

Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas party is on Wednesday 23rd December 11-1pm. We welcome siblings and family to join us. Please bring a plate of food to share for lunch.

We close for the year at 4pm Wednesday 23rd December, reopening on Tuesday 5th January 2021. There are no fee's charged for the time that we are closed. If you are going to be on holiday either side of this break, please email through the dates so we can note this down. If you provide more than two weeks notice, these days are charged at half price.

Christmas Pantomime

We are excited to be attending Kavanagh College's Christmas Pantomime "The Grinch-19". It is on Friday 11th December and we welcome parent helpers to join us on this outing. Please look out for permissions slips in your parent pockets.

Profile books

Thank you to those parents who completed our recent survey with your feedback on children's profile books. Due to the majority of families using Educa frequently to keep up to date, we will be phasing out the physical books. From 2021 we will print these at the end of year on request. If you would like to share your child's learning with friends and family, you are welcome to add them to your Educa account or you can download these at any time to print or email to share. To replace these books in the classroom, we will have a Pukeko and Tui room book with photos from our wall displays and Educa for children to look at and revisit their learning.

Facebook

We now have over 100 followers on our page! Thank you for sharing our Facebook page with your friends and family. We are currently taking enrolments for next year in the nursery, and have spaces available now in the preschool.

Christmas giving

Thank you to those families that have donated to the Christmas appeal. The box for donations is in the hallway, and we are continuing collections for another two weeks. We will be delivering these to Presbyterian Support in Moray Place on the morning of Wednesday 16th December. Please let us know if you are available as parent help for the walk.

Learning focus

In the nursery/Tui room tamariki have been gaining confidence with gross motor skills by observing others climbing and then climbing themselves on the obstacle course. We have regular music and movement where children are learning to work alongside others, developing their social competencies and expressing themselves. We have been gardening and watching it grow, while observing bumblebees, worms, bugs, and birdlife, learning about nature.





In the preschool/Pukeko room we have welcomed new children and transitioning children from the nursery. Our focus has been on Manaakitanga, the process of displaying respect, kindness, generosity, and caring for others. We have been growing sunflower seeds, caring for our garden, and potatoes. We have been gathering groceries and gifts to donate to Presbyterian Support and the children have been showing great interest in this community spirit. Jonathon has recently built a water sprinkler from a plumbing pipe that has been fun to hang over the sandpit to investigate the waterfall.



Staff news

Shauna had her baby recently, a beautiful girl named Olivia. She is going to be a social butterfly. She came along to our staff Christmas party and was the centre of attention.

Shanae has finished her first year of ECE study and will be moving to another centre next year for further experience. She will still do the occasional reliever shift with us so it is not goodbye.



Abby who recently completed a student placement with us is going to stay on as a reliever.

Our tamariki

Farewell to: Tasheni, best wishes with the move to Christchurch. Congratulations to Diana on her graduation. Also, farewell to Archie and Charlotte P, as they welcome new babies into their households shortly.

Welcome to our new children: Harriet, Eleanor, Teddy, Rawan and Marshall.

Reminders

Please check lost property. We will be donating this to charity or putting in our spare clothing drawer at the end of the year. Remember to label clothing so we can get it back to you.

Fee's have been revised for 2021, please see yesterday's notice for the update.

Please ensure you are inside your book hours for attendance. If you need to drop off early or pick up late, please arrange this in advance so we can adjust our roster, or if it is going to be regular then please request a change of booked hours.

Scholastic Lucky Book Club orders due in by Wednesday 2nd of December so we can ensure they arrive in plenty of time for Christmas.

We are enjoying the sunshine and water play. Please ensure that you have at least one full change of clothing but ideally 2-3 if your child loves the water, and a wet bag for wet/dirty clothing.

