

Otago Polyfest

We are excited to be taking a group of Preschool tamariki along to the Otago Polyfest again this year. They have been learning four waiata and will be performing on Wednesday 3rd September at approx. 10.40am. We warmly welcome friends and family to come along to the Edgar Centre and watch. Alternatively there will be a livestream that we will share so you can watch from the comfort of work or home.

Hari Manawa Programme

This term we were selected again for the Hari Manawa Programme through the Otago Polytech. We love the engagement from the Polytech students as they teach fundamental skills and movement games to the Preschool tamariki. We have been enjoying 10 sessions over a 5 week period. Our students this term are Mac, Levi and Tia.



Vacancies and waiting list

Due to some tamariki moving out of the area, and a cluster of two year olds moving to the preschool we have current vacancies. We love recommendations, so please let your friends know about York Place. Otherwise we are now taking enrolments for our waiting list for 2026.



Classroom learning

We regularly discuss children's individual plans at team meetings to extend their learning as well as having a group plan for each classroom.

We have recently updated our group planning to make it more focused on centre values. The Preschool focus at the moment is developing social skills and the Nursery focus is relationships. We are lucky to have incredible kaiako to tamariki ratios that usually sit around 1 kaiako to 3 tamariki in the Nursery. The government ratios are 1:5 for under 2 year olds so this is significantly better for tamariki to get more focused attention and support. The ratio for our Preschool tamariki at the moment ranges from 1:6 to 1:8, instead of the government 1:10. This allows us to have unhurried routines and focus on engaging meaningfully with tamariki.



Improvements

We are loving our newly remodelled bathroom. The additional heating and extractor fan has been lovely over these colder months to keep this room warm.



The new archway at the front entrance was constructed to create a welcoming entrance. We will be adding a new sign and flag to this area and later in the year a second gate for added security.

We strive for ongoing improvements to make York Place the best centre we can be. If you have any improvement suggestions or feedback, we always welcome this.

Our tamariki & kaiako

Happy school days to: Noah

Farewell and best wishes to: Panvith and Japreen on their moves.

Welcome to our new tamariki: Isobel, Alex and Dylan.

Welcome back to Brittany who is returning from her maternity leave along with her baby Dylan. We are thrilled to have her back in the Preschool team.

