

Happy birthday to Mila (2), Eden, Grace (both 3) and Lizzy who have celebrated birthday's this month.

We would like to welcome Isla W to our Flippers whānau and also welcome back Cooper and Isabella and their family to the flippers whānau, we are really looking forward to finding out what you have been up to while you were away.

### Highlights:

- The children have started practicing Christmas songs for a performance at Yvette Williams.
- We are looking forward to taking the children on a bus trip to the Mosgiel park, this is instead of the yearly train trip as unfortunately there were no seats left for us.
- Chelsey has finished her Maori class for the year so we are looking forward for her to practice what she has learnt throughout the year with us.
- Janelle has slowly started coming back to Flippers coming 4 hours a day for a start then building up to full days so we are excited to hear all about her surgery.
- We are happy to say the Nikki has completed her graduate diploma. Well done Nikki.
- We have received an uvlens, which we are getting used to using with the children. We are hoping they will get excited about using this technology to become sun smart for the upcoming warm weather.

**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 ☺**

### **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. ☺

# Early Learning at Flippers

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## Some of what we're learning:

### Tuakana:

The tuakana children have been really enjoying the outdoors at the moment. The teachers have been set up a range of experiences to add to their time outside with activities like water play where they can go fishing with the nets. Also enjoying using the ropes we have in the shed, which they are using to create swings and obstacles to challenge themselves on.

There has been a focus on literacy in the programme and the teachers and children have been incorporating this into their play a lot this month.

### Teina:

The teina tamariki have been very busy lately also getting involved in a variety of experiences across the programme. We have been continuing on their interest of gardening, washing the bikes, heuristic play and baking. Also we have been doing a wide range of waiata, both new and old favourites.

We currently have no children booked in at 7.30am so centre will be opening for the day at 8.00am. We have decided to make this change, as it is not financially viable for us to be open at 7.30am with no children. However if you require care from 7.30am, we are happy to be open from this time, please just let the teachers know in advance.

As most of you already know by now, London Street is closing down and their last day will be the 24<sup>th</sup> December 2014. Just a reminder that their closing will not affect Flippers in any way at all.

As part of our teaching philosophy the teachers at Flippers encourage the children to problem solve for themselves. This includes when two children are having a little disagreement we will stand back and observe what is going on to see if they can find a solution before interfering. Problem solving is a great skill and is very useful all throughout their lives so please just be aware of this.

We have had a lot of different bugs going around at the moment. If your child is sick or not feeling well please keep them at home until they are well enough to come back.

Please note that when your child has the vomiting and diarrhoea bug your child cannot return until 48 hours after their last episode. This prevents it from spreading to the other children.

The tamariki are always so busy at Rā Ngahere. We have Freya and Taylah joining us full time now and unfortunately Mack has had his last day before heading to school next year so we are down to having 7 children. Lately our accomplishments have been finishing a hut made out of the sticks that has taken quite a few weeks to make, and also revisiting other areas of the bush we haven't been to for a while. Janelle has had her operation on her knee how so fingers crossed she will be joining us back in the bush soon enough.

Just a reminder to parents please that the children need to bring water each week along with a decent amount of lunch as they get very hungry. We never know what the weather is going to be like so please pack a range of warm clothes and socks for them.

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.