

Whānau Event

Matariki is coming up next month. This is a celebration of the Maori New Year. We welcome you to join us for an evening of shared kai and dancing Wednesday 18th June 4.30-6pm. Please look out for our disco notice coming out soon.



Our last whānau event at the Botanic Gardens was fun for both the tamariki and adults. It was a great time to relax in the sunshine and chat outside of York Place.



Coming up

Polyfest this year is in the first week of September. We have registered to take our Preschool class and look forward to a fantastic performance again this year. With a current

emerging interest in poi, these may make an appearance in our performance.

ECE Students

We often have student teachers at York Place. All of our kaiako are qualified and registered and many of them enjoy mentoring teachers in training. Due to this we have a great relationship with the University of Otago as well as Te Rito Maioha and take on several students per year as either long term or short term placements to build their skills as they study. Currently we have Becky and Century in the Preschool class and Abbey in the Nursery class.

Having a full team of 100% qualified teachers who value ongoing learning, sets York Place apart from other centres, and gives your tamariki a real boost for their early childhood education.

Learning Focus

During our latest group planning cycle in the Nursery we have discovered a very strong group interest in transport. This interest has been evident with tamariki repeatedly engaging with vehicles. We have extended on this interest by increasing our range of vehicle resources to offer many different types and styles of vehicle, tracks and ramps as well as incorporating this into other areas such as literacy and mathematics by providing vehicle themed books and puzzles. We have been getting creative by making our own bus, police car and fire engine out of boxes and attaching them to the back of the bikes. Tamariki have been enjoying biking around with these as their trailers, filling them up and enjoying the challenge of navigating the environment. We are excited to see where this interest takes our learning next!





In the Pūkeko class, we are lucky to welcome Luke, Vincent and Sudha who are physical education students from Otago Polytechnic from the Hari Manawa programme. This programme will run for half an hour on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons during term 2, focusing on building, developing and refining foundational gross motor skills. This programme is predominantly aimed for our older Preschool tamariki, however our younger ones have enjoyed joining in as well! To begin with, tamariki have been focusing on balancing, with our students setting up challenge courses for them. Tamariki have been balancing along a rope, through cones and across balance beams! They have also been playing games such as 'green light, red light' and 'duck, duck goose' to



promote listening, working together and following instructions while being physically active. The tamariki are very excited and eager for their visits, we cannot wait to see what other exciting things are introduced to us through the Hari Manawa programme!

Winter weather

Please bring a waterproof jacket, hat, gumboots, and warm clothes that are named, and as always a full change of spare clothes.

Winter often has unpredictable weather and in Dunedin ice and snow. Any weather that creates a danger on the road may affect our start time. Any delayed opening times will be announced both on Seesaw and on The Hits radio station/Facebook page.

Our tamariki & kaiako

Happy school days to: Alex, Asher, Thenul, and Zeke

Welcome to our new child: Rayan

