



Newsletter No.1 - January 2019

"When little people are overwhelmed by big emotions, it's our job to share our calm, not to join their chaos"
T. R. Knost

Kia Ora Families and Whanau

Welcome back to KidzWay for 2019; we hope you all got a break and some times of connection and refreshment with your families and friends over the holiday period.



All of us here have enjoyed the break and are looking forward to catching up with you and your children as we head into Term One. ☺

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

Ngahere Explorers – Outdoor Experiences for Four-Year-Olds

It is great to see enjoyment and confidence grow in the four-year-old children who have taken part in this programme.

We start Ngahere Explorers again on **Monday 4 February**, continuing on Mondays for Term 1, Tuesdays Term 2, Wednesdays Term 3 and Thursdays Term 4. This will provide all four-year-olds with the opportunity to attend the outdoor experience.

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. Please check your parent pockets for the new parent help roster. A big thank you in advance to parents who take their slot on the roster and get involved on the day.



Kaka Point Beach / Bus Trip

We plan to run this fun, popular day out again this year. **Tuesday 19 February** is penciled in, weather permitting. As well as the Tuesday 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. Please note your intentions for this day on the form by the sign-in sheet. More details will be out shortly on bus costs once we know parent involvement.



Special Person's Night

When: Wednesday 20 March 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. ☺

Teacher Only Days for 2019

We usually only have one of these days per year, however this year we will be taking an extra Teacher Only Day as we are part of the Pomahaka Kāhui Ako (Community of Learners).

Friday 22 March: We will be joining with teachers from the schools in our Kāhui Ako at a professional development day to extend our skills in helping children meet the Kāhui Ako achievement challenges.

Friday 5 April: This is a valuable day for KidzWay staff to plan, review and attend professional development as a team.

The Centre will be closed on both these days – thanks for your understanding and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Wet Bags

KidzWay no longer has any single-use plastic bags available for children's wet or soiled clothing. We ask that families send along a suitable named waterproof bag each day in your child's bag for teachers to use in the event that your child has wet or soiled clothes to send home. KidzWay has waterproof bags available for purchase from the office. Please let Kath now if you wish to purchase one of these bags for \$6.50. **Please, from now on make sure a waterproof bag is always in your child's bag.** Thank you.



Paper4trees

We would like to say thank you to the Paper4trees Recycling Programme and its sponsors The Trusts Community Foundation and Sargood Bequest. As a result of our recycling efforts, this programme provided us with free grasses and shrubs to enhance our outdoor environment. We planted the grasses on our "mound", the small hill in our playground. The idea of the mound is to give the children the opportunity to roll (important for the development of their vestibular system), while also giving the sensory experience of rolling and walking over the grasses.



Family Photo Reminder!!

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!!

Dates for your Calendar:

Monday 4 February: Ngahere Explorers starts for our 10 oldest Monday four-year-olds

Wednesday 6 February: Waitangi Day – CENTRE CLOSED

Tuesday 19 February: Kaka Point Beach / Bus Trip

Wednesday 20 March: Special Person's Night 5:30pm-7:00pm; gold coin donation for dinner please

Friday 22 March: Community of Learners Teacher Only Day – CENTRE CLOSED

Monday 25 March: Otago Anniversary Day – CENTRE CLOSED

Friday 5 April: Teacher Only Day – CENTRE CLOSED

"How can a young person stay pure? By reading your word and doing what it says." Psalm 119:9

