

### Happy Mother's Day

To all our amazing mothers! You are fabulous and raising some pretty incredible children. Give yourselves a pat on the back. Hope you had a lovely Mother's Day over the weekend.

### Jump Rope

We have been selected again this year by the Polytech for the Jump Rope programme. This means a small group of Polytech students will be visiting the preschool children two afternoons per week to engage in some active movement activities on Wednesdays and Thursdays during term 2.

### Parent aspirations

We will be asking for your aspirations for your children in the coming weeks. Please share with us your hopes, goals and dreams for your children with us so we can support them as best as we can.

### Learning focus

Over the last two months, the Nursery has been focussing on 'coping with change' with the arrival of their new teachers – Sally & Shanae, supported by Jo, Alice & Beth. Responsive and reciprocal relationships were formed as the children worked with the teachers in helping them learn both about their environment and themselves. Curiosity was the next focus with the change in seasons, temperatures, and leaves falling from the trees.

This month in the Nursery the learning focus is independence, self help skills e.g. the older children are being encouraged to dress themselves, and assist at kai times. They also learnt to problem-solve with new materials e.g. ice – change it into liquid, new settling babies are being welcomed, with an emphasis on kind

caring hands, and looking after each other. Children also learnt about community events e.g. Easter by using their handprint/footprints to create bunnies and chicks as well as making a handprint wreath for the wall for ANZAC Day.



In the Preschool, the last two months have focussed on 'self help and independence' to assist the new transitioners settle and form closer relationships with the older children, as well facilitate independence in toileting and putting things away. The current focus is 'positive social behaviour' continuing to support the new two year olds in learning about their new daily programme, peers and teachers as well as the learning environment. For the older children some of their peers have left to attend primary school and therefore their relationships have changed. A transition to school group has



been set up to prepare the four and a half year olds for school with literacy and numeracy activities to engage in. Easter and ANZAC Day were celebrated with stories, art AND baking activities.



## Scholastic Book Club

Please have Book Club orders due in by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> please.

## Admin

Reminder to sign your child in and out each day on the roll.

Now that the weather is cooling down, please start swapping out sunhats for winter hats and jackets and well as providing some warmer spare clothes in your child's bags.

## Updates

We have recently updated some of our furniture, removing our highchairs and investing in a new table and some poppet chairs which are great for younger children to support them to sit at the kai table with the rest of the children. We also have a new children's couch corner in the Preschool.

Other renovations that have been happening are the new slide and climbing ramp into the playhouse and the exterior of the building being painted. One end is completed and the nursery end is on hold now till later in the year when the weather is more suitable, and the adult toilet is being spruced up.

## Team

Farewell to Tracey who has decided not to continue her career with York Place. We are in the process of recruiting a new teacher for the preschool.

## Our tamariki

Welcome to: Tom, Clara, Dutch and Cooper who have joined our nursery.

Happy school days to: Heidi, Axel and Zavier-Jon and farewell to Archie.

Welcome to the world: Caitlyn's baby Isla, and Jimena's baby Isabella. It will be so lovely having our teachers return to work with their babies later this year.

Also Sienna has a new baby brother Jenson!

