



## Swannanoa Preschool

# Swannanoa Preschool Newsletter, May 2021

### CONGRATULATIONS:

Flo & Jacob on the birth of Max, a brother for Leo.

Alana & Brandon on the birth of Charlie, a brother for Mason.

Cody & Matthew on the birth of Grayson, a brother for Harrison.

### EVENTS:

Monday 10th May - Wacky Hair Day

Friday 28th May - Favourite Character Dress Up

### REMINDERS;

- **Our operating hours are 9am until 3pm**, strict adherence to these times is required. Our Fees Policy states - A penalty fee will be charged for tamariki/children picked up after 3:00pm. This is \$25 per tamaiti/child. If you are more than thirty (30) minutes late, there will be a further \$25 charged per tamaiti. Please ensure you are at preschool before 3:00pm to pick up your child.

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Please also remember to bring along your child's wet bag each day.

If tamariki or adults are suffering from general illnesses ie hand, foot and mouth, ringworm, slapped cheek, headlice, conjunctivitis, etc they will be asked not to attend preschool until condition has been treated. **Anyone suffering from vomiting or diarrhoea must not attend preschool until 48 hours after last symptoms.**

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## Nau mai, haere mai,

As always it is a busy old time here at Preschool

Over this term we are going to trial different information in our newsletters

We will still have a newsletter per month but they will have a different focus.

One from the office - lots of information, the current policy, a bit of strategic stuff, accompanied by beautiful shots of our stunning environments and any development updates.

One from the Teams, with all the up-to-date information of what has been and is currently happening. All the amazing learning and the fun the tamariki are having.

And One from our Leadership Groups. We are very proud of our Leadership Groups, these are a vital part of us here at Swannanoa. They allow us to really look deeper into areas of practice and are a great opportunity for all of our teachers to step up and lead. More about that in their newsletter!

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We have lots of things on the go for term 2.

Over the next couple of weeks we have some visitors coming from Swannanoa School, Bridie (Team Leader of Hapu 1) and Brian (Principal). They will be coming to read stories with our tamariki - this is a lovely collaboration and really strengthens the relationship between the Preschool and School - whose land we are sited on.

Following this Chauntelle (Team Leader in Atawhai) is doing a teacher swap for a few days with a new entrant teacher from Swannanoa School.

We are really looking forward to this and know that it will be hugely beneficial to us here at Preschool and to the School. It will give us both a greater understanding; for the school to immerse themselves and understand our curriculum, and for us, to see in action the environment our tamariki head off to.

And it will be fantastic for Chauntelle to catch up with our tamariki that have not long transitioned into their new environment.

This will then be followed by a talk from the school about school readiness.

Its all go!

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### **Suggestions**

If you have any suggestions or ideas for us here at Preschool we would love to hear them, we are a community based, not-for-profit Preschool - everything we do is for our tamariki, whānau, staff and community!

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### **Facebook:**

Do you follow us on Facebook? A great place to keep an eye on updates and visitors. You will also be seeing regular posts of the amazing learning that happens here at Preschool.

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***We currently have very limited spaces available. If you are thinking you would like extra days please let me know so I can plan accordingly.***

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I am in the office Monday to Thursday, you are welcome to drop in and see me at anytime.

**Nga mihi nui**

**Jo Dobson**

**Centre Manager**

*Whangia ka tupu, ka puawai,*

*That which is nurtured, blossoms and grows*

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## **Community News**

This is an opportunity for any of our whānau to share their businesses, sidelines or positive happenings within the community.

We know we have many families here at Preschool that have business's and would love to be able to share and support them.

Let us know!

This picture is last years visit from The Swannanoa Volunteer Firefighters .... our amazing volunteer firefighters are due to visit again soon!

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## Building Development

Our beautiful extension is complete bar the finishing touches...

Our new nursery space is just amazing! We love it and most importantly our tamariki love it - there is so much space to move, indoors and out, and so many amazing resources to delight and challenge our tamariki.

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Have you been in and looked up? Our acoustic tiling looks like an art installation!!

Currently we are working on the connections between the nursery and Atawhai and Manaaki. We are going to continue with our beautiful fencing and gates that we have recently put in the nursery, a lovely spot where tamariki can chat through the fence.

From here Atawhai will gain some extra space as will Manaaki - which will extend their kai area.

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### Next on the list:

Extend the Atawhai bike track

Create a bike track in the Nursery

Replace the sliding door in the Manaaki 'green room'

Still lots on the wishlist!



## Policy Review

Follow the link to our current or latest Policy review - **COMMUNICATION**

We have a number of Policies and Procedures that guide our practice here at Swannanoa Preschool which we regularly review on a three year cycle.

Policies identify agreed processes that ensure key legislative requirements are met and that we all have a shared understanding of these agreed processes and procedures.

Please find following the link to our latest policy review for your comment.



## Our Vision



## Strategic Plan

We are currently working on our Strategic Plan

This is quite a considerable job for a Preschool the size of ours!

We gather information from all of our stakeholders in many ways - surveys, conversations, outside agencies, team discussions, committee meetings....

From here we look at what is currently working well and then what we really want to improve on - things that will really make a difference to all of us here at Preschool.

Our last Strategic Plan was focused on our Community Relationships (locally and with the wider educational community) and our Building Development. We are really pleased with the results we have achieved.

Look out for further info over the coming months.