



August Newsletter

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Haere Mai

Nau mai ki te pānui o tenei marama

Welcome to this Month's Newsletter

Hei whakanui i te Wiki o te Reo Maori

To Celebrate Maori Language Week

On Thursday we welcomed the Swannanoa School Kapa Haka Group to Preschool. Our children sang Tena Koe and Te Aroha. We were then very impressed by the beautiful singing and heartfelt Haka from the Kapa Haka Group. Both performances were wonderful and reflected the amount of work and practise put in by the children. We are very fortunate to be sited on the Swannanoa School Grounds and to enjoy such strong links between the school and preschool —many children performing for us today are past pupils of Swannanoa Preschool and it was wonderful to have them come back to visit.



Ngā mihi

Jo

Centre Manager



Nursery News - From Ange and the Team

Lambs and calves, the tell tale signs that spring is just around the corner.

Thanks to all our families who have donated or given us ideas to ensure our nursery encompasses the many diverse family cultures that come through our nursery.

We have recently brightened up our introductions to our learning journals so over the next couple of weeks your child's key teacher will be getting you to sign our new permission forms to allow us to have your child's journal in a accessible location for the children to look at and share. If you have taken your child's learning journal home recently could you please ensure that it is returned to the nursery as soon as possible as I know that their key teachers have more entries to put in them.



Manaaki News

From Ashleigh and the Team

We are still seeking some things for our outdoor music wall. Anything that will make a great sound! e.g. pots, pans, colanders, dish racks, muffin trays metal utensils etc. Please see a teacher.

Jackie has recovered well from her knee replacement and will be back on board from 10th July. We look forward to having her back with us. We are grateful to have had Penny step in for Jackie over the last few months and you will continue to see Penny's smiling face around Manaaki.

You may have noticed the new 'Transition to School' display in the green room. If you have not seen it yet please take the time to have a look. You will see photos of the new entrant teachers from our local primary schools as well as photos of the children attending each school this year. Any questions about transition to school please see Ashleigh or Simone.

We have some BEAUTIFUL new doors up on the deck in Manaaki. They are just stunning...please take the time to check these out. These doors, along with the outdoor blinds, have enclosed the deck area. This means that we can use this space even on a wet winters day. Very cool!



Brenda Richardson for the filing boxes

Siena Tobeck's Mum for the rolls of paper

The Tapp family for the grass circles being used in each area.

More paper and collage stuff from Georgia Ward-Faulks's Nana –being used in all areas.

Atawhai News

From Kerry and the Team

Take a look at the new transition to school board. There is a duplicate of this in Manaaki we hope that this will help parents and children to become familiar with the children who are going to the same school.

Don't forget to add your comments to the parent voice sheets on the display boards.

We start each term by asking the children what they would like to do at group times. The children have asked to do more stories, games and singing at 4 year old group time. We will look at the stories they choose in more depth and add the children's own ideas, changes and include drawing and drama. The teachers have been looking at how the children have their meals in the winter time at preschool. In the summer we eat outside most days. In the winter we use the old nursery area where you collect the children at the end of the day. A visitor to the centre questioned why children eat their meals on the floor. We have done a self review reflecting on why we do what we do at meal times. If you are interested in the outcomes of our review or have any questions about the kai times please feel free to ask or to read the results.

We also encourage healthy eating at preschool. This is so important especially in the winter months when the children need vitamins and minerals to fight off the coughs and colds. Think about putting fruit and chopped up vegetables in their lunch with dips or even a bit of left overs from last night's dinner or a tin of beans, we can heat it up for the children no problem.

Gayle will be mentoring a student over the next 4 weeks. Kelly Olsen, Gayle's student, will have information about herself on a document on the door to Atawhai.

Events term 3

2015

- Monday July 27 – Friday July 31 Māori Language week
- Wednesday August 12 Bike day
- Tuesday August 25 International day
- Thursday 17th September Soft toy picnic
- Monday 21 – Friday 25th September Rubbish free/healthy eating focus.

Congratulations

Jo and Samuel Spencer-Bower on the birth of Ruby Grace 8.9lbs on Tuesday 21st July 2015

A sister for Chloe

Natasha, Joris, Alex and Caleb Sanders on the birth of Emma Lucia.

Swannanoa Preschool

Communal Garden

Committee

The garden beds are in!!

Please take a moment to have a look. If you would like to talk to the teachers about how you can get involved, please feel free.

Spring planting is just around the corner.

Children's Learning

The New Zealand Early Childhood Curriculum—Te Whariki provides the basis for consistent high quality curriculum delivery in the diverse range of early childhood services in New Zealand

The following is an excerpt from Te Whariki

Strand 4—Communication

The language and symbols of their own and other cultures are promoted and protected.

Goals:

Children experience an environment where:

- They develop non-verbal communication skills for a range of purposes;
- They develop verbal communication skills for a range of purposes;
- They experience the stories and symbols of their own and other cultures;
- They discover and develop different ways to be creative and expressive

Relationships of the Strand of Communication to the Curriculum Principles

This strand is grounded particularly in the principle of Empowerment. Communication is vital for children to be able to contribute their strengths and interests, to find out what they want to know, and to take increasing responsibility for their own learning and care. Experiences in this strand also help to build Relationships, as children develop the 'give and take' of communication and learning and have opportunities to work effectively with others in ways which have an impact on their environment. The ability to communicate increases their enjoyment and involvement with Family and Community, helping them to make sense of, and participate in, the wider cultural and social world. Communication reinforces the child's Holistic Development of a concept of self, enhancing their recognition of their spiritual dimension and the contribution of their heritage and environment to their own lives.

Strand 5—Exploration

The child learns through active exploration of the environment.

Goals:

Children experience and environment where:

- Their play is valued as meaningful learning and the importance of spontaneous play is recognised;
- They gain confidence in and control of their bodies;
- They learn strategies for active exploration, thinking, and reasoning;
- They develop working theories for making sense of the natural, social, physical, and material worlds

Relationships of the Strand of Exploration to the Curriculum Principles

This strand is founded particularly in the principles of Holistic Development and Empowerment. The child will experience open-ended exploration and play in an environment where the consistent, warm relationships help to connect the child's experiences and where the tasks, activities and contexts all have meaning for the child. Through exploration, children learn useful and appropriate ways to find out what they want to know and begin to understand their own individual ways of learning and being creative. These experiences enhance the child's sense of self-worth, identify, confidence, and enjoyment. Because strategies and experiences in exploration build both on what children bring to them and on their own initiatives and reasoning, the links between Exploration and the principle of Family and Community are fundamental and valuable. Exploration involves actively learning with others as well as independently and helps to extend children's purposeful and enjoyable Relationships.



CAR PARK SAFETY

The speed limit in the car park is 10kph

please adhere to
this at all times

There is to be NO overtaking down the driveway under any circumstances!! Yes it has happened!

Please check your phone before you turn your car on, not as you are exiting through the car park.

Our school's unique voucher.



Swannanoa Preschool
BYSJ45H

The more you shop, the more your school benefits.

Present at any Warehouse Stationery checkout. BlueBis Rewards Points will be awarded to our school, helping us get more resources.

When purchasing items in either
The Warehouse or Warehouse Stationery please present our unique number

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and we will benefit directly as a result.

Important

Our license does not allow us to have children on the premises outside of the hours of 9am to 3pm, so your cooperation with this is very much appreciated.

Important

If your child has had an accident/incident (falls/bumps/bruises etc) at home it is really important for you to let us know, so that we are aware of your child's needs at preschool

Newborn boer goat kids to give away to a good home. Ideal for pets.

Please contact Geoff or Tracy Moore at 03-3120-012 or 027-432-4277 or at gtmoore@farmside.co.nz

CAN WE TEXT YOU REMINDERS;

In the unlikely event of a school closure, we would like to be able to text you. We will also send reminders to your mobile about special events, like bike days, preschool barbecues etc Many of you have signed up already, but our aim is to have 100 percent of our parents in our system.

To register for free text messages

TEXT THE
FOLLOWING
MESSAGE TO:

8987

follow SwannanoaP

(note case sensitive) and that's it you're good to go!
Never miss a dress up day again

Piano/Keyboard Lessons at Ohoka

David Webster (*Piano Teacher*) will shortly commence teaching piano/keyboard from the Ohoka School Community Hall, after school on selected week day afternoons. David is an experienced piano teacher having studied both classical and modern styles. Having completed his formal music training at CPIT Jazz School he is adept in a number of modern styles and is keen for children to develop their own musical creativity and improvisation ideas. Classical repertoire is also a focus of David's teaching too. For ages 7 and up.

To find out more about the program please contact David directly:
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Contact Claire Rose, Eyrewell

Ph; 312 6625 / Mbl: 022-659 2211

General

Reminders:

Please name all clothing, bags, bottles, lunch boxes etc

Please pack a change of clothes

Please use recyclable lunchboxes etc, we are an Enviroschool

Can you please notify us well in advance what date your child will start school

Please phone in if your child is absent for the day

Please apply sunscreen on your child before coming to preschool and we will apply again during the day

Please keep sick school

children out of preschool

