

Christmas Closure

For those planning ahead for summer holidays, we close for 2 weeks at Christmas. Our last day for the year is Friday 20th December and we reopen on Monday 6th January 2020.

Learning

In the preschool the teachers have been busy, forming close relationships with the children, and reviewing aspects of the daily programme. New ideas, materials and resources are being shared to further facilitate children's learning. Georgia has overseen several baking activities with delicious outcomes. The new puzzles, books, brain box set, water, ice, sand and bark are being experimented with, learning how to creatively and imaginatively use these materials. Lyn has been encouraging the application of children's creative skills on an easel. Beth set up a Mt Aoraki climbing challenge (ladder) so that the older children could demonstrate their developing active movement skills. Several children have said, we like the new changes and challenges.

In the nursery the group focus has been expressing themselves. Examples of this have occurred across the curriculum such as exploring how to move scarves to music with their friends resulting in lots of hiding, laughter, and loving the sensory feeling. Children's creative skills have been engaged eg painting using a variety of stampers to identify shapes, make patterns and pictures. With the warmer weather, regular water play activities are being set up for children to explore and experiment with. Water is a wonderful medium to engage with, pouring and filling, splashing, and making bubbles.



Our teaching team have been continuing to work on an internal evaluation on professional practices. As part of this we will be developing a staff policy around the use of social media and cyber safety. We have also been looking at our centre values and philosophy.

Updates

Over the weekend we topped up the sand and bark in the playgrounds. We are currently getting measured up to replace our carpet and vinyl in nursery. We have also purchased some new rugs to create a soft environment for the infants.

Staffing

Jimena is returning from her maternity leave shortly. We are thrilled to have her back and her baby Bella will be joining the nursery.

Unfortunately Kloe will not be returning from her period of extended sick leave. We wish her well in her recovery.

We welcome Shauna who is a fabulous fully qualified and registered teacher starting with us towards the end of October.



Mental Health Awareness Week

23rd-29th September is Mental Health Awareness Week. The theme is Explore your way to wellbeing – whāia te ara hauora, whītiora. We encourage you to look after

yourselves, your whānau and friends and ask them are they ok.

Our tamariki

Happy school days to: Hunter, and Jordan
Farewell: Dominic, best wishes with your move
Welcome to: Bella, Tom C, Archie, Jensen

Reminders

Please note effective the 21st October our fees will be increasing to \$6.25 per hour, \$44 per day, and \$212 per week.

Daylight savings is coming up on Sunday 29th September. We will be putting up our sun shades around this time as we head into our warmer months.

We are focusing on being a sustainable centre. We are doing this by reducing, reusing and recycling. If you have any items that could be recycled or reused that you would like to donate to be used in art and crafts, or any bike helmets, these would be gratefully accepted.

We encourage you to go wrapper free in lunchboxes to reduce your rubbish. Our Public Health Nurse Nicola will be providing us with some healthy eating ideas soon which we will share with you.

If your child is in nappies, please feel free to check the shelf in the bathroom at any time to ensure they have a sufficient supply otherwise we put a tag on your child's bag when they are low. Recently many families have been running out so we are reintroducing the \$1 per nappy charge if a spare nappy is required.

If your child is unwell please keep them home so they can rest and recover. If they suffer from vomiting or diarrhoea, they must stay home for 48 hours after the last incident as per the Ministry of Health guidelines and centre policy. Thanks for your support with this to prevent the spread of illnesses within York Place.

