



August Newsletter

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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.

REMEMBER CHILDREN ARE UNPREDICTABLE

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Swannanoa Preschool

10 Year Anniversary

Swannanoa celebrated ten years on its current site last Saturday 19th July—it has been an outstanding ten years, with an amazing amount of development through these years. We are very proud to have welcomed some 675 children through our doors, during these years.



Ange & Rebecca have been with us from the beginning... 10 years!!!

CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS



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



Congratulations to Heather, James and Ava on the birth of Paige



Nursery News - From Ange and the Team

Please put your children in warm clothes for when we go outside.

Jan is having a student next week for six weeks, her name is Courtney Mitchell.

Ange has a student starting 25th August for four weeks.

We would really like our families to provide a photograph of their members for our family tree, if you have not already done so.



Manaaki News

From Ashleigh and the Team

Welcome to Anne Malloch who is a student from University of Canterbury. Anne will be with us for five weeks.

Welcome also to Mandylee Clydesdale who will be spending Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings with us as she studies towards a degree at Te Tari Puni ora o Aoteaora.

A big warm welcome to our new families, it is great to have you with us.

The four year olds are currently investigating planes, helicopters and things that fly. Check out their work in the 'green' room

Atawhai News

From Kerry and the Team

The 4 year old group time has been reviewed by the teachers and will continue to be run as 3 groups. It has worked well during term 2 and has allowed teachers to plan and assess children's needs.

Over the past few weeks we have found that lots of children have developed an interest in 'mark making' and writing their names. A literacy/office area has been set up in the 'pit'. If you have any ideas or resources or anything your child is particularly interested in feel free to add to this area.

We have celebrated Matariki and Maori language weeks. Have a look around the preschool at some of the wonderful things that have been done by the children and the teachers. Ask your child if they know any of the colours in Te Reo.

Whero red. Kowhai. Yellow. Kahurangi blue. Kakariki green. Mawhero pink. Ma white. Pango/mango black. Kiwikiwi grey. Karaka orange.

We have lots of creativity happening please bring any old cards, wrapping paper, computer paper, ribbon, the list is endless we can use anything.

Can anyone donate nails for the carpentry area please

We have two students starting at the beginning of August. Felicite will be with Rebecca and Samantha with Katrina. We also have a volunteer, Emma, starting on Tuesday for work experience.

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

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.

A WORD FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Hello families and Whanau, I just wanted to send out a huge thankyou to Sharon Ward for her service on the Committee over the last few years. Sharon has been our secretary for some time, and her youngest daughter Charlie is soon reaching school age.

Sharon has done an outstanding job, often having the minutes completed within hours of the meeting, her great sense of humour, friendly nature and considerable corporate experience have made her a valuable asset on our team.

We will miss Sharon dearly and wish her all the best as she follows her daughters through their time at "big kids school"

I will especially miss the surprise of Chocolates or biscuits at our monthly meetings, no pressure for Tracey!!

With Sharon's departure we welcome Tracey McKerchar who is stepping into the role.

Because of this reshuffle we are looking for a new Fundraising coordinator to join our friendly Committee. If you have a flair for organising, and think you would like to help the preschool in a positive and proactive way, then please contact myself, Jo or any of the teachers

Chris

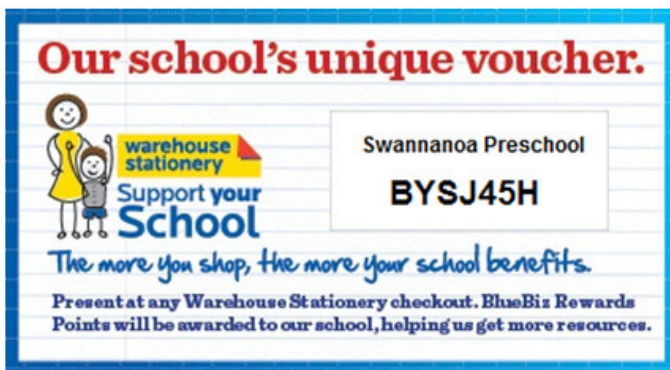
Chairperson



A Huge Special Thank you to Alex McNabb for helping us revamp our newsletter and to Charlie & Corinne Lister for their fantastic help in getting our new fridge to us.

Julie Tapp - For coming in to make poi during Matariki!

Sara for magazines for collage work



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.

Children's Learning

The Importance of Play

Did you know that New Zealand's early childhood curriculum is called Te Whariki?

Te Whariki was developed by the Ministry of Education as the first national curriculum statement for the early childhood sector in 1996. The curriculum is founded on the following aspirations for children:

"To grow up as competent and confident learners and communicators, healthy in mind, body, and spirit, secure in their sense of belonging and in the knowledge that they make a valued contribution to society"

Te Whariki sets out the principles, strands and goals which are distinctively appropriate for the early childhood years. At Swannanoa Preschool the teachers have a good understanding of the Te Whariki and our programme, philosophy, and practice is based on this curriculum.

For more information you can download Te Whariki at the Ministry of Education website.

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EVENT

We are having a 'GAMES DAY' on Friday 1st August to celebrate the Commonwealth—wear your colours and we will have some events followed by a medal ceremony at the end of the day.