



KidzWay

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"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." Hebrews 13:8

Kia Ora Families and Whanau

Welcome back and Happy New Year for 2018 ☺. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a refreshing and fun holiday in all this lovely summer sun. The staff and I all enjoyed our break and are looking forward to providing for your child's learning and care needs. Please let us know if your child is particularly interested in something so we can add to this. Also, please share with us what you got up to over the holidays.

The first term is shaping up with events and dates on the calendar, so please keep reading for details. Did you notice our new LED lights and re-stained cedar posts that were done over the holidays? (Another couple of jobs crossed off the maintenance list.)

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

PS. If ever you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to come and see Denise. Thanks.



Ngahere Explorers

It is great to see enjoyment and confidence grow in the children who have taken part in this programme. A big thank you to parents who take their slot on the roster and get involved on the day.

We start Ngahere Explorers again on **Monday 5 February**, continuing on Mondays for Term 1, Tuesdays Term 2, Wednesdays Term 3 and Thursdays Term 4. This will provide all 4-year-olds with the opportunity to attend the outdoor experience. Thanks to this term's parents for attending the meeting this week. We will hold another meeting soon for parents of children who will attend in Term 2.

To maintain ratios both at the Centre and on Ngahere Explorers, **please remember to let us know by 8:15am at the latest if your child will not be attending**, so we can notify a replacement child.



Special Person's Night

When: Wednesday 21 February 5:30pm – 7:00pm.

Where: Here at KidzWay.

Cost: Gold coin donation towards dinner.

Why: This is a lovely opportunity for children to bring Dad or a Special Person along to play with them at KidzWay and show off their place of play and learning. We will have a simple dinner of sausages, hot chips, coleslaw and bread, followed by some fun games. As much as we love to see all the family, for catering and safety reasons please a **maximum of 2 special people only per child**. Thank you. ☺

Kaka Point Beach / Bus Trip

We plan to run this fun, popular day out again this year. Weather permitting;

Thursday 1 March is penciled in. As well as the Thursday children, all families are

welcome to attend this trip. Best practice is to have a 1:1 adult to child ratio around

water, so parent help is required to make this event happen. Parents can choose to come on the bus or take their own cars. More details will be out shortly on bus costs.



Teacher Only Day

Friday 6 April - Centre Closed. This is a valuable day for KidzWay staff to plan, review and attend Professional Development as a team. We usually only have one of these days per year. Thanks for your understanding and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Sun Block

As you will be aware, we have Centre sunblock which is applied twice a day. Due to an increasing number of children having reactions to this and parents providing their own sun block, we have decided to change the brand we use to Oasis Sun (which was the alternative that parents brought along). Thanks to Alisha Saunders (owner of "The Sanctuary Beauty and Hair Day Spa"), who has provided our first bottle free. We hope this product will suit all children and ease the application process for the teachers. 😊



There will be a small increase in our sunscreen charge to \$2 at the start of Term 1 and another \$2 at the start of Term 4. This charge will begin in Term 4 2018.

Reminders

- Please ensure you let us know if anyone other than your "regular" pick-up people will be picking up your child. Tell one of the staff and note it on the sign in sheet.
- Every morning please help your child to choose their name tag and put their hat and coat on their hook, and find a cubby for their bags. 😊
- Please ensure a FULL change of clothes, appropriate for the season, is always in your child's bag.
- Please return KidzWay clothes ASAP, especially in summer when these are used for sprinklers.

Thank you 😊

Thank you...

- To all the parents who have brought in family photos to place on our whanau tree. The children love them...please bring yours along (or email to Kath) if you have not done so... we have room for more!!
- To all who voted with their money for the KidzWay Christmas tree at the chemist. Our cause – the "Hungry Bin", received the highest amount of money at \$47.60.



Congratulations...

- To Alison Sim for completing her Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood.
- To Nicky Horrell for completing the first year of her Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood.

Dates for your Calendar:

Monday 5 February: Ngahere Explorers starts for Term 1

Tuesday 6 February: Waitangi Day – CENTRE CLOSED

Wednesday 21 February: Special Person's Night 5:30pm-7:00pm; gold coin donation for dinner please

Thursday 1 March: Kaka Point Beach / Bus trip

Monday 26 March: Otago Anniversary Day – CENTRE CLOSED

Thursday 29 March: KidzWay Easter Celebration and shared afternoon tea

Friday 30 March and Monday 2 April: CENTRE CLOSED for Easter Break

Friday 6 April: Teacher Only Day – CENTRE CLOSED

"Too often we give children answers to remember rather than problems to solve." Roger Lewin