

Whānau say

Our tamaiti is having amazing growth spurts. We've had to pass on lots of clothes to others.

They're never short of questions – which we try to answer.

Their imagination is so active they sometimes get scared. We try to make sure they know what's happening around them – giving them simple explanations.

They're counting, and chanting the alphabet. It's rote learning at this stage, but it helps build their memory.

When we go visiting, they're taking more notice of where we're going and recognising places we've been before.

Remember whānau, vision and hearing checks are still important!



They can run fast and hardly ever fall over – not a wobbly toddler anymore. They're really confident, but we still keep a close eye on them, because they forget about things like water and road safety.

We didn't think we needed to be as careful now they're older, but accidents still happen. We watch the driveway, drains, containers and ponds because they're interesting but also dangerous.

When our tamariki are pushing the boundaries, we try to remember to keep our energy for important stuff like safety, people's feelings and precious things. It can be hard sometimes. Taking a few deep breaths and counting to five helps.

We make sure to whakanui people and not bad mouth them in front of our tamariki. We're careful about what they see on TV and other screens too.

"Watch what they hear, watch what they see."
Dame Whina Cooper

