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"I bring you the most joyful news ever told! And it's for everyone! The Saviour has been born tonight in Bethlehem." Luke 2: 10-11

Kia Ora Families and Whanau

It is only 12 more sleeps until the KidzWay Christmas Concert!! Once again the children are into rehearsal mode in preparation for this event. We look forward to seeing you and your extended families as the children share the Christmas story and their favourite songs for 2018. ☺

From all the staff here at KidzWay; we have enjoyed spending our year with you and your children, as we have put together a programme to develop children's curiosity and love of learning. To help keep our programme engaging and relevant, we invite you to come in and share any talents, skills, pets, objects or materials you may have with us and the children. Also don't forget to take your child's profile books home regularly and note your thoughts on their work. We look forward to partnering with you again in 2019.



Meri Kirihimete me ngā mihi o te tau hou ki a koutou katoa

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

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

KidzWay Christmas Concert

WHEN: Wednesday 12 December at 1:30pm.

WHERE: Church on the Way, Tapanui Presbyterian Church (11 Sussex St).

PLEASE BRING: A plate to share for afternoon tea in the church hall.



Parents of children holding key roles in our nativity play will be informed shortly.

Attached to this newsletter are the songs we are singing, which you may like to practice with your children.

We encourage children who do not attend on a Wednesday to join us to take part in the concert. Could these children please be dropped off at KidzWay by 1:15pm so we can all walk up to church as a group. Please note that you are responsible for your child while at the church. **If you notice that your child is not enjoying the stage experience, please pop up at any time and take your child back to your seat. Also, please feel free to use the crèche in the church foyer if your child becomes restless and hinders others from hearing the performance.**

A shared afternoon tea in the adjoining church hall will follow straight after the concert. Please come and collect your child from the stage and take them through to the hall, get them something to eat, and sit them on the blue tarpaulin. Tea and coffee will be served also. KidzWay will be open after the concert for you to collect your child's bag and belongings.

We look forward to seeing all of our KidzWay children there.

Tapanui Christmas Eve Parade – Monday 24th December, 7:00pm

KidzWay will be entering a float in the parade this year. If you would like your child to be part of the KidzWay Float, please bring your child to Sussex St outside the church at 6:45 pm to ride on our float.

Expressing Gratitude and Caring for Others

At this time of the year, we always talk to the children about being grateful for all we have and how sometimes children and families in our community will not have yummy food or gifts this Christmas. To help our children to understand this, we are planning to contribute to the Gore Salvation Army's Christmas hampers which they make up for those in need. If you are able to, please select a gift with your child, wrap it and mark it for a girl or a boy, or bring food items or monetary donations to KidzWay by Monday 17 December at 9:30am. Thank you for your generosity.

Ngahere Explorers Term One 2019

Ngahere Explorers (our nature walks programme) will take place on **Mondays** next term, starting on **Monday 4 February 2019**. The 10 oldest Monday 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.

Parents will be placed on a parent-help roster throughout the term – please let Kath know as soon as possible if you have a preference for your parent-help date. Please see Denise if you feel you need a refresher course on the programme and the part you will be playing in it.



Summer Holidays

To help us with staffing requirements, please let Kath know if your child will be away at any stage over the school holiday period. Many thanks.

A Couple of Friendly Reminders

Opening Time: We are licensed to receive children at KidzWay from **8:30am** onwards. Please respect this time frame. Thank you.

Sun Protective Clothing: Over these hot summer months please ensure your children wear clothing that **covers their shoulders** like light cotton t-shirts. Strappy dresses and singlets do not provide enough protection. Also please ensure your child's named sun hat is put on their hook each morning and taken home at night. This helps reduce the spread of nits should they happen to be in the Centre.

Lost Property: Please check the pile of lost property in the foyer for any of your child's missing clothes. Any items left at the end of the year will be donated to the Salvation Army.



Thank You...

- KidzWay parents and children for their support of the Fashion Extravaganza for the Bali Babies - \$172.50 was raised.
- Hartshornes and Beatties for welcoming us on our Farm Visits.
- Dave Keown for being our celebrity judge at Pet Day.
- Joy Campbell for bringing in baby Ethan to be bathed.
- Kumadu Sumanapala and Martina Jaeger for sharing information and food from their Sri Lankan and German cultures.
- Barbara Brough for knitting dolls clothes for us; and Bill Sheddan for bringing in his Parrot "Charlie."



Dates for your Calendar:

Wednesday 12 December: KidzWay Christmas Concert at 1:30pm, Church on the Way.

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

Monday 24 December: Tapanui Christmas Eve Parade at 7:00pm.

Monday 14 January 2019: KidzWay opens for 2019 at 8:30am.

Monday 4 February 2019: Ngahere Explorers starts for our 10 oldest Monday four-year-olds.