

Whānau Evening

Matariki, the Māori New Year is coming up in early July. We will be celebrating this with a shared kai and disco. Please save the date Thursday 1st July.

Lunch boxes

We are continuing to work on the Healthy Heart Award at York Place. The children enjoy the many baking experiences and trying different foods. We encourage healthy choices to be provided in lunch boxes, with plenty of fruit, veges and sandwiches, and aiming to keep treats and packaged items to a minimum. A favourite recipe at present is fruit muffins. These can be made up in a batch and pulled out of the freezer one at a time for lunchboxes.

Cinnamon and Apple Muffins

Ingredients:

2 cups flour

4 tsp baking powder

1tsp cinnamon

¼ cup sugar

100g melted butter

2 eggs

1 cup milk

3-4 apples, grated or diced

Method:

Sift flour, baking powder and cinnamon into a mixing bowl. Stir in sugar. Beat eggs and milk together. Pour liquid mixture, melted butter and apples into dry ingredients. Gently stir until just combined. Spoon into muffin tin. Cook for 15-20 mins at 200°. Cool on wire rack. Makes 12.

Wet Weather

Reminder to bring clothing suitable for the weather. Waterproof jackets, gumboots and a

couple of changes of clothing so the children can enjoy the outdoors even when wet.

Tui

The nursery tamariki have been exploring Ako/quality connections. We have been continuing to make connections and build loving relationships with new children and their whānau. Through positive interactions and guidance we have been encouraging social awareness, laying the foundations and role modelling empathy and love. Tamariki have been exploring their sense of independence and responsibility, being active participants in the daily life in the nursery and learning self-help skills e.g putting away dishes, sweeping, gardening, washing hands and faces and caring for themselves, others and the environment.

This week is sign language week. This is something that we regularly use with the children in the nursery to support them in their communication before, and as they develop their verbal language.



Pukeko

The preschool class have been enjoying outings in the community. This week a group are going to the Teddy Bear Hospital run by the University Medical and Dentistry Students. Recently they visited Toitu as well as the South Care Rest Home & Hospital and made some friends with the residents there.

Our next 5 week block course of Jump Rope begins this week. We have students from the Polytech visit twice a week to play some active games with the tamariki. This encourages working as a group and growing confidence.

The tamariki are building their independence, learning how to put on their own jackets, shoes and putting away their belongings. An interest in dramatic role play has been present around holidays and camping and they worked together to build a fort to eat their afternoon tea in.



Please let us know if you have any skills that you would be able to share with our children in a morning or afternoon activity, or mat time as we love to connect with our parents and extended whānau.

Pink Shirt Day

Join us on Friday 21st May by wearing pink as we Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying! We welcome donations for this worthy cause.

Our tamariki and staff

Happy school days to: Ardy
Welcome to our new children: Olivia, William, Alexandra and Jax

Student Teachers: Cailyn is spending 2 weeks in the preschool for the first placement of her degree. Tayla is completing her Level 3 certificate at Otago Polytechnic and spending Wednesdays with us until June. Yama is continuing in the nursery on Tuesdays until the end of the year when she will graduate with her degree.

We are lucky to have such a wonderful team of qualified and experienced teachers at York Pace to mentor and support these teachers in training to gain their qualifications.

Notes

Currently we have vacancies in the Pukeko 2-5 year old class. We appreciate family referrals so thank you to those that are spreading the word about York Place. The nursery has a long wait list now through until approx the end of the year so if you have any siblings you would like enrolled, please put your application in well in advance of your start date needed.

Scholastic Book Club is out now for term 2. Please have your orders in by Friday 21st. There is a second issue out mid-term that is online only that you are also welcome to order from.

We are lucky to have great support for our children. Last week we welcomed the Vision and Hearing Technician on her termly visit with our 4 year olds. Our public health nurse is still available for referrals but won't be visiting as she is supporting the COVID vaccination rollout. The Speech and Language Therapist is continuing her work with a few children while they attend York Place. IT is great to see such wonderful progress for these families.

