

Flippers would like to warmly welcome Felix, Venezia and their families to the Flippers Whanau and hope they are settling in well and feeling very welcomed

Also in the month of March we have had a couple of birthdays, Thomas & Harrison who both turned 4.

Coming up are also Haylee (5) 7th, Falco who is turning 5 on 20th, Alexie (3) 22nd, and Louis (4) 31st of March.

Highlights:

- We have a whanau night coming up this Friday, we hope to see a whole lot of you there. We will be having a couple guest speakers to come from Plunket, DCC, sports Otago, our local health nurse and healthy heart along with some good food and company.
- We have received even more new resources from London St check them out outside and see what your children are challenging themselves on throughout their day.
- The teachers have been working collaboratively with a lady about our Self review process. From this we have decided to change the way we are documenting the children's learning and the way we are planning for this. Bare with us through these changes as we are still figuring out the right way for us to do it. If you have any feedback about what you are seeing in the children's books please feel free to share it with us.
- The children are loving the great weather and are partaking in a lot of water play experiences. Please remember to pack a few spare pairs of clothes for them to change into and also sunscreen them in the morning.

Thanks

Just a wee note to say that our numbers are getting up there and that means are days are getting fuller with children attending. If you are wanting extra hours please try and plan ahead to give us as much notice as you can, we will try to be flexible with hours as much as we can to help you out.

Early Learning at Flippers

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Some of what we're learning:

Tuakana:

The tuakana have finished up their bugs exploration and have moved onto Literacy and numerous. You may hear your children talking about a Crocodile game that they played at mat times where they pulled out a card, recognised the number and shouted it out to their friends, if they pulled out a snap the crocodile ate all the numbers and they had to start again. This game can be played with either numbers or the alphabet and is a part of learning literacy and numeracy. They have also been reading stories and discussing further about the author.

The tuakana have also been sharing news and current affairs at mat times. We have been looking at newspaper clippings and articles from around the world as well as locally. We saw photos of a double rainbow that was in Dunedin last week. The children also have enjoyed learning about the days of the week and months of the year.

Teina:

The teina children are still having fun exploring the new topic on 'Our bodies'. We have been singing lots of songs about our bodies and ones that make our bodies get up and moving. Also a fun experience where they had to pop bubbles on different parts of their body or with a stick or cup. Check out story on teina board.

Our trip to the library was a hit, they had a lot of fun looking through the books and choosing one they could bring back to flippers. Some of the children even looked at how to use the computer system to find a certain book. They each had a go at swapping their book across the scanner to issue it out and then shared them with everyone back at centre.

There is another trip coming up where we are taking a small group to the bush, so stay tuned to see if it is your child going.



Just a wee reminder about when dropping off and picking up your children:

We would appreciate it if you did not let your child play outside unattended, as we have early childhood regulations that we have to follow to ensure the safety of your children. The teachers are always here to support you in the settling process of your child, so if you need some assistance in settling your child and there is no teacher outside yet, just let us know. ☺

This year we will be having Caroline from the University of Otago. She will be coming every Tuesday also with a block posting sometime throughout the year.

On Friday's we will be having Savannah coming from St Hilda's doing a gateway course. Please watch out for these two and make sure they are feeling welcomed to Flippers.

Just a reminder to pay your accounts weekly, we accept; cash, cheque, eftpos or direct debit. Our account details are: 06 0901 0361284 000.

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

Rā Ngahere is fully back in action with a lot of very excited children rearing to go. We would like to Welcome Haylee & Thomas who have been coming for a couple of weeks now and also coming this month are Harrison and Louis which sadly means we are saying farewell to Falco as he heads off to school later in the month.



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

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