



KidzWay

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"Our children become secure in the quality of their own character when they are given strong guidelines for right and wrong!" Ian and Mary Grant (Growing Great Families)

Kia Ora Families and Whanau

Just a brief update on a few details and happenings at KidzWay.

It was lovely to see so many families and extended families at the Lantern Festival. Please take a minute to add your thoughts about the event to the form by the sign-in sheet. Thanks.

We hope you've had a nice term break; we are looking forward to getting into Term 3 with you and your children. ☺

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

PJ and Movie Days

Tuesday 31 July, Wednesday 1 August and Thursday 2 August



This fun week celebrates the humble pyjama, and includes watching a movie in the middle of winter. If you have any short movies that you think the children would love, please let Denise know. The children can come to KidzWay dressed in their pyjamas, and we will be serving "breakfast" at morning tea time. Please pack their usual day clothes too, should they want to change.

ENGAGE Programme

The ENGAGE Research Programme (Enhancing Neurocognitive Growth with the Aid of Games and Exercise) starts this coming Monday 23 July 2018. Thanks to all the families who gave permission for their child (3-5 year-olds) to be part of this research project. Please see the Parent Guide in your parent pocket. All KidzWay children will take part in the activities; however data will only be collected on those children whose families have consented. The data gathered is confidential and will be added to the national pool. We look forward to seeing how the data will develop a programme that may help children learn to manage their behaviour and emotions.

Inviting Feedback from Parents on their Child's Learning

You may remember back in March we conducted a survey with you on whether or not you knew you could contribute to your child's Profile Book (ie verbally comment to the Profile Teacher or write in your child's Profile Book about their learning). It was fantastic as 80% of you knew you could contribute. Please let us encourage you to do that, as your knowledge of your child's current interests and strengths helps us to design activities, crafts and focus topics that will captivate and stretch your child's knowledge and learning. Your feedback is so valuable. Please:

- * Take your child's profile book home over a weekend and add your thoughts to the learning stories and the invitations from teachers to comment.
- * Tell your child's profile teacher about any interests your child has, family events, skills being developed or projects they are involved with, and as we form this three-way relationship together (parent, teacher, child), we can plan meaningful learning experiences for tamariki. Thank you. ☺

Wig Wednesday

In June we took part in Wig Wednesday in conjunction with our Wacky Hair days. We raised \$73.30 for Kiwi children with cancer, and want to thank everyone for getting involved and supporting the Child Cancer Foundation.



Thank You...

- Patrick Sloane and Graeme Kennedy for taking the fabulous photos at the Lantern Festival.
- Paul Nicol for using his skills to make and fix things at the Centre.
- Members of the community who have enriched our Ngahere Explorers outings: David (Water Treatment Station), Charlie (Vintage Museum), Dean (Tapanui Dairy)
- Visitors from a Christian school in the Philippines for visiting and sharing their culture.



Dates for your Calendar:

Monday 23 July – Friday 28 September: ENGAGE Programme

Wednesday 25 July: Ngahere Explorers starts for Term 3

Tuesday 31 July, Wednesday 1 August, Thursday 2 August: PJ and Movie Days

Wednesday 26 September: Ngahere Explorers finishes for Term 3

"God is our refuge and strength. He is a tested help in times of trouble." Psalm 46:1 (Simplified Living Bible)

