

### Christmas Holiday dates

Our last day for the year is Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December closing at 4pm. We reopen on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

There is no charge for the days that we are closed during this holiday.

Please let us know if you will be away outside of these dates to help us plan our staffing needs over the Christmas period. Two weeks or more notice entitles you to half price holidays.

### Christmas Party

We will have our whānau Christmas celebration on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 11-1pm. We warmly welcome you to attend.

### Outing

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, our 3 and 4 year olds have been invited to the annual Trinity Catholic College Christmas Pantomime. Information and a permission slip will be out shortly for this adventure.

### Art Gallery visit

One of the perks of being so close to town is the proximity to so many wonderful experiences. We have Rachael, the Arts Educator from the Dunedin Public Art Gallery booked in to visit us this month. She will be supporting the tamariki to create works with the topic Our Land and Sea.

### Learning focus

We've been enjoying lots of messy fun in the Nursery lately with lots of sensory exploration! We really value messy play as this supports children's learning as they discover the world through touch, sight, smell, taste and

sound. One of our favourites is cornflour gloop which is a quick and easy taste safe option. This slime is fascinating to explore as when you apply pressure it feels hard, e.g rolling it into a ball. Then when you remove pressure, it turns back into liquid.

Cornflour gloop recipe

Ingredients

2 Cup Cornflour

1 Cup Cold Water

Method

Mix together in bowl

Add colour if desired



With the weather warming up we have been having lots of water play in the Preschool! Tamariki have been exploring foundational mathematical concepts as they tip, pour and fill containers with water, such as volume and cause and effect. Water play is an amazing way to cool down on a hot day and is also a wonderful sensory tool for self-regulation.

A friendly reminder to please ensure your child has a wet bag and plenty of changes of clothes as we head into the warmer months as there will be lots more water play to be enjoyed!



### Summer weather

Please apply sunscreen each day before dropping off your child. This needs to cover their face and neck, as well as their arms and legs so if they remove a clothing layer, they will still be protected. Thanks for your support with this.



### Our tamariki & kaiako

Happy school days to: Noah

Welcome to our new child: Pendar

We have a lovely student teacher Billie who is completing a 4 week placement in the Preschool class.

