

Upcoming Dates

Our annual Christmas party will be held on Friday 21st from 2-4pm. Parents and whānau are invited to attend this. It is always lots of fun with face painting and activities. Please bring a plate of food to share for afternoon tea. We are looking for a santa so if you, or someone you know would be perfect for this job, please chat to one of the team.

This year we will close at 6pm on Friday 21st December for our Christmas/New Year Holiday. We are closed for two weeks. We reopen on Monday 7th January 2019. There are no fees charged during this closure.

Please put your holiday forms in if you will be taking holidays during the summer so we can plan our staffing needs. If you provide 2 weeks or more notice then you are entitled to half price fees for this time.

Learning focus

All our teaching team have been doing some professional development around oral literacy and have recently attended our 3rd workshop. Please look out for some brochures in your parent pockets around oral literacy and feel free to ask your child's profile teacher about some of the techniques we have been using to support their language development. Some great activities you can do at home to further support oral literacy is reading to your child every day, singing songs and rhymes together and having conversations to they can practice the to and fro of conversations.

Children in the Nursery have been learning to cope with change especially with their teaching team. New teacher Katey has been quickly forming reciprocal and responsive

relationships. Many children seek her out for her wonderful literacy activities especially the singing mat times. Children have been enjoying engaging with new resources especially the new baby dolls & outfits, role playing their domestic knowledge. Several small vehicles have been used to test slope, speed, size whilst sharing knowledge & skills.



In the Preschool children are being encouraged to try new things. Teachers noticed an interest in wrestling so a special wrestling ring started to be regularly erected under strict teacher supervision with specific rules (refer wrestling info to parents). Children have been asking to participate in this now, with children who were previously considered to be quiet now assuming a different persona in the ring. The new climbing boxes and planks have been used to test balance, climbing, jumping and swinging



skills on whilst learning to take turns and share space and equipment. Children have been practising their balancing on the ropes outside, learning to mix materials to create different effect on paper, attach new construction materials and making long bendable roadways.



Hats and sunscreen

Slip on a shirt to cover shoulders

Slop on sunscreen

Slap on a wide-brimmed hat or cap with flaps

Wrap on sunglasses

For more info visit sunsmart.org.nz

Over the summer months please apply sunscreen to your child's face, neck, arms and legs before dropping off. This frees up our teaching teams time to focus on care and education and they will reapply during the day. Also ensure your child has a wide brimmed sunhat every day.

Reminders

Please label clothing and check lost property for any un-named items. This will be cleared out at Christmas and either put into our spare clothing drawer or donated to charity.

Please allow at least 2 weeks notice for any change of hours requests.

Our tamariki

Happy school days to Ra. We wish you all the best on your new journey.

Welcome to our new children in the nursery Taylor and Delilah.

Farewell to Ali and Siri who are both moving away from Dunedin, you will be missed.

Welcome to the world Dutch Jemania, Saxijn's new baby brother.

We will have space for new enrolments in February with children leaving for school. Please let your friends and family know about these upcoming vacancies if they are looking for childcare for 2019.

