

## Christmas party

This year our annual Christmas party is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 11-1pm. Please bring a plate of food to share for lunch. We look forward to celebrating the year with you all.

## Christmas holidays

A reminder that our last day for this year is Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December when we will be closing at 2pm. We reopen for the new year on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

Please let us know your plan for attendance during this December/January period eg bookings as usual OR away on holiday with the dates. This helps us to plan our staffing rosters and allow teachers some much deserved rest. Also if you provide more than two weeks' notice of holidays, then you receive half price fees during this time.

## Preschool Outing

We have been lucky to get tickets again this year to Trinity Catholic College's Christmas Pantomime. We will be taking a group of our 3 and 4 year olds to one of the daytime sessions.



## Learning focus

In the Nursery we have been exploring with sound and investigating different resources that make different sounds. We discovered with the foil sheet that it makes a loud crinkly noise and we can control it as we scrunch and shake it fast and slow! The new bells have been very popular, utilising our fine motor skills as we explore cause and effect while pressing the little button on the top.

Relationships continue to be at the forefront of everything we do and our tamariki love to engage in 1:1 games and interactions such as peek-a-boo, singing and reading. We have also been loving seeing more of the sun and engaging in lots of water play!



Our tamariki in the Pūkeko class have continued to demonstrate a strong interest in construction. We have been responding to this interest by providing the tamariki with a wide range of construction resources to further their knowledge and skills. These experiences allow tamariki an amazing opportunity to explore mathematical learning as they work out how different shapes fit best together. Our tamariki have been using lots of trial and error as they work with various construction materials to get their creations to look just how they want them to be. Alongside mathematical learning, there has also been lots of social learning as tamariki work together and communicate with each

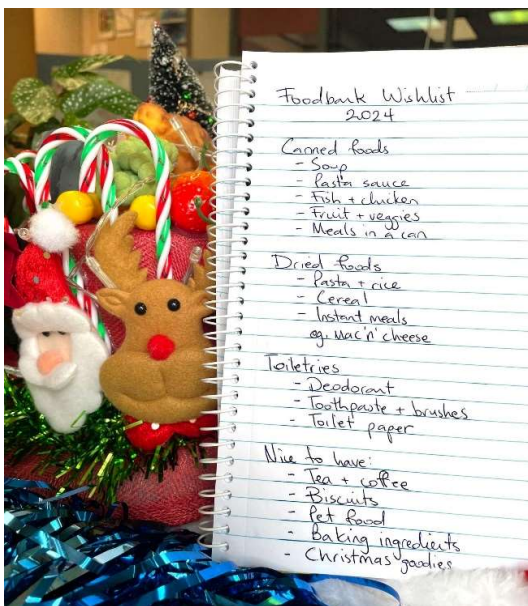


other about taking turns with resources and sharing space.



## Presbyterian Support Food Drive

We would love to deliver a box of non-perishable items to Presbyterian support in the lead up to Christmas to support those families in need. We will have a box near the sign in sheets for donations from the start of December. We will take a small group of our oldest tamariki on an outing to deliver these.



## Reminders

Now that we are into our warmer months, please remember to bring your child's drink bottle so they have quick easy access to water, and apply sunscreen before dropping off your child. We will reapply later in the day as required. Lots of spare clothes are needed along with a wet bag to put them in as we have more water play. A rash top and towel are also handy to have in their bags.

## Our tamariki & kaiako

Happy school days to: McKenna

Welcome to our new children: Subh Deep, Freya, Lloyd, Panvith, Zachary and Japreen.

Staff news: Brittany is now off on maternity leave and has welcomed a baby boy Dylan into the world. We are thrilled to have Becca join the Preschool team to cover her leave. Becca has been a student and reliever with us this year as she finishes her studies.

