

Happy birthday to Corban (11th June) and Ezra (8th June).



We welcome Cameron and her family to the Flippers whānau, we are all looking forward to getting to know you more.

Pipiri - June 2014

Highlights:

- We would like to welcome Nikki onboard to the teaching team and to the Flippers whānau, we are looking forward to all the wonderful things you will bring to the teaching team and flippers community.
- Our Matariki whānau night celebration is coming up on Friday the 18th July at 5.30pm, please bring along a healthy plate of kai to share, we look forward to seeing you all there. The tamariki will also be performing their Polyfest songs and we will be having a fun treasure hunt outside.
- We have been very fortunate to have visits from Amby the ambulance, the fire service and a policeman, as part of the tamariki's learning about the emergency services. The tamariki have really enjoyed learning about the emergency services and asking these service people lots of questions.

Winter weather:

Due to snow or bad weather Centre may need to start late or even close. If you are at all unsure then please check the following for further information - see our Facebook page, listen to 89.4FM or check our website at www.flippers.childcaredunedin.co.nz.

There are often more bugs going around at this time of year. Keeping your sick child at home helps to prevent the spread of these nasty bugs to other children and teachers. Please remember to phone or txt in if your child is going to be away. Thanks ☺

Some of what we're learning:

Tuakana:

The tuakana children have still really been enjoying learning about the emergency services. They have also been exploring digital technology through the use of digital cameras, and laptops. They have loved having the opportunity to represent their ideas through taking photos and recording their ideas and stories with video footage. We have also begun celebrating Matariki by making lanterns, the seven stars of matariki, making a mural and they have really enjoyed watching Māori myths and legends on the laptop.

Teina:

The teina children have still been focusing on their communication skills through a range of experiences such as messy play, songs, baking and we even went on an outing recently to the supermarket to promote their communication skills and buy ingredients to make yummy pizzas and pinwheel scones. The teina children have also been getting involved in Matariki celebrations such as helping to make the mural, making lanterns and stars, and getting involved in our Polyfest waiata.

Please note.....

- We have recently emailed and placed a hard copy of our parent questionnaire in your pockets for you to fill out. Please return these to the parent questionnaire box (next to sign in sheet) as we would love to have your feedback, to help us improve our programme.

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

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

A big welcome to Liam and Falco who have joined us permanently now, we are enjoying sharing our adventures with you both. Rā Ngahere is eventful as ever. We have had all the teachers taking turns at going out with Lisa and Janelle is eager to get back out there when her knee is all fixed. Lately the tamariki have been involved in lots of dramatic play.. acting out parts from Jake and the Neverland pirates as well as making up their own wee plays. Also they have been finding a range of good challenges that everyone is interested in for example the past two weeks the tamariki have used all their skills and previous knowledge to do some rock climbing up a small cliff where they had to use lots of encouragement and determination to get to the top.

Look out for the reusable bags that have been made to help us on our sustainability journey so we can cut down on the amount of plastic bags we are sending home. Using these bags makes it easier to keep your children's clothes together and for them to recognise their name on the bag. Thanks for remembering to return these bags each week for us to use again.

Please remember that we still have fruit for morning tea while we are out there and to also pack a drink bottle as the tamariki get very thirsty from their adventures.

Thanks