

Happy birthday to Nikki and Taonga! We wish Taonga all the best for her school days!

Early Learning at Flippers

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Highlights:

- We really enjoyed having a "yellow" day here at centre to support daffidol day. Our day was filled with yellow food and activities. We would like to thank everyone who donated, we were able to raise \$30 for cancer research.
- We had so much fun participating in our very own mini Olympics last week. Even though the weather didn't cooperate and we had to hold the event inside it definitely didn't dampen the children's spirits! There was much excitement amongst the children as they ran, jumped, hopped and threw with great concentration on their face! Each child looked so proud as they received their very own gold medal ☺ Ka Pai tamariki!
- On the 11th September we are participating in a national celebration of having our Early Childhood Curriculum (Te Whariki) for 20 years. We will be down in the Octagon with a range of other centres with heaps of fun activities for the children to participate in. Please feel free to come on down and celebrate with us!

Some of what we're learning:

Tuakana:

The Tuakana children have been busy talking about and comparing their ideas on "Fairies." After having some fairies visit us at Flippers the children have been designing and creating many different artefacts to make the fairies a home so they can stay here at Flippers. They are using their fine motor, manipulation and creative skills to create these 3d objects and seem to be having a lot of fun while doing so! We can't wait to see the completed house that they make ☺ We have also been having a real push on numeracy and literacy at morning meeting time. Each day we have a fun interactive activity for the children to participate in which will help with these skills.

Teina:

The teina children have been involved in many different experiences that help to develop their vocabulary skills. Favourite books and songs are being repeated on a daily basis which helps to support this group focus. As they are all at an age where they are trying to express themselves amongst the group it is really important that we support them with their words so they can find their voice in our Flippers Whānau.

Please note:

A big thank you to all the parents that are sticking to their booked hours and who are phoning in if they need the hours to be adapted.
Ka pai whānau

Polyfest preparation:

As the day draws near we have been very busy practising all our songs before we get up on stage on the 14th September.

Last week we jumped on the bus and headed up to Leslie Groves rest home to perform in front of the old folk. The tamariki did really well and the old people clearly enjoyed this awesome entertainment.

Next week we are heading over to Arthur Street school to perform in front of the new entrant class. This will be an awesome opportunity for us to show off our efforts as well as having a look around the classroom ☺

For any details regarding polyfest please refer to our website.

Please remember our friendly staff are always here to talk to if you have any concerns or advice😊

Lizzy, Kim, Lisa, Chelsey, Nikki and Victoria.



There are often more bugs going around at this time of year. Keeping your sick child at home helps to prevent the spread of these nasty bugs to other children and teachers. Please remember to phone in if your child is going to be away. Thanks 😊



Planning for healthy snacks

Snacks can be either food or drinks. They are regarded as 'mini-meals' that give us energy and nourishment between main meals.

Planning for healthy snacks ensures that we teach children to make healthy food choices, offer snacks which meet their growth needs and help maintain a healthy energy balance for learning and play.

Here are some healthy snack swaps:

Swap this:	cost	for this:	cost
1 small packet of chips in a 12 multipack	\$0.49c	4 wholegrain crackers	\$0.32c
1 chocolate covered muesli bar	\$0.50c	1 banana	\$0.40c
1 big cookie	\$0.95c	1 bottle low-fat yoghurt	\$0.48c
1 packet of crackers and cheese dip in a 6 multipack	\$0.72c	2 slices of edam cheese and 2 wholegrain crackers	\$0.54c
1 250 ml pack flavoured milk	\$1.65c	1 cup low-fat milk (250 ml)	\$0.55c



For more information, visit www.heartfoundation.org.nz

Incredible Years Programme

Lizzy and Victoria have recently completed this behaviour management professional development which has proved to be very worthwhile to our teaching practise. Many topics were covered but we feel one of the most valuable things we learnt was the power of "positive praise." Children who are being recognized for all the wonderful things they do no matter how big or small tend to need less "formal instruction" during the day. All children thrive on positive attention, the more they get - the more they want... so they are much more willing to try hard to do all the right things. Opposed to the child who only hears things he should/needs to be doing, this becomes a downward spiral and requires a lot of one to one teacher direction.

Please remember to:

- Put fruit in the bowl in the morning
- Check the lost property for your child's missing clothes
- Look in the pockets on the back door for any notes or accounts we have put in there

