



## Newsletter No.6 October 2018

*"The trouble with being a parent is that by the time you are experienced, you are unemployed." Anon*

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

This is the kind of newsletter where you need to grab a pen and your calendar so you can note all those dates for the end-of-year activities!!

Our ENGAGE (Enhancing Neurocognitive Growth with the Aid of Games and Exercise) Programme has come to its official end now. We have noticed an increase in children's ability to wait their turn, remain engaged and concentrate for a longer period of time. Hopefully we will be able to share some of the national results once all the information has been collated by the University of Otago. Teachers plan to still include some of these games in our regular mat times.

Term Four is fast approaching...before we know it the Christmas Concert will be here.

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



### **Term 4 Ngahere Explorers**

Ngahere Explorers will take place on **Thursdays** next term, starting on **Thursday 25th October**. We will be holding a short meeting for parents of Thursday four-year-olds who have not yet signed permission slips, at **9:00am on Thursday 11 October**. At this meeting we will outline the details of the programme and the part you will be playing in it.



### **Farm Visit**



To support children's learning about Spring, we are planning to visit the Beattie and Hartshorne farms on **Thursday 18 October** (weather permitting). To make this happen, we will need help with transporting the children around. We will leave KidzWay at 9:15am for the Beattie farm at

Kelso for morning tea, then onto the Hartshorne farm by 11:00am where we will also have lunch. We will return to the Centre by 1:00pm. All welcome.

Please note your intentions on the "Expression of Interest" form by the sign-in sheet in the foyer ASAP.



### **Pet Day - Thursday 8 November**

This is our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pet Day, which the children really enjoy! Please be here with your children's pets by 9:30am (the event usually runs until 11:00am). **If you are bringing a dog**, please ensure it has a lead and can be tied up, and that it **has been wormed and dosed for**

**hydatids** at least 2 days before the day. A Prattley pen will be available to contain lambs, and the fence-line provides space for any other animals that may need to be tied up. We are all looking forward to seeing the pets and soft toys (if you don't have a pet). There will also be a Grand Parade, Big Dig and shared morning tea. **Please bring a plate to share – thank you.** 😊

**Please note: There will be no Ngahere Explorers on the morning of the Pet Day.**





## Sun Safety

Term Four marks the arrival of warmer weather and an increase in UV index, and so it is time to begin our applications of sunscreen. At the start of the year we changed to a brand that was more skin sensitive; "Oasis Sun" SPF30. This has reduced the growing number of parent-provided sunscreens that teachers had to match to children. There is a small increase in our sunscreen charge to \$2 at the start of Term Four and another \$2 at the start of Term One. Kath will be approaching you shortly with permission slips which will need to be signed for the increase in charge.

PLEASE ensure you are sending a named sun hat along with your child each day and placing this on their hook on arrival in the mornings, **then taking it home each night**. This helps reduce the spread of nits and our daily washing load!!! Also please update yourself by reading the attached Sun Protection Procedure. Thanks. 😊



## Family Photos

Thanks to those who have sent their family photos in for our whanau wall. Still lots missing!! Send a selfie via email to Kath and she'll print it for you, or drop a photo in to her.



## PGG Wrightson/Ballance Fertiliser Fundraiser



Just a friendly reminder to farmers who are buying fertiliser - for every ton of fertiliser you purchase, you can nominate a charity to receive \$1 per ton for their cause. KidzWay is now on that list of "worthy recipients" – we would appreciate your nomination! Thank you. 😊

## Thank You...

- Constable Craig Stiven – for bringing the police vehicle to KidzWay and sharing with the children about how police help us.
- West Otago Lions Hay and Baleage competition - for their generous grant of \$1000 towards our new shade sail (which has now been installed! 😊).



## Dates for your Calendar:

**Thursday 11 October:** Ngahere Explorers Parent Meeting, 9:00am.

**Thursday 18 October:** Farm Visit. Please note your intentions on the "Expressions of Interest" form.

**Monday 22 October:** Labour Day – CENTRE CLOSED

**Thursday 25 October:** Ngahere Explorers starts for Term 4.

**Thursday 8 November:** KidzWay Pet Day at 9:30am. Please bring a plate for a shared morning tea.

**Wednesday 12 December:** KidzWay Christmas Concert at 1:30pm. More information to come.

**Friday 21 December:** KidzWay closes for 2018 at 1:00pm.

**Monday 14 January 2019:** KidzWay opens for 2019.

*"Teach a child how to choose the right path. When he is older, he will still be on it." Proverbs 22:6*

