



KidzWay

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Easter Meaning: "Christ in you, the hope of Glory" Colossians 1:27

Kia Ora Families and Whanau

Welcome to new families who have recently joined KidzWay. Denise and staff are available to help with any settling or learning queries you may have. Also, lots of helpful information can be found in the parent handbook provided in your enrolment pack, or on our website www.kidzway.co.nz.

Wasn't it a great day out at Kaka Point! It was also lovely catching up with you all at Father's/Special Person's Night (84 in attendance!) – I know the children loved showing you "their place." Read further for more Centre happenings and opportunities to partner with us in your child's education.

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



KidzWay's 10th Birthday Celebrations



Come and join the party!! We are celebrating being 10 years old with two events:

Thursday 12 April: Community, special guests and all families are invited to this celebration, which will be held from 3:30pm-6:00pm. The birthday cake will be cut at approximately 4:00pm.

Friday 13 April: We will celebrate again with cupcakes for afternoon tea at 2:30pm – all our current children and their families are welcome to attend. 😊

Term Two Ngahere Explorers – Parent Meeting

Ngahere Explorers will take place on **Tuesdays** next term, starting on **Tuesday 1 May**. We will be holding a short meeting for parents of Tuesday four-year-olds at **9:00am on Tuesday 24 April**, so we can outline the details of the programme and the part you will be playing in it.

KidzWay Working Bee

KidzWay's Annual Working Bee was held on the evening of Friday 16 March. Thanks to one Dad who turned up and a Mum who volunteered to do a job. We still have a number of jobs to cross off the list. Parent help does assist us to keep costs down and maintain the Centre to the standard we all enjoy. Below are the jobs still to be done:

- Weed tussocks on car park slope – spade
- Trim flaxes along sand pit edge – secateurs
- Top up bark on play area from bark pile – wheel barrow and shovel
- Fix our rakau screens – wood, power drill and screws provided
- Re-tack chicken wire on stairs – small staples and hammer
- Tighten bolts on swings – crescent
- Small cable reel repair – marine ply and screws
- Clean out sheds – broom, brush and shovel.

PLEASE help us out; it would be good to have these done before our 10th Birthday celebrations starting on Thursday 12 April. If you can help at a time that suits you please see Denise and she will direct you. Thank you in advance. 😊

Shade Sails

A shade sail over the swing area has been on the Centre's Strategic Plan, and this last summer has confirmed the urgency for it to be installed. The quote to cover half the bark area is just over \$6000; this is our fundraising target. The first fundraising event is a quiz night on **Monday 21 May** at the Town and Country Club. How you can help: Get a team together and/or donate prizes (eg home baking). ☺

Friendly Reminders

- Please note the new yellow lines painted on the road outside the Centre – this No Parking zone ensures good visibility from the corner and safety for children crossing roads.
- As per KidzWay's Healthy Food Guidelines and teaching children about healthy eating and sustainable practices, please note the following:
 - Foods which are discouraged: orange-coloured foods (eg Twisties, Cheezels, Rashuns) and lolly-like fruit snacks (eg snakes, watches) which are high in sugar.
 - Please use baking paper instead of gladwrap – also easier for children to unwrap!
 - Please pop yoghurt into small resealable containers – cleaner and cheaper. ☺

Policies Currently Under Review

Please take a moment to comment on the following procedures up for review, located on your left as you enter the hallway:

- Christian Values and Beliefs
- Assessment, Evaluation and Planning Procedures
- Statement on Bicultural Partnership and Multicultural Inclusiveness
- Transitions Procedures – Home/Centre/School
- Procedure for Children Requiring Learning Support
- Social Competence and Positive Behaviour Management Procedure

Thank you...

- Paul and Michelle Nicol for freshening up our family play furniture and making us an outdoor bench seat.
- Hellers for donating the sausages for our Father's/Special Person's Night.
- West Otago Art Group and Wayne Edgerton for painting our mural, and the Clutha District Council for providing the grant for the mural.



Dates for your Calendar:

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

Friday 6 April: Teacher Only Day – CENTRE CLOSED

Thursday 12 April and Friday 13 April: KidzWay's 10th Birthday Celebrations

Tuesday 24 April: Ngahere Explorers Parent Meeting at 9:00am

Tuesday 1 May: Ngahere Explorers starts for Term 2

Monday 21 May: Quiz Night at Town and Country Club – fundraiser for new shade sail



"Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children." Chuck Swindoll