

September 2016

This month we wish a very warm welcome to Archie and his whānau.

We are looking forward to getting to know you and your family ☺



This month we said a big happy birthday to our lovely teacher Victoria. To celebrate, the tamariki enjoyed pass the parcel and musical chairs. We were super lucky to all get some stickers and bubbles as well! It was so much fun.

FYI:

- ✓ Entertainment book fundraiser money: We are yet to have the light box completed but it is on its way! We look forward to having this at Flippers soon.
- ✓ Desna has bid farewell to us at Flippers as she has been offered more permanent relieving hours at Mosgiel Montessori. We wish her the best of luck in her new role! Jenny will be around Flippers more frequently and will also be relieving from time to time ☺
- ✓ It is getting to that time of year where we ask parents to start applying sunscreen before you bring your child to Flippers. We will re-apply with a child friendly, sensitive sunscreen after meal times. We will also be enforcing a 'no hat no play' policy during the summer months. If you choose to bring your own hat, make sure it is clearly named. It can live in our hat basket or your child's bag; however, we do supply sunhats that are frequently washed.

- We have been on many walks and outings recently including a few trips to the local park at Arthur Street as well as the school playground.
- We enjoyed a walk to the Animates pet shop where we saw birds, turtles, fish, rabbits, guinea pigs and puppies. We also enjoyed a picnic at the Market Reserve playground.
- We had a visit from a police officer called Hamish who also brought along his car for us to check out. We were lucky enough to get a sneak peek into the boot! We spotted road cones, police tape, high vis vests as well as other interesting looking items.

## POLYFEST!

We had a very successful Polyfest this year. We want to thank all the whānau that came along and supported the tamariki! The dinosaur park was also so much fun, we couldn't have made it there without the parent help that came along so thank you again.

# What have the children been learning??

## Tuakana:

We have been focusing on numeracy and literacy frequently at morning meetings. You might notice that we try and incorporate number play throughout the centre such as numbers on rocks in the construction area, numbers in the play dough, number puzzles, etc.

Over the last couple of weeks we have been also been focusing a lot on winning and losing and why we don't always win! We have played games such as musical chairs and freeze where a child gets out each time and learning to cope with this happening. The tamariki show amazing self regulation and sportsmanship, cheering on their friends!

POLYFEST 2016!



## Teina:

The teina children have been continuing with their ongoing physical development skills and they have been particularly interested in developing their fine motor and manipulation skills through the realm of sensory play. The teina children have been involved in sensory play experiences such as; water, wheat, paint, gloop, baking and ice play, all which contribute to developing and extending their fine motor and manipulative skills.

We have been extending on this literacy learning through setting up small animal environments, books around animals, and through integrating songs into our daily interactions with them.



Chelsey  
and Isla  
on the  
slide at  
the  
dinosaur  
park!

## Ra Ngahere:

Bush day has been a mixed bag lately. We have had downpours, hail, sleet, sunshine, etc... so it has been very unpredictable weather wise. We have extended the hours of bush back to 2pm as its warming up but if the tamariki are too cold and wet we will come back early, judging it on the day.

We have had incredibly muddy children lately with many tamariki keen to get fully submerged in the mud pit! We have also spotted many different things like birds' nests, interesting mushrooms and different flowers. The tamariki have been very interested in the seasonal changes and often point out the cherry blossoms blooming on the cherry trees on the walk to and from bush day.

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## **Please pay overdue accounts!**

**If you have any questions or concerns regarding your account, please feel free to talk to Lizzy ☐**

Don't forget to check up on your child's learning by checking out their profile book. They are in the book corner in a separate book shelf. If you cannot find it there their profile teacher might have it to stick in new stories.

Please remember that these books are your child's and you are welcome to add in any comments, stories or pictures at any time. And also take them home to show other family members.

Healthy heart New Zealand has some tips on loading up the lunch box:

### Top Tips / Kai Pai:

- Involve your children in lunchbox decisions and preparation and be a role model - prepare your own healthy lunch at the same time (try and keep the plastic and packaging to a bare minimum)
- Cut large (seasonal) fruit and vegetables into smaller pieces
- Vary the shape of sandwiches: triangles or use a cookie cutter
- Experiment with different breads, e.g. wraps, pita, fruit bread
- Water and milk are the only drinks recommended for children
- Freeze a drink bottle for the lunch box to keep food cold and safe
- Keep it interesting...leftovers are great - or try sushi, corn thins, tuna or potato salad etc.

\*. To reduce the risk of choking, do not give popcorn to children under the age of 3.

Flippers presents: Waste free living evening

Join Kate Meads aka the Nappy Lady for a humorous, entertaining and inspirational evening full of tips and ideas around ways you can minimise waste at home, especially with children

Tickets \$10

For tickets contact Kim or Lisa on 4719782 or [flipperschildcare@extra.co.nz](mailto:flipperschildcare@extra.co.nz)

(There will be wine and cheese provided, what more could you ask for?!)

We would like to say a big thank you to all our families that have been sticking to our 'litter - less lunchboxes philosophy'.

Just a thought: We clean and recycle yoghurt pottles but the 'squeezie' style yoghurts cannot be recycled.

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

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