



## CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party date will be Friday 12th December.  
It will be an afternoon party.

Put the date in your diary. Details nearer the time

**REMEMBER CHILDREN ARE UNPREDICTABLE**

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### FRIDAY MORNING COFFEE

7th November

Come and join us at Preschool

**WHEN** 9am – 11am Its the first Friday of the month

**WHERE** In the old Nursery

**WHY** Because we can..... get to meet new people, old friends.....

**CAUTION**  
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### CAR PARK SAFETY

The speed limit in the car park is 10kph—please adhere to this at all times

#### 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.



### 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**



Thank you to Russell McLeod for building our worm farm



### THE OFFICIAL STUFF

Welcome to Aimee Roodt who has recently joined us on the committee as Parent Liaison.

Thank you for all your feedback in regards to our various Policy reviews. It is really important to us here at preschool that everybody is fully involved. You have recently had the opportunity for feedback on our Strategic Plan. This has now been adopted, copies available from the office at any time.

## Nursery News - From Ange and the Team

Its hard to believe Christmas is just around the corner

Please send your child/ren to preschool with sunhats, sunscreen, changes of clothes and drinks (no juice please)

Nut free snacks please

Thank you to Alyce for joining us in the nursery and putting up with our madness!



## Manaaki News

From Ashleigh and the Team

If anyone has any seedling they would like to donate for our vege garden they would be much appreciated.

A note went out recently about the changes we have made to our inquiry group. The inquiry group will still take place daily, however children younger than four years who are interested may now be involved. Inquiry group will also take place at the earlier time of 10.30am. This change was made as a result of self-review undertaken by the teachers in Manaaki. The children and teachers are adjusting to the slight change in routine and we appreciate your support. If you have any questions please see a teacher. Remember to check out the green room to see what the children have been investigating.

We have noticed many of the children have increased appetites lately, perhaps they are growing! If your child is coming home with an empty lunchbox every day perhaps they need an extra sandwich or piece of fruit.

A big warm welcome to all our new families in Manaaki. The teachers are enjoying getting to know you all and there seems to be some new friendships beginning. Please remember to approach us (the teachers) about anything, we will do our best to help.

Please remember to return your child's learning journal to preschool so that the teachers can continue to add photos and stories about their learning.

## Atawhai News

From Kerry and the Team

Don't forget to sunblock!

Unfortunately four year old trip had to be cancelled—we will try again later.

Thanks for all the work done at the working bee. The outside area looks wonderful!

The teachers are reviewing the input of whanau/families into the learning journals. Please feel free to contribute—it helps us to know the children better.

I will be selling knitted Christmas decorations again this year, they will be on sale soon. Last year I bought wool to knit for children in Africa. This year I will be buying wool to knit for Christchurch Women's & Rangiora Hospitals to add to their baby supplies. I have a vested interest in this area as my daughter is having twins shortly. Kerry x

*The winds of grace blow all the time. All we need to do is set our sails*

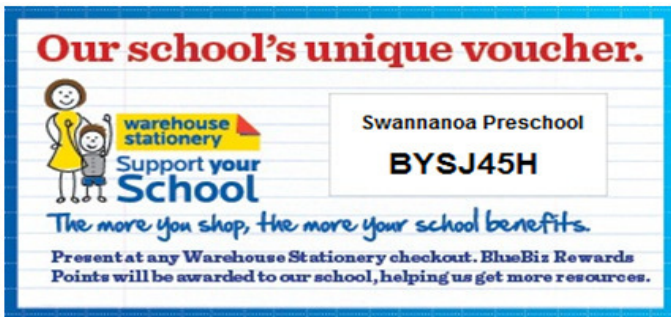
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The great Swannanoa Preschool plant exchange.

Now is the time to have a dig out of extra plants—bring in what you have, see Laura in Atawhai for any queries.



- Amy Sutherland for organising the timber for our worm farm in Manaaki
- Pauline Howden for our awesome apple peeler and paperfish
- The Blacklaws for donating the sand to top up our sandpits
- Jo Thelin for nappy supply
- Grant Carrington & Jo Taylor for the donation of paint for our working bee
- Kelly Fleming for snow peas, tepee and flower in Reception
- Everyone who helped at the working bee, our environment is looking beautiful.
- To those who purchased Abacus calendars, we have had great success in this fundraiser for preschool.
- For the donations of paper, card, stickers, envelopes, boxes, bottle tops etc for collage—much appreciated.



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.

**TEXT REMINDERS**

We aim to communicate in a variety of ways to ensure our parents/whanau are fully informed of preschool happenings—to receive text reminders,

TEXT THE FOLLOWING

MESSAGE TO:

**8987**

**follow SwannanoaP**

*Make sure the spelling and capital letters are accurate. Note: there is no gap in 'SwannanoaP'*

**Children's Learning**

**Some interesting reading from Te Whariki (the New Zealand Early Childhood Curriculum)**

"Although the patterns of learning and development are sometimes seen as a progressive continuum linked to age, such patterns vary for individual children in ways that are not always predictable. The direction and speed of learning and growing will often fluctuate from day to day, according to where they child is and the people they are with"

Examples of areas of development for children (which we value at Swannanoa Preschool):

- Increasing independence
- Growing sense of self-identity and of self as a learner
- Increasing emotional robustness and sense of control
- Growing consistency and predictability of behaviour and response
- Increasing ability to cope with change
- Increasing ability to cope with delay in having needs met
- Developing memory capacity and sense of past, present, and future
- Widening social interaction, and development of a sense of others
- Increasing awareness of the world, and ability to share interests with others
- Increasing competence with techniques for communication and with tools for symbolising and representing
- Growing control of body and physical coordination
- Expanding experiences and understanding of people, places, events, and things
- Acquisition of domain-specific knowledge
- Increasing ability to use logic and abstract thinking

More information about Te Whaariki, the Early Childhood Curriculum can be found at the New Zealand Ministry of Education website.

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		30	31 Pet Day	1 Halloween	2	
3	4	5	6	7 Swannanoa School Pet Day	8	9
10	11 Hat Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Dress Up Day	25	26	27	28	29	30