

## Xmas party

We will be celebrating Christmas on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. We will have a shared lunch and welcome families to join us starting at 11.30am. We will have some fun and games followed by lunch at 12 and then our special guest Santa at 1pm with a wee treat for York Place children.

We close for 2 weeks over the Christmas break at 6pm Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, reopening on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 7.30am.

The two weeks we are closed is no charge. If you are planning to be away either before or after this period please let us know so we can plan teachers rosters and holidays. If you provide us with two weeks or more notice then this leave will be charged at half price.

## ERO visit

We have members of the Education Review Office (ERO) due to visit York Place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Please feel free to stop and have a chat with them. They will be observing our teaching programme and operational systems during their visit. This visit will give us an opportunity to gain valuable feedback on how effectively our centre is operating for our children and we look forward to their visit and report.

## Upcoming Outing

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December we are heading along to Kavanagh College to watch their Christmas Production. Thanks to all those that offered to come along as parent helpers. It is sure to be a fabulous show.

## Learning focus

We have named the nursery class the Tui room and the preschool class the Pukeko room.

In Te Whāriki our curriculum talks about children's rights. The right to be, the right to become, the right to enjoy and the right to choose.

In the nursery (Tui room) we have been investigating these rights. An example of the 'Right to become' is we support children as they explore and discover who they are and what they are capable of eg freedom of movement, verbally supporting children as they reach physical milestones in their own time. There is a strong interest in different provocations such as sensory play, singing, books, and obstacle courses.

The tamariki have had a strong interest in nature, exploring our new 'wild' area with plants and long grass. Teachers have recently attended two different professional development courses about the benefits of learning in nature. We are excited to watch our new sweet pea teepee begin to grow.



The children in the preschool (Pukeko room) have just finished 10 fun sessions of Jump Rope with students visiting from Otago Polytech. This has been great to challenge the tamariki to extend on their risk taking, following instructions, balance and coordination.

We have been promoting our bicultural values recently of Manaakitanga, showing kindness, respect, Ako, teacher/learner, Whanaungatanga, building relationships, teamwork and Tuakana-teina, older/younger relationship building.

We celebrated Diwali by making lanterns, dressing in colourful clothing and learning a little about the event such as decorating the doorways with patterns.

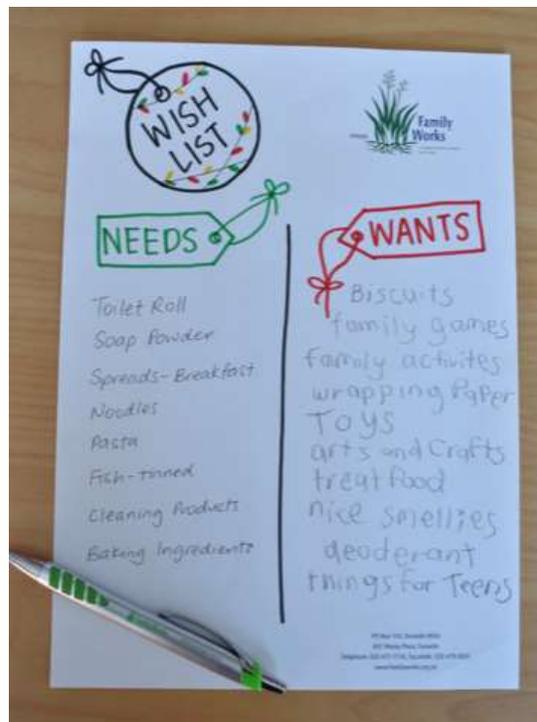
Regular outings are happening for the older preschool group of children. The focus has been on greeting members of the community, using manners and following instructions.



have vacancies in the preschool for 2-5 year old children. If you know of anyone looking for a preschool please let them know we currently have some vacancies at York Place.

### Giving

At this time of year we are reflecting and thinking of others in need. Presbyterian Support are a wonderful organisation that are asking for donations. We would like to invite families to bring in donations for us to present to them.



### Our tamariki

Welcome to: River, Charlotte, and Sapphire-Rose.

Farewell to Odette and Arlo, have fun on your new adventure.

Congratulations to Tom M and family on their new arrival Charlotte, she is simply adorable.



### Vacancies

Our nursery is brimming with under 2 children at present which is lovely to see. We currently

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