

Flippers would like to warmly welcome Casey and his whānau to Flippers, and Jewels and her family to flippers.

We also said farewell to Falco who is off to school this month, and we will also be saying farewell to Jacob at the start of April as he begins his new adventure to school.

We have lots of birthdays coming up in April beginning with; Janelle (2<sup>nd</sup> April), Jacob (7<sup>th</sup> April), Jones (20<sup>th</sup> April), Toby (26<sup>th</sup> April), Isla W (27<sup>th</sup> April) and Chelsey (30<sup>th</sup> April).

## Highlights:

- We recently received an award at the Keep Dunedin Beautiful awards ceremony for all the hard work we do in cleaning up our local forest on Wallace St. Check out our award in the sign in area, next time you are in. ☺
- We are also taking a group of the older children to the forest next week to clean up the rubbish in our forest, as part of our commitment to adopting the forest. (this means we are responsible for looking after the forest and contacting the City Council with any issues in maintaining it).
- As Easter is fast approaching, we will be taking the children on an Easter egg hunt next Tuesday (31<sup>st</sup> March) to the local forest. We will also be closed Good Friday (3<sup>rd</sup> April) and Easter Monday (6<sup>th</sup> April). We hope you all have a lovely and relaxing Easter, and if you are travelling away, we hope you have a safe journey.
- As Winter is on its way and there will be lots of cold and rainy days, the teachers thought it might be a nice idea for the children to bring along slippers to wear at centre, if you wish. We still go outside on rainy days to get fresh air, so this can sometimes result in wet shoes, so some cosy and warm slippers may be nice to wear in winter and will also keep our floors cleaner. ☺

We recently held a Whānau night at Flippers with a very low turn out. We would appreciate if you could take the time to complete our survey about this on surveymonkey, so that we can plan future family nights that best accommodate your needs. We really value your feedback and input, as this helps us improve our teaching practice and our communication strategies with you all.

# Early Learning at Flippers

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## Some of what we're learning:

### Tuakana:

Some of the Tuakana children have been busy doing some science experiments with ice and learning about how different room temperatures will freeze or not freeze water. We have also been looking at different sports that have balls in them. We have been discussing the cricket world cup and watching some different sport snippets on the laptop.

Last week some of us watched eggs being beaten to make meringue, in which we even made our own meringues. We will do more baking in the next few weeks, so when you come in you may smell some yummy smells.

### Teina:

The teina children have been enjoying getting involved in group times exploring and singing new songs, and getting involved in small group art experiences, that promote learning how to use different art media and tools. Some of the teina children also recently went on an outing to our local forest, where they really enjoyed exploring the natural world and leading each other on exciting adventures in the bush. Some of our youngest teina children have also recently perfected the art of crawling and are enjoying exploring their world from this new and exciting perspective. They are enjoying exploring all aspects of centre as they can guide their own learning by choosing where they want to explore and the teina teachers have been setting up the environment in new and exciting ways to accommodate for this new and exciting learning.



Thank you so much to all our families that donated their formula tins, we now have plenty of tins to make some exciting resources for the teina children to interact with.

Can you help us out with any of the following resources? (to be used in creative Art experiences and resource making).

- An old hair dryer that works
- Zips
- Buttons
- A salad spinner
- Guttering (for the sandpit).

***Just a wee reminder about change of hours:***

If you ever need to change your child/children's hours, we are more than happy to accommodate this, however we do require two weeks' notice to change this.

We are also happy to provide extra hours if required, as long as you give us some notice for this.

**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 ☺**

Rā Ngahere is full of big adventures, testing our skills at climbing up steep hills, and lots of fun and laughter while stomping in the mud. This month we would like to welcome Harrison and also Louis who is due to start this week.

Just a note to remind you that it is cold out there so warm clothes are very important, along with a good healthy lunch to fill their tummies after a big morning of adventures.



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.