

Happy birthday to 4<sup>th</sup> birthday to Seth and happy 5<sup>th</sup> birthday to Blake who started school in September.

A HUGE welcome back to Kim and Corban and a new welcome to Hudson. We are all enjoying having you back and getting to know Hudson too😊

# Early Learning at Flippers

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## Highlights:

- **Polyfest** – Congratulations to everyone involved with Polyfest this year, I think you will all have to agree the tamariki were amazing!!! Our hard work and practicing paid off, Kai pai.
- This month Amanda from sport Otago joined us for an hour long active movement session on locomotion. The tamariki always enjoy Amanda coming in and sharing her expertise with us, the teachers also get some amazing ideas. Keep an eye on the wall display for our fortnightly focus.
- **Keep NZ Beautiful** – many of our tamariki and teachers have been involved in this again. We chose to clean the bush area where we go for 'Bush Day' as this has special meaning to us. The tamariki were so proud of themselves for cleaning the bush and clearing out bags and bags of rubbish.

**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 😊**



## Some of what we're learning:

### Tuakana:

Storytelling has still been our main focus for this group of children. The tamariki have really enjoyed bringing their favourite books from home to share with their friends at group times and it gave them a real feeling of belonging; it is also a way of making links between home and centre. We had Robyn from "Stories in Action" come and involve us in some story telling on NZ native bush. The children were all able to answer her questions and she was very impressed with all of their story telling skills. We are also loving the weather, everyone is enjoying heading outside, practicing their climbing, swinging and bike riding especially. The water play has even made it out a few times😊

### Teina:

The teina children have also enjoyed the great weather and are exploring the outside with greater enthusiasm. The teina tamariki have also been looking at 'their place in the world'; they have been exploring their emotional well-being through the use of puppets, books, songs and music.

## Healthy snack suggestions (heart foundation)

- Vegetable sticks+ hummus
- Cold cooked vegetables
- Cook a few extra potatoes, kūmara and taro at mealtimes and add to lunch boxes!
- Fresh or frozen fruit
- Sandwiches with healthy fillings
- Yoghurt, slices of cheese



**Thanks** to everyone who donated some money towards 'Stories in Action', this was very much appreciated. The tamariki had a fabulous time with Robyn and got very involved with her stories.

### Please remember to:

- Put fruit in the bowl in the morning
- Hot food goes in the fridge
- Check the lost property for your child's missing clothes
- Look in the pockets on the back door for any notes or accounts we have put in there
- Put sunscreen on your child in the morning before centre and we will sunscreen them again at lunchtime.



### Please note:

A big thank you to all the parents that are sticking to their booked hours and who are phoning in if they need the hours to be adapted. Ka pai whānau. This is greatly appreciated by the staff!

Rā Ngahere is as busy and as much fun as always, the tamariki are very settled at the moment and are enjoying exploring the same areas more fully. We have said goodbye to Blake who has headed off to school and so we are lucky that 2 new children get to come and adventure with us!!! Freya and Taylah are both going to transition over the next few weeks until they are ready to be a permanent part of the team☺ Just a reminder to parents please that the children need to bring a drink bottle each week.

Lisa ☺

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.