



November 2019

We have wished our amazing kaiako Lizzy and Jenny a Happy birthday this month.

Ra whanau kia koe!

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Highlights:

- The annual Flippers Christmas Party is this Saturday the 30th November at the Otago Model Engineering Society, bring along your family and something to eat for lunch. Sausages on the BBQ provided.
- If you haven't already filled out your Christmas Hours form, please do and return to Lizzy as soon as possible. Spare forms are available above the sign in area 😊
- **Rā Ngāhere whanau** we have decided that our last day of Bush Day this year will be Wednesday 11th December. The parents of the Bush Day children are welcome to come for a shared kai on the field at 12pm. Bring some kai, learn about what your tamariki are doing and relax.
- Just a reminder on Christmas Eve 24th of December we are closed at 3pm for our lovely whanau to enjoy the holiday season.
- You may have noticed the 'kupu o te wiki' (word of the week) around Flippers, the kaiako are trying to expand their knowledge of māori language. Try these at home, if you need help pronouncing the words just ask one of our kaiako.
- Reminder we are closed for the holiday season from Wednesday 25th of December to Friday the 3rd of January. Back at Flippers on Monday the 6th of January for 2020!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This Saturday the 30th November

11am to 1pm

At the [Otago Model Engineering Society](#)

Train rides, face painting, BBQ, family photo booth, and an appearance by Santa.

Feel free to bring along a picnic lunch.

Festive attire very welcome. See you there!

As a teaching team we regularly review our teaching practice, our current question for review is:

How effectively does our teaching practice and documentation reflect our understanding of te Ao Maori?

We would love to hear your thoughts.

Have you answered this yet?

Answer 2 questions here

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H72RRCY>

Waiting List 2020

We currently have a big waiting list in our over 2 year olds spacing. We are trying our very best to accommodate those who are already on the waiting list, however at this stage spacing is not looking free until the middle of next year. Lizzy will try to touch base with those on the waiting list and keep regular updates when spaces will be free. We appreciate your patience with this.

Does your child appear ready to be using the toilet?

Check out the advice from the experienced Flippers team here

[Toileting advice](#)



Ever wonder about the kinds of tools the teaching team use to deal with children's behaviour and feelings? Lately as the children are becoming more aware of their feelings we have been using a strategy called Sportscasting. Sportscasting is about translating feelings or relaying children's words and feelings back to them so that they feel as if you understand them.

Sportscasting happens when, rather than getting involved in the problem with the child/children, we describe it for them. Using objective descriptors and an emotionally neutral tone – we reflect for them what we are seeing.

Read more here

<https://www.theparentingjunkie.com/sportscasting-what-it-is-and-how-it-helps-your-children-overcome-challenges/>

What have the children been learning?

Tuakana:

Following our focus of managing our emotions the tamariki have learnt about each other's emotions and how to care for our ngā hoa (friends).

We have been practicing our Christmas Songs and are prepared (hopefully) to sing it out on Saturday at the Christmas party!

At Morning meetings we have been focusing on literacy and numeracy remembering our numbers and letters, the children have amazed us with their memory. Lizzy has been playing a mouse game in te reo Maori recognising colours in English and Māori.



Teina:

The kaiako have been supporting the tamariki with their developing physical skills, the children are enjoying setting challenges for themselves physically and are so proud when they can achieve these feats on their own.

Relaxing massage and yoga has been a focus this month, the kaiako are supporting the children to work in pairs to massage to music and have been learning Bear Hunt Yoga, watch out for some yoga moves at home.





Merry Christmas to all our tamariki and whanau.

As I will be away all of December I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for a wonderful year.

I also want to acknowledge our awesome kaiako, the teachers at Flippers have such a great passion for teaching your children.

May you all have a restful break

Jenny

As summer and warmer weather is here, we will be doing more water and sprinkler play. Please bring along spare clothes and/or togs and a wet bag 😊

Reminder we still have wet bags available for purchase. Just ask one of the team.



STINK-O-SAURUS SAVES CHRISTMAS

MR DEANO YIPADEE IS BACK FOR A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SHOW!



Exciting news, number one bestselling children's author and musician Deano has written a new book, and is touring New Zealand with his latest show, telling the story of how Stink-o-saurus Saves Christmas.

The show will include songs from:

Nee Nee the Little Fire Engine • Nee Nee and the Cow-tastrophe • Stink-o-saurus • Ron the Royal Guard • Knock Knock • Stink-o-saurus Saves Christmas.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL: Tickets \$5 each (adults and children over 3 years old) – available from the Library (EFTPOS available)

Copies of Mr Yipadee's books and CDs will be available to purchase at the event.

Saturday 7 December
Mosgiel Library, 11am
City Library, 2.30pm

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

Kim, Lizzy, Jenny, Lisa, Monika, Victoria and Steph and Emilie.