

This month we warmly welcome Elizabeth, Maxwell, Ruby and their families to the Flippers Whanau. We have more children starting in the upcoming weeks so please say hi.

Welcome back to 2015!!!! We hope you all had a fantastic festive season and are looking forward to another fun filled year at Flippers☺

Highlights:

- We finally made our trip to the Mosgiel playground happen, even though the weather looked a bit threatening it ended up being perfect. The children, teachers and parents that came loved exploring the park and all had a fantastic time. Thanks to those parents who were able to come and be a part of our trip.
- A fantastic highlight for everyone has been the delightful weather, this has meant lots of outside time and lots of water play☺
- We have been lucky enough to get some fabulous new resources and furniture from London St. The tamariki and teachers are enjoying exploring these.

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 ☺



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Some of what we're learning:

A lot of the first few weeks has been settling back in to routines and getting to know each other again, especially our new friends.

Tuakana:

The tuakana children have been very interested in different types of bugs; they have made a list of questions that they would like to know about bugs. This week they have been learning lots of interesting facts about spiders.



Watch this space for all the other exciting experiences we have planned to make learning about bugs super fun.....

Teina:

The teina children are starting a new topic on 'Our bodies', they will be involved in lots of experiences about looking after their bodies, body awareness and lots more. They are also planning a trip to the library in upcoming weeks.

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 month we are saying farewell to Ebony and her family who have moved to Timaru. We are also saying farewell to Ryder and Maia along with their families, they are heading off to school!!!!

Booked hours:

We would appreciate if everyone can stick to booked hours. We roster teachers on dependent on the hours parents book their children in; therefore, if children arrive early we may not have the required teaching team on or we may not have set up for the day. This also applies when picking children up, if you pick up later than your child is booked in, this can also affect the ratio. If you do require alternative hours, we will do our best to accommodate this but we require this in advance so we can roster teachers on when needed. Please do not hesitate to discuss this with a staff member if you want to change hours or have any queries!



From time to time we have students on placements at our centre, as well as other Early Childhood teachers visiting for a fresh perspective. We will most likely have new students joining us in 2015; we keep the student information close by the whiteboard so keep an eye out for this so you can be made aware of who is around!



Rā Ngahere has had a few weeks holiday and had its first day back on the 28th. The teachers (especially Janelle, who can finally go again after knee surgery) and tamariki were so excited to be back and had a renewed enthusiasm to go exploring.



CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO Lizzy and Hamish who are expecting their first child in late June. The children are already taking special care and interest in Lizzy's growing belly!!! We are lucky to have Desna who is going to do Lizzy's hours while she is away on maternity leave.



After the tragic death of a toddler up north a couple of weeks ago the teachers have been discussing our feelings on when we should be contacting parents if a child hasn't turned up at centre when booked in – we decided that we would decide case by case. We do worry about our children especially if it is a family that would normally let us know, so please this is a reminder if your child is not attending Centre on a day they are booked in or you are going to be late please ring or text. Our cell no. is 022 010 7327

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.