I love your enthusiasm and love of life!

### **Ngā taumata / Future opportunities**

Mila, we will continue to offer you lots of time in nature, where you can explore a range of the elements through water play, natural resources and also excursions out to the kura and community.



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Taking an interest

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