

Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday to Kristoffer who celebrated his birthday this month.

We would like to welcome Isla and her family to the flippers whānau, we are really enjoying having her here and she is settling in so well.

## Highlights:

- A big congratulations to Jayda and her family on the arrival of baby Azraya on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October, we can't wait to meet Azraya.
- Thank you to all of our grandparents and special friends that attended the tea party on Tuesday. It was lovely to meet the children's grandparents and special friends, as the children talk about them a lot, so it great to involve them in the children's learning and put a face to their names.
- We have also had Katrin McMullan the storyteller come and do some storytelling on reducing waste and recycling. The tamariki loved her storytelling in which she used a variety of puppets and songs.
- The teachers have also been participating in ongoing workshops and cluster meetings with Enviroschools as part of our sustainability learning.

**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 😊**



# Early Learning at Flippers

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## Some of what we're learning:

### Tuakana:

The tuakana children have been very busy lately getting involved in a variety of experiences across the programme. Some of the tamariki went to the fortune theatre last week to watch a performance called Mr Mcgee and the biting flee. The tamariki have also been really interested in learning about spring, planting their own plants (which you may seen on the windowsill) and their "hair" on their plants is growing really long and they love discussing and hypothesising about these changes. The tuakana children have also been continuing on with their native bird study with Nikki.

### Teina:

The teina tamariki have been very busy lately also getting involved in a variety of experiences across the programme. We have been continuing with our group learning focus on "our place in the world" and exploring their relationships with others, fostering their sense of belonging and exploring their emotions. The tamariki have been involved in planting their own "caterpillars" in which their hair is growing very long and fast! They have also been involved in lots of baking experiences, exploring puppets through storytelling. We have been joining in with the tuakana children at group times once a week to share our mihi's in Māori, in which they do very, very well.

## ***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. 😊

The teachers have been undertaking a spontaneous self – review on the environment and how effective the environment is in “acting as the third teacher.” We have been undertaking readings, and using books to inspire our thinking and we have been working really hard to make the environment look more aesthetically beautiful.

You may have noticed small changes we have made to the environment or seen our pictures on face book. If you have any suggestions or comments to add about our environment, we would love to hear them, as we really value your feedback, as this is your centre too.



From time to time we have students on placements at our centre, so you may sometimes notice some new faces at centre. If you see any new students at centre, please feel free to say hello to them and make them feel welcome. We always have a notice up on the white board in the sign area, when we have students on placement with us.



The tamariki are always so busy at Rā Ngahere. We have Freya and Taylah coming alternative weeks and they love it. Lately we have been making our own hut out of the sticks we have found around camp, although it is a work in progress and we add to it each week we go out. The last couple of weeks they have been really into finding the perfect tree to climb, and seeing how much they can challenge themselves.

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.

Lisa ☺

**Janelle is recovering well from her knee surgery and will be returning back to Flippers on the 10<sup>th</sup> November. She will be doing a few hours a day, to ease herself back into work.**

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.

The Dunedin Childcare Association is hosting their annual train trip again on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> December. Parents and families accompany their own children on this trip and we usually take two or three children with two teachers. If you are interested in going on this trip could you please let us know A.S.A.P, as spaces fill up fast. Prices are \$16.50 a ticket and we have a reduced number in carriages this year.

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.