

**October 2016**

This month we wish a very warm welcome to Laurence and his whānau.

We are looking forward to getting to know you and your family ☺



A massive happy birthday to ...

Azraya (2)      Amelia (2)

Kyla (4)      Willow (4)

And Venezia (5) who is now a big school girl.

FYI:

- ✓ You may have noticed a few new faces on the floor. We have had Linsey here every Wednesday and having a block posting for 3 weeks from Otago Polytechnic and also Connie from the University who is here for 3 weeks.
- ✓ It is getting to that time of year where we ask you to start applying sunscreen before you bring your child to Flippers. We will reapply with a child-friendly, sensitive sunscreen after meal times. We will also be enforcing a 'no hat no play' policy during the summer months. If you choose to bring your own hat, make sure it is clearly named. It can live in our hat basket or in your child's bag; however, we do supply sunhats that are frequently washed.
- ✓ You will all have been given a Christmas hours form, can you please fill these out and return them as soon as possible so we can do some planning for that time. Thanks in advance.

## **POLICY UP-DATE**

**There has been a new addition to our finance policy, so please read carefully.**

Un-notified absence will be charged at the usual full rate.

### **Late Fee**

- Any child not picked up after their booked session time without notification will incur a \$10 ¼ hour surcharge.
- If children are not picked up within 15 minutes of their booked time, staff are to notify the parent/caregiver or emergency contact on the child's registration form.
- If children are not collected at the end of the day two staff will stay with the child/children until 6.30 pm. After this time the police will be notified.

If you are running late please txt or call to let us know or you will be charged. Centre FYI the cell phone number is 0220107327

## What have the children been learning??

### Tuakana:

We are still working on sportsmanship and have been focusing a lot on winning and losing and why we don't always win. We have played games such as musical chairs and freeze where a child goes out each time and learning to cope with this happening. The tamariki show amazing self regulation and sportsmanship, cheering on their friends.

The Tuakana are also interested in projects at the moment often spending long periods of time in the art area creating masterpieces until it is just the way they imagined it.

### Teina:

We have been supporting the teina in extending their language. We have been teaching literacy learning through setting up small animal environments, books around animals, and through integrating songs into our daily interactions with them. At our small group times we have been repeating their favourite songs and puppet play which they are really enjoying and ask for more.

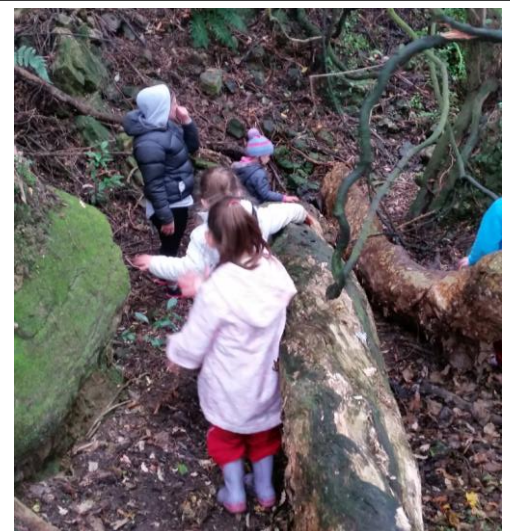
We took a small group down to the Library where we read some books and carefully chose some to take back to Flippers to share with the rest of the children. They thought this was fantastic as they chose a book and got to scan it out and put it in the bag to bring back.



### Ra Ngahere:

As typical Dunedin weather, lately it is a bit hit and miss with what Bush day is going to be like. Although we always make the most of anything the weather throws at us, please remember to pack appropriate clothing for the day as well as enough spare clothes to get changed into.

On the last few bush days we have been on big adventures to slightly different parts of the bush where we have found bones, huts and a lot of possum traps. We sadly said goodbye to Venezia who is now off to school and a warm welcome to Kyla and Willow who are now big bush day girls.



# Early Learning at Flippers presents...



## Waste Free Living with Kate Meads

Join us for a humorous, entertaining and inspirational evening full of tips and ideas around ways you can minimise waste at home especially with children

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November

7:00-8:30pm

Arthur Street School Hall

26 Arthur Street, City Rise

Tickets \$10

For tickets contact Kim or Lisa on

4719782 or [flipperschildcare@xtra.co.nz](mailto:flipperschildcare@xtra.co.nz)

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## **Please pay overdue accounts!**

**If you have any questions or concerns regarding your account, please feel free to talk to Lizzy ☐**

**Don't forget it is dress-up day tomorrow. The teachers are all looking forward to seeing what costumes you come in.**

**Dress up day Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

Just a reminder to keep treats to a minimum. One treat is more than enough in a child's lunchbox. They need more food that will give them energy to keep them going throughout the day.



## **Healthy School Lunch Ideas**



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

**Kim, Lizzy, Lisa, Nikki, Chelsey, Victoria and Jenny.**