

Christmas Holidays

A reminder about our Christmas closure dates. Our last day open is Friday 23rd December closing at 4pm. We reopen on Wed 4th January. There is no charge while we are closed.

If you plan of having some time off over the coming months, please let us know. If you provide more than 2 weeks notice you will receive half price while your child is absent.

Whanāu Christmas Party

We will be having our annual Christmas party on Friday 23rd December from 11-1pm. We welcome families to join us for the party. Please bring a plate of food to share for lunch. We will have face painting, a disco, and a visit from Santa.

If your child is not booked to attend on the 23rd, or if you have let us know your child will be on holiday on this date and you would like to attend please rsvp so we can plan for the number of children attending.

Renovations

We are working on the preschool playground at present. You may have noticed our new fence and the plants from the garden have been replanted. Our next step is building an area closer to the gate for the recycling and rubbish bins. Early next year we plan to move the sandpit down to the lower level to create an inviting space. The existing sandpit will be converted either into a grass or bark space with shrubs and flaxes.

Food Collection

We will be doing our annual collection for the food bank again this year. If you are able to donate something, please put this in the box beside the sign in sheet. We will plan an outing with a few of the older children closer to

Christmas to deliver these goodies. Below are some ideas. Thank you for your support.

Foodbank wishlist 

needs	wants
Canned Food <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spaghetti • pasta sauce • fish, chicken • meals • fruit, veges • soup 	Coffee & tea Biscuits Baking ingredients Toiletries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • deoderant • toothpaste • toothbrushes
Dried Food <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pasta, rice • 2 min noodles • mac & cheese • cereal 	Pet food
treats	
Christmas Goodies Nice smelling items, gifts	



Learning focus

In the nursery we have had the group focus on Mana Reo - Communication. Our tamariki have been becoming increasingly capable and confident as they develop their communication skills. These skills range from communicating cues via body language to learning how to express ideas, needs and wants with sign language and verbal communication. We have been exploring this throughout our everyday experiences such as routines, reading, observing vehicles outside and bugs in the garden. As well as these we have offered exciting provocations which spark the children's interests and offer the opportunity to extend communication skills as we play alongside each other e.g as we put up our Christmas tree many tamariki exclaimed, "Wooooow!" in excitement!





Our preschool current group focus has also been on communication where kaiako have been supporting and encouraging positive non-verbal and verbal communication throughout the day. We have been mirroring ways for tamariki to verbalise their wants in a way that communicates exactly what they are wanting. E.g. Instead of just "I'm thirsty" - "I am thirsty, can I have some water please."

Part of this focus has been on following instructions where fun, interactive games and baking have helped scaffold these important skills for all our Preschool tamariki.



Our Tamariki and kaiako

Our wonderful kaiako Jo has been at York Place for 10 years. She is a bundle of positive energy, always excited to come to work and spend time with the children. It is with sadness that I share she will be moving to Perth with her family to start a new adventure. We wish her all the best.

Earlier this year we had a student Ella complete a placement in the nursery. It is perfect timing that she is finishing up her masters course and will be joining our team at the beginning of 2023 as our new full time kaiako.



Happy school days to: Teddy
Welcome to our new children: Lucas & Connor

Reminders

Please ensure your child has at least one change of clothes each day along with a wet bag to put them in. We get up to lots of wet and messy things exploring our senses.

All clothes need to be named, and please check the lost property for any missing items before we donate these at the end of the year.

Remember to sunscreen before dropping off your child each day regardless of the weather forecast and ensure they have their sunhat so they are able to play outdoors.

