

November 2016

This month we wish a very warm welcome to Wil, Aiwa, Zariah and their whānau.

We are looking forward to helping you all settle in and getting to know you and your families. ☺

We also welcome back Chloe and her family to our Flippers Whānau.



FYI:

- ✓ You may have noticed a few new faces on the floor. We have had Linsey and Chris here every Wednesday and having a block posting for 3 weeks from Otago Polytechnic.
- ✓ It is getting to that time of year where we ask you to start applying sunscreen before you bring your child to Flippers. We will reapply 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 in your child's bag; however, we do supply sunhats that are frequently washed.
- ✓ You will all have been given a Christmas hours form, can you please fill these out and return them as soon as possible so we can do some planning for that time. Thanks in advance.
- ✓ We have our "Christmas Disco" here at Flippers 11am til 1pm on the 10th December. We have a BBQ, music from DJ Woody, Christmas cookie decorating, and the big red man. Please come ready to party in your favourite festive outfit!
- ✓ There are a number of overdue accounts as we lead up to the end of the year, we would really appreciate it if you could get these tied up before the new year ☺
- ✓ Thanks to those who came and supported our "Waste Free Living" event. Look out for some top tips coming soon!



A massive happy birthday to ...

Mila (4) Lizzy (30!)

Jenny (it's a big one next year!)

Sienna (5) Eden (5)

We wish Sienna and Eden all the best for their school days, we will miss you both!

POLICY UP-DATE

There has been a new addition to our finance policy, so please read carefully.

Un-notified absence will be charged at the usual full rate.

Late Fee

- Any child not picked up after their booked session time without notification will incur a \$10 ¼ hour surcharge.
- If children are not picked up within 15 minutes of their booked time, staff are to notify the parent/caregiver or emergency contact on the child's registration form.
- If children are not collected at the end of the day two staff will stay with the child/children until 6.30 pm. After this time the police will be notified.

If you are running late please txt or call to let us know or you will be charged. Centre FYI the cell phone number is 0220107327

We would like to thank you all for making an effort to be here on time during the month ☺

We would like to congratulate Victoria, Marcus and Carson who are expecting a new addition to the family in April!

What have the children been learning?

Tuakana:

We are still working on sportsmanship and have been focusing a lot on winning and losing and why we don't always win. We have been incorporating literacy and numeracy concepts into a variety of different games which is a big focus of many individual plans at the moment. We have noticed a huge improvement in letter and number recognition and the children are demonstrating real excitement and a sense of achievement when they are showing success in these games.

The tamariki show amazing self regulation and sportsmanship, cheering on their friends as they participate in the games.

Leading up to Christmas the children are getting involved in many different Christmas craft experiences. We have designed and are creating a drift wood Christmas tree that they are all showing great pride in. We can't wait until we see the end product!

Teina:

We have been continuing to support the teina in extending their language. We have been teaching literacy concepts through setting up small animal environments, books around animals, and through integrating songs into our daily interactions with them.

At our small group times we have been continuing to sing their favourite songs and interactive puppet plays which they are really enjoying and ask for more. The children are now at the stage where they can request what song they would like to sing.

We have seen all the children showing huge improvements in their language skills. New words and sentence structures are being learnt every day which is so empowering for our Teina to be able to express themselves in this group setting.

The Teina have also been getting involved in a range of Christmas craft experiences that are being set up. They are enjoying getting covered in glue and glitter - a new sensory experience!

Ra Ngahere:

Typical Dunedin weather lately has been a bit hit and miss.. Although we always make the most of anything the weather throws at us, please remember to pack appropriate clothing for the day as well as enough spare clothes to get changed into when we get back.

Lisa and Nikki have been invited to join a strategic leadership group that is based around an exciting new initiative in the town belt. Their first meeting is this Friday so watch this space for exciting updates!



We have seen some awesome lunchbox ideas coming to Centre this month, thanks for your cooperation on this 😊



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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.