

Christmas Party

We welcome families to attend our annual Christmas party on our last day of the year. This will be on Friday 22nd December 11-1pm. Please bring a plate of kai to share for lunch and feel free to dress up in the Christmas spirit.

Christmas Holidays

We close for our Christmas break at 4pm on Friday 22nd December and reopen on Wednesday 3rd January. There is no charge while we are closed over this period.

Absences

Please let us know once you start planning your holidays. If you give us more than two weeks' notice of any absences, you will receive half price fees while your child is away. This also supports us to plan our roster over December/January and allow some of our teachers to have a well-deserved holiday during this time.

Sunsmart

Please ensure your child has a wide brimmed sunhat, and practical clothing to protect them from the sun. Please provide plenty of spare clothing as we like to do lots of water play over the warmer months. From this week, please apply sunscreen on your child each day before drop off, covering their face, neck, arms, legs, pretty much anywhere that will be exposed to the sun when they take off their layers. We will reapply during the day as needed.



Amnesty

Lots of teaspoons have gone home in lunchboxes and we are running low. Can you please return these, along with any other resources/toys that may have made their way home in backpacks. This is a common occurrence with children wanting to take things home so we really appreciate it when they get returned.

Halloween

We will have a dress up day on Tuesday 31st October. Please refrain from any scary/gory costumes, otherwise anything goes. We enjoy celebrating all holiday and occasions so please let us know if there is an occasion special to your whānau that we can share.

Learning focus

In the Nursery we have noticed the tamariki have been really engaging with sensory exploration. We have been very busy investigating sand and water, paint and play dough. Recognising this interest, we have recently set our group focus on sensory exploration and have lots of fun messy experiences planned. Language and literacy are a part of our daily curriculum with many books being read each day. Search and find books are very popular at the moment. Our new bus pop up tent has also been a big hit!



Tamariki in the Pukeko room have been thoroughly enjoying the new sandpit area! With the sandpit renovations complete, there has been much joy in having this experience back in the outdoor environment. There has been a lot of social interaction happening as the tamariki work together on their creations and let their imaginations run wild. The hut beside the sandpit has also been a hive of activity with tamariki using it for many different dramatic play scenarios such as ice cream shops, bakeries and much more! This is giving the tamariki a great opportunity to develop and refine their social skills as they work closely alongside each other.

We have also been fortunate enough to get two weighted blankets for the preschool tamariki. Weighted blankets can be calming for tamariki who are feeling heightened in their emotions whether they are anxious, frustrated, angry etc. Tamariki have been exploring these blankets in quiet spaces alongside kaiako, often enjoying listening to stories while they are snuggled. Tamariki are beginning to requested the use of the blankets which is means they are noticing how they are feeling and able to recognise when they are needing to calm down or have some quiet time which is an amazing self regulation skill to have.



Our Tamariki and Kaiako

Happy school days to: Leo

Welcome to our new children: Mehtaab, Talu and Ezra

A big congratulations to Amy on the safe arrival of her new baby girl Harlow. She has already been for a visit to York Place to say hello and we look forward to her joining the Nursery class in February when Amy returns from her maternity leave.

Also congratulations to Marshall and his whānau on his new baby brother Toby!

Welcome back to Shauna who is returning from her maternity leave next month along with her baby Bruce. We are excited to have her back teaching in the preschool.

Scholastic Book Club

A paper copy of the Book Club has gone out. Please have your online orders in by Tuesday 31st October. I hand these out in brown bags so the tamariki won't see what's inside. There are some great specials which are handy for Christmas gifts, and as a bonus we get a % of sales to spend on new books for York Place.

Labour Day

Reminder that we will be closed on Monday 23rd October to observe Labour Day.

