

February Newsletter

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Kia ora, Welcome back....its February!!

I hope you all had a wonderful relaxing break. I know the staff did and are really looking forward to 2016 and all it may bring.

It's great to see all the children and hear their holiday tales.

We have all sorts of things planned for 2016, over the holidays we re-carpeted Atawhai, what a difference...if you see a team member lying down it's not because they are exhausted...its soooo soft, so I'm told!! We will be looking at the sleep area in Whakanui, we want to come up with something truly innovative and will be looking at all sorts of options and current research. Resources will be purchased centre wide, if you have had any thoughts along these lines please share them with us. We will also be updating the signage out on Tram Road and finishing off the planting and fencing along the front of the Preschool building.

It's going to be busy!!

We are looking for a couple of new committee members this year, if you would like to know more please pop in or call me at anytime. Meetings are once a month and it's a great way to get involved and meet new people. Haven't got time to be on the Committee but have time, a skill, a passion that you want to share, please do, we really love whānau involvement and this is a big part of what makes Swannanoa Preschool so special.

Some not so great news over the holiday break—our dear Alice who is a student-in-training here with us and works throughout the preschool, had a 'bleed on her spine' and has lost the use of her legs. She is currently recovering and in rehabilitation mode at Burwood hospital. Alice is making great progress and is as happy and positive as always! The children have drawn some lovely pictures and made a big book for Alice which she absolutely loved. We wish Alice all the best and can't wait till she is back at preschool with us.

That's it for now, enjoy this glorious weather that has just returned.

Ngā mihi

Jo

Centre Manager



Nursery News - From Ange and the Team

Welcome back, 2016 has begun with a boom. We have been very busy in the nursery welcoming back our existing families and lots of new ones, all are settling really well. We would love to see your holiday snaps, we could even add them to your child's learning journal. We look forward to sharing with you another exciting year full of fun and adventure.



Manaaki News

From Ashleigh and the Team

Happy New Year to all of our Manaaki whanau. We hope that everyone had an enjoyable break. The teachers have been chatting with the children about their Summer holiday adventures and we have created a display for photos in Manaaki that we would love everyone to contribute to. You can bring your photos in, or email them to preschool with **Attention to Manaaki** so that we can print them for you. The children really enjoy sitting up the front to share news about their photos. Jackie is seeking milk bottle/jar tops for the carpentry area. Your donations would be greatly appreciated!

Atawhai News

From Kerry and the Team

Welcome to 2016. We hope that you have had a great holiday and are ready to start another fun packed year. Please bring in your holiday photos to put on the board in Atawhai so that your child can share their experiences with staff and friends. We have had a little swap around with the display boards. The transition to school board is in the family corner next to the waving window. The children's learning priorities are now above the musical instrument shelf and we have started a new display board to share our planning with you.

The children have shown an interest the natural environment and there is always a lot to do after the holiday when everything has become overgrown, the children have been looking for insects and butterflies that have moved in while we have been away. On the planning board there will be ideas that teachers have suggested, things that the children have done during the day, photo and comments about their interests. Please talk to teachers if you have any ideas to further the interests or if you want to come in to work with the children.

If you have a moment to spare pop out to Atawhai outdoor area and see the amazing bug hotel Laura and the children have made.

General News

A big warm welcome to new tamariki/children and whanau/families that have joined us. We look forward to getting to know you all better and we hope that your transition into the centre has been smooth and informative. The teachers are only too happy to answer any questions/queries so please do not hesitate to ask.

Please remember to name all hats, pack a change of clothes and sunblock children before they come to preschool.

Please remember that we close at 3pm, so parents need to be here BEFORE then Thanks!

Events Term 1—2016

February:

- Monday 15th February- Bike day
- Wednesday 24th February- Camping day

March:

- Thursday 17th March- St Patricks day
- Thursday 24th March- Easter egg hunt

April:

- Tuesday April 5th- Bike day

Congratulations to....

Courtney & Brendan Glassford on the birth of Millie a sister to Pippa and Lucy

Rose & Wayne Wilson on the birth of Jonathan a brother for Julia

Nicola & Karl Vercoe on the birth of Mia a sister for Leo

Heather & Benjamin Peake on the birth of Alice a sister to Pippa

Children's Learning

When Your Child Comes Home Messy

Red paint in the hair? Blue paint on the jeans?
Sand in the shoes? Marker on a favourite shirt?
White socks that look brown? Sleeves a bit damp?

YOUR CHILD PROBABLY.....

Worked with a friend, solved a problem, created a masterpiece
Negotiated a difference, learned a new skill,
Had a great time, developed new language skills

YOUR CHILD PROBABLY DID NOT.....

Feel lonely, become bored, do repetitive tasks that are too babyish
Do worksheets that are too easy, do sit down work that is discouraging

YOU PROBABLY.....

Paid good money for those clothes, will have trouble get the red paint out
Are concerned the teacher isn't paying enough attention to your child

YOUR TEACHER PROBABLY.....

Was aware of your child's special needs and interests, spent time planning a challenging activity for the children
Encouraged the children to try new things, was worried you might be concerned

Young children really learn when they are actively involved in play... Not when someone is talking to them. There is a difference between 'messy' and 'lack of care'. Your teacher made sure your child was fed, warm, offered new skills and planned messy fun things to do because that's how young children learn!!

Send your child in clothes that can get dirty! Keep extra old clothes for times when the child gets really messy.
But remember, young children need time to be kids.

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A FIT LIFE WITH MITZI TAYLOR

Back to school, time to think about you!

Join me, a fellow preschool mum, in a health and fitness challenge group.

We will concentrate on exercise, portion control, and the healthy mindset.

Visit www.afilifenz.com/challenge-groups

for more information.

When you order a challenge pack, \$10 will be donated to Swannanoa Preschool



Are you thinking of selling?

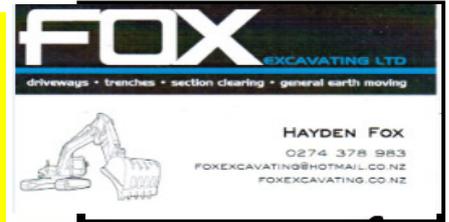
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General

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

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