



# KidzWay

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*"Don't just teach kids how to count; teach them what counts most" Anon*

### **Kia Ora Families and Whanau**

Isn't it great to see those cheery yellow daffodils opening up. Spring is on its way! We trust that all is going well for those of you in the farming sector – no doubt you will be enjoying this fine warm spell. It certainly helps in Early Childhood Centres too; making it easier for children to expend all that wonderful energy and zest for life.

Once again please read and take note of the information and dates below for your calendar.

*Ka Kite, Denise (Head Teacher), Josanne, Michelle, Alison, Nicky, Sally and Fiona (Teachers) and Kath (Administrator)*



### **Otago Museum and Botanical Gardens Aviary Visit**

We are all go for our excursion to the Otago Museum and the Botanical Gardens Aviary in Dunedin on Thursday 14 September. Thank you to those parents who have offered to take transport on the day and share this fun experience with the children. **We will be meeting at KidzWay at 8:15am on the morning of the trip** so we can brief you on the day's plan and organise passengers for shared transport. **A friendly reminder to please hand your permission slip and payment (\$3.50 per child) to the KidzWay office as soon as possible. Please note: KidzWay will be closed on the day of the trip.**



### **Term Four Ngahere Explorers – Parent Meeting**

Ngahere Explorers (our nature walks programme) will take place on **Thursdays** next term, starting on **Thursday 19 October**. The 10 oldest Thursday four-year-olds will be involved every week, and the next oldest four-year-olds will be the "reserves" in case there is a child absent.

We will be holding a brief meeting (approximately 20 minutes) for parents of Thursday four-year-olds at **9:00am on Thursday 21 September**, so we can outline the details of the programme and the part you will be playing in it.

If you have already attended this introductory meeting and signed the permission slip, there is no need for you to attend again. 😊



### **Tool Box Parenting Course**

Don't let this fabulous opportunity slip by!! There are still spaces available for this encouraging and empowering programme that can support you in your very important parenting role. It is a 6-week course on Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm – 9:00ish, starting Wednesday 27 September and finishing 1 November, here at KidzWay. Denise and Michelle will be your facilitators, and supper is provided. Enrol today – the form is by the sign-in sheet in foyer. Cost is \$75.00 per person, \$110 per couple. **Please don't let cost put you off** – subsidies are available; pay what you can afford.



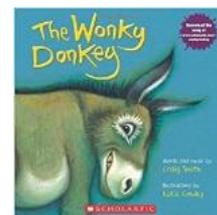
Build a great  
family team  
and have fun on the way!

## KidzWay AGM

The KidzWay Trust would like to invite all families to KidzWay's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 19 September here at KidzWay at 7:30pm. Supper is provided, plus informative presentations from staff on learning in Early Childhood. See you there. 😊

## Invitations to Four-Year-Olds

- Tapanui Primary School has invited our four-year-olds to attend a show by Craig Smith ("The Wonky Donkey" Author) at the West Otago Community Centre Gym on Tuesday 19 September at 10:00am. The charge will be \$3.00 per child. Please confirm with Kath if your child is able to attend.
- Waikoikoi School has invited the four-year-olds to their end-of-year school production at the West Otago Community Centre on Thursday 28 September (time to be advised).



## Staff Annual Leave

Kath will be taking annual leave from Friday 22 September to Monday 16 October. While she is away, Kay Williams will be coming in three mornings per week to complete administrative tasks for us. **Should you have any questions or know of any days your child will be absent over this time, please try and catch Kath before she leaves.** Upon her return, Kath will prepare your parent invoice for the previous three weeks – if you have any concerns about this please see Kath.

## After-School Arrival of Primary School Children at KidzWay

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we love seeing past KidzWay children visit us **with** their parents. However for safety reasons, respect for our environment and the comfort of the little ones in our care (as you can imagine big kids' size and energy can be overwhelming for little people), we ask that parents pick up their children from school before coming to KidzWay rather than allowing them to walk down to KidzWay unaccompanied. Thank you.

## Unwell Children

Bouts of sickness come and go through the community; please help us to prevent spreading these by keeping your sick children at home, and by promptly picking up your child who may have become sick while at KidzWay. Also if your child's siblings are sick, please minimise their time spent in the Centre at pick-ups or drop-offs. We are always happy to assist you at the door - just give us a call. Thanks for your consideration on these matters.

## Dates for your Calendar:

**Thursday 14 September:** Otago Museum Visit, meeting at KidzWay at 8:15am (\$3.50 per child)

**Tuesday 19 September:** Craig Smith show for four-year-olds at the WOCC, starting at 10:00am (\$3 per child)

**Tuesday 19 September:** KidzWay AGM at 7:30pm

**Thursday 21 September:** Ngahere Explorers Parent Meeting, starting at 9:00am

**Wednesday 27 September:** Parenting Tool Box Course starts at 7:30pm (runs for 6 weeks)

**Thursday 28 September:** Waikoikoi School Production for four-year-olds

**Thursday 19 October:** Ngahere Explorers starts for Term 4

**Monday 23 October:** Labour Day – CENTRE CLOSED.

**Wednesday 8 November:** KidzWay Pet Day – more details to come!