



Swannanoa Preschool

Swannanoa Preschool Newsletter - November, 2020

EVENTS;

Tuesday 10th November - hat and fascinator day

Thursday 26th November - Bike Day

CHRISTMAS PARTIES;

Wednesday 9th December - Atawahi

Friday 11th December - Manaaki

THANK YOU;

Axel Bolin for installing our new clothes dryer in Manaaki.

REMINDERS;

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.**



Nau mai, haere mai,

Less than 7 weeks till we close as I write this - how did that happen??

We have partaken in a lot of fun activities over the past few weeks;

Pet Day was great, its lovely to see our tamariki so proud of their pets and showing great manaakitanga toward them.

The Social Club took over our last staff meeting and it was hilarious to see our kaiako running throughout the Centre in search of answers to the quiz.

Our 4 year old trip to the Ohoka Bush was great despite the dreary day - what an amazing spot the Ohoka community have created and of course a highlight was the play on the new playground at the end of the trip as well as the bus ride!!

Well done to all of our staff for the great variety of things they get involved in, providing the best possible experiences for our tamariki.

Our new build;

Wow our contractors are amazing - efficient, everything running to time and nothings a bother!

Its looking like this will be handed to us by the end of the year ready for us to hit the ground running in 2021.

Can't wait to show you through.

Check the noticeboard in the foyer for regular updates.

Fundraising support

Thank you to all of you for supporting our various fundraisers throughout the year, not only does it provide us with valuable financial support but it really accentuates our wonderful community spirit.

Our much awaited last fundraiser for the year is the Christmas raffle - for those of you new to us this year, just wait till you see our reception area when we get underway!

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.

We currently have a few spaces available so if you are thinking you would like extra days please let me know.

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



Manaaki News

Wow, we cannot believe that we are in the final term of the year and will it race by.

With this in mind we have been thinking about our Christmas party. This will be held during the week the 7th – 11th December, with the whole week being all about Christmas. More information about this will be out a little

later in the term. During Term 4 our Group Planning is focused around:

□ Tamariki being confident in their identities, languages, cultures and abilities. To support this we love to hear about the ways that as families you celebrate Christmas and the traditions that you have. We would also love to hear about the languages, cultures and traditions that are important to you as families and ways that you embrace this in your everyday.

□ Tamariki keeping themselves healthy and caring for themselves. To support and guide this we have been talking with tamariki about ways they can keep themselves healthy – eat lots of good food (fruit, vegetables), drinking water, wearing our sun hats, washing our hands. The tamariki have enjoyed planting little gardens and watching them as they grow.

They are now looking forward to adding these plants to our planter boxes and continuing to watch them grow. From this planting the Tamariki made a display of the vegetables that grow above and below the ground – they have found this very interesting and continue to ask if certain vegetables grow above or below the ground.

As an Envrioschools Centre, this focus supports learning for sustainability and sustainable communities.

A big welcome to our new tamariki and families who have joined us in Manaaki. We look forward to getting to know you all and supporting you to feel a real sense of belonging within the Manaaki environment. Please remember that if at any time you wish to discuss anything regarding your tamariki, please speak to any kaiako.



Atawhai News

Wow where has the year gone! It's crazy to think that next month it will be Christmas – and believe me we have been thinking about that for a little while now!

The tamariki have been busy practising their songs and talking about Christmas – be sure to keep an eye out for when we have our Christmas party this year; we are doing things a little differently hosting a Christmas celebration week so be on the look out for more details coming soon!

With the business of this last term we have decided to focus our planning around how everyone celebrates this time of year; we have a number of celebrations or festivals coming up - Halloween, Guy Fawkes, Thanksgiving and Christmas to name a few. We would love to know what you all do as a family to mark these occasions, and maybe there is a different celebration you enjoy? We look forward to hearing all about it so make sure you share with us.

The building going on at preschool has sparked a bit of interest in our carpentry area of late; however we are needing some more supplies. If you have any unwanted nails, untreated timber, or other items the tamariki can construct, and are happy to donate them to preschool then that would be much appreciated thank you!

The sun is most definitely making its presence known, we have our shade sails up which is great for providing some relief from the heat; however tamariki still need to bring their own named sunhats and drink bottles each day. Please also make sure that you sunblock them before you arrive at preschool, we will reapply sunblock just before lunchtime.

Water play is an absolute favourite – lots of wet clothing and children! So please also ensure your child's wetbag and a change of clothing comes with them to preschool each day.

As always if you have any questions or concerns then don't hesitate to ask one of us.

The Atawhai team



Whakanui & Puawai News

We are so excited to see our next extension which, as you know, is well underway. Whakanui have been creative in keeping tamariki happy and engaged whilst the build is in progress.

Whakanui have had lots of visits over to Manaaki where the older tamariki love to dote on our youngest – this can be described as tuakana-tenia, older and younger children coming together – it is not just the youngest that can learn from the oldest; the older children learn patience, nurturing skills, empathy, kindness and a whole lot more when given the opportunity to care for someone less able than them.

In Puawai we have kept our focus on communication but have brainstormed how we can take this deeper; it is still a very strong interest for all of our children. You only have to walk outside and say "BOO" and they all scatter to hiding places ready to jump out with a big grin - we have extended on this by providing lots of hiding spots and tunnels! We also have a few mother hens getting ready to transition onto Manaaki and while its sad to see them go we see how they have outgrown our space. They take smaller children into the sleep room, sit with them and rub their backs like they see us do every day. It's a huge reminder for us that we are always being watched and that our slow, unhurried, respectful and responsive practice build the foundation for each child to understand how to care for one another.

He waka eke noa- We are all in this together

-Whakanui and Puawai Kaiako

Ngā mihi nui,

The Whakanui & Puawai teams

Join us for a Fish & Chip night

Bring down your fish & chips
or a picnic dinner to enjoy
with family and friends 😊



17 November from 5pm
See you then!

Whanau Partnership

It is definitely starting to feel like the year is slipping by!

This time of year is always so busy with school events, birthdays, graduations, celebrations, and of course Christmas to name a few!

It can get a bit overwhelming at times, but just try to take it as it comes and have fun with whatever you are doing.

You may have noticed our community noticeboard – we will be adding to this as different community events come up – there are a few happening in the lead up to Christmas which might be some fun for everyone to enjoy together as a family, so keep your eyes peeled for these.

Now that the days are longer, and warming up as we head into summer, we thought we'd have a family picnic/fish & chip evening. It would be lovely to see you all there so save the date – 17th November!

Chauntelle, Tash & Sam



Transition to School

Over the next month we have 19 children having transition visits to 7 different schools.

Please remember to tell Lorraine when your child's leaving date is.

Please use the summer break to familiarise your child with the school they will be attending. Play in the playground, have a picnic outside the classroom your child will be attending and bring your bike or scooter and enjoy the

concrete areas outside the school.

If you have any questions please come and talk to Jess in Atawhai or Kerry in Manaaki, we are happy to help in any way we can.

Transition to School Team

Jess & Kerry



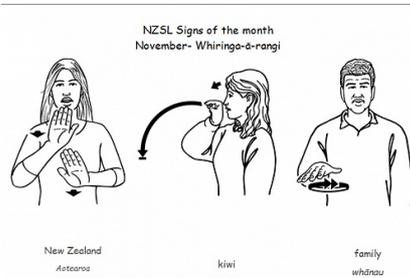
Our Library

Jess is our in-house librarian

This past month I displayed a range of new library books and resources that have been purchased for the library. These are mostly from Scholastic and can give some ideas for Christmas gifts!

Happy reading,

Jess, Atawhai.



New Zealand Sign Language

Courtney, Brooke, Jenni & Jan



Enviroschools News

We are excited to welcome Rebecca, Dani and Dayna to our group, as we extend our focus to Kaitiakitanga, meaning guardianship and protection of our preschool.

The tamariki have been taking such great care of their seedlings and have been excited to watch them grow. We hope to transplant them to the garden soon!

The 4 year old tamariki embarked on a trip to the local Ōhoka Bush and Ōhoka Domain Playground.

The children had so much fun exploring the nature trails and looking at all the different kinds of plants and tree's they were surrounded by.

They then enjoyed morning tea, followed by a much-anticipated play on the playground. We all had a great time

and look forward to more local adventures next year.

Brooke, Jan, Jo, Dayna, Rebecca and Dani



Bicultural News

Courtney & Brooke loved their trip to Riccarton Bush.

This term Courtney & Brooke went for a visit to Pūtaringamotu (Riccarton Bush) where they facilitated a whanaungatanga session before listening to four other groups present information around native plants, trees and wildlife and healthy waterways.

Riccarton Bush holds a weekly Saturday farmer's market with delicious kai which would make a great outing for the whole Whānau. While you are there pop into the enclosure for a wander and soak up some local knowledge.

Courtney facilitated a wānanga at our last staff hui where each class reenacted the ancestral story *'In the Beginning'* which provided much entertainment!!

Ka kite ano

Your Bicultural Leadership Team

Courtney, Ashlee, Rachael, Laura & Jo

***Join us for a
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night***

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or a picnic dinner to enjoy
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