

### Welcome

Welcome to Beth our new centre manager who starts today. Beth is returning to Dunedin after managing a preschool in Te Anau for the last 5 years. She brings with her lots of experience and knowledge and we are very excited to have her join our team. She is looking forward to meeting all our children and families.

A warm welcome to Mapalo, Tasheni, Ali and Saxijn who have joined us recently.

### Professional Development

Our nursery teachers are currently participating in an Infant and Toddler course. Their focus is increasing communication in their programme to provide the tamariki with improved interactions that link to literacy and mathematics.

### Learning focus

This month the learning focus is being expressive. This links in nicely with our professional development.

In the nursery there have been lots of literacy, music and rhymes. Some favourites are Old MacDonald and the Wheels on the bus, singing using actions and props. There is also a focus on both verbal and non verbal communication such as children greeting each other.

In the Preschool children have been focusing on expressing themselves through many different activities. A current favourite book is Pete the Cat. It is a story about Pete's shoes changing colour. The children have made their own shoes and have had fun recreating the story singing 'I love my white shoes'. We have also watched





with interest as our caterpillars have grown and changed, eventually becoming butterflies. There has been a lot of discussion and creativity around this interest.

### Housekeeping

Please ensure you sign your child in and out each day so we have accurate records of attendance.

Ensure your child/ren have at least one full change of clothing each day so they can fully participate in our programme which sometimes involves getting messy or wet.

We are building our sustainability within the centre so would love our families to support this initiative by:

- bringing in supermarket plastic bags to reuse for wet clothing (these can be put in our bag holder in the bathroom) or reusable wet bags to keep in your child's backpack.

- reducing the packaging in lunchboxes

Bento/compartment lunchboxes are great for this as no packaging is required for food.

Alternatively, reusable containers and buying in bulk.

Thank you for your support with this.

Please let us know if any of your contact details such as phone number, address or email change so we can keep our contacts current if we need to get hold of you.

### Our tamariki

Happy school days to: Porter and Oscar, and best wishes to Antony on your move to Christchurch.

### Whānau celebrations

Congratulations to Rubee, Nakita and Makayla's family on the arrival of their new baby Declan. He arrived early and is doing well.

Also congratulations to Zavier-Jon's whānau on the arrival of Emmy-Rose. It is lovely to see our York Place families growing.

