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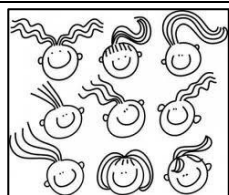
"Children need values to negotiate the inevitable ethical dilemmas of life" (Anon)

Kia Ora Families and Whanau

We trust you are managing to keep yourselves warm out there in our southern winter brrrr. The children seem unconcerned by these chilly temperatures and are happy to explore, slip and slide in the frost and ice. Currently we are exploring all things "Water" – from the water cycle, experiments with water and many arts and crafts to how we can protect this precious resource. Coming up on the KidzWay calendar are the Wacky Hair Days which include Wig Wednesday (in support of Child Cancer) and of course we are all looking forward to the Lantern Festival coming up in early July (read below for details).

A big welcome to new families who have joined us. We trust you and your child are settling into KidzWay. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to ask Denise or one of our staff ☺

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



Wacky Hair Day and Wig Wednesday

This year we will run this event over three days:

Tuesday 19, Wednesday 20 (Wig Wednesday) and Thursday 21 June.

Please send your child along with a wacky hair do or a wig on any of these days. If you run out of time in the morning, one of our talented staff hairdressers will whip something up for your child. Gold coin donation towards Child Cancer – thank you.



Lantern Festival

The children are always excited about this event on our KidzWay calendar. This year we plan to hold the Lantern Festival on **Thursday 5th July** at Church on the Way, Sussex St Tapanui, starting at 5:30pm. This is a lovely family event celebrating "Jesus, light of the world." We start with a simple meal, a song or two and then the story of "Martin the Cobbler" is told in the dark lantern-lit church. We finish the evening with a walk around the block, holding our lanterns shining out into the darkness! If your child does not have a lantern, please come into the Centre to make one ASAP before the event - full instructions and help are available. Please also see KidzWay's entrance hallway for more details. See you there! Please bring a gold coin donation for tea – thank you. ☺



Term Three Ngahere Explorers – Parent Meeting

Ngahere Explorers will take place on **Wednesdays** next term, starting on **Wednesday 25 July**. We will be holding a short meeting for parents of Wednesday four-year-olds who have not signed permission slips yet, at **9:00am on Wednesday 18 July**. At this meeting we will outline the details of the programme and the part you will be playing in it.



Fundraising

- What a great effort! ☺ Thanks to all of you who supported KidzWay with our recent **Quiz Night**. Your baking and gifts made for a well-stocked raffle table, and 24 teams was a fantastic turn-out. This all enabled us to raise \$1,411.00 towards the \$6000.00 cost of shade sails for our barked area.
 - **Please support our next fundraiser – Silent Auction:**
 - **Four cubic metres of DRY Oregon Pine and Blue Gum Firewood** – delivered. Worth \$280.00. Make us your best offer.
 - **Leithen Contracting have donated 4 hours of livestock fencing** to the highest offer. Worth \$320.00.
- Offers Close on Thursday 22 June at 12 noon. See Kath or Denise to make your offer.**

Friendly Reminders

- **Appropriate Clothes:** Please ensure that your children are dressed for the current conditions, and that they come to KidzWay with a hat and a coat. Gumboots and slippers are a good option for this time of year as it is so muddy outside.
- **Sick children:** There has been a nasty tummy bug going around. In order to protect your children and staff, please be aware children should not return to the Centre until 48 hours after having vomiting or diarrhoea. If you are unsure what the exclusion times are, give us a call or view the Infectious Diseases chart at www.healthed.govt.nz (this chart is also displayed at the end of our hall here at the Centre).
- **Family Photos:** Our family tree needs more photos! Please email your family photos or selfies through to Kath (kidzwayelc@xtra.co.nz), or bring one in. We have 55 families but only 12 photos on our tree.

Message from the Trust

- A big thank you to all who helped and came to celebrate KidzWay's 10th Birthday. It was a real milestone and celebration time for past and present staff, children and Trust members, and also for many people from church and the community.
- The Trust and staff have been reviewing our "Centre Values", and a consultation document will be sent out to families soon.
- Please remember that KidzWay is a community-based not-for-profit Centre. Your support/help with odd jobs and fundraising is much appreciated. The list of jobs waiting to be completed is below – please contact Denise if you are able to help with any of the jobs.
- Unfortunately we have had a few issues with our new fort area. It has been decided to lower and reduce the size of the fort, and use it as a loose play area. This will add a new area outside for creativity and team work. The flying fox project will still go ahead. A huge thank you to those parents who helped to install the heavy posts. The cost for this project has been provided from funds set aside by the Trust from their stock scheme before it was wound up.



Policies and Procedures Currently Under Review and Internal Review Focus

6 x Curriculum Policies, 14 x Emergency Procedures. Please feel free to ask to see these and add any suggestions for changes to them. Thank you. ☺

Self-Review Focus

1. How effectively do we support parents to contribute to their children's learning in Profile Books?
2. How effectively are we promoting science at KidzWay?

Snow Procedure

Please make yourself familiar with the attached Snow Procedure, should the Centre need to be closed due to snow.



Thank You...

- 10th Birthday Celebrations:
 - Patrick Sloan for taking photos of our 10th Birthday Celebrations
 - Fiona Dawson for making and icing the KidzWay Birthday Cake
 - Past students, staff and trustees who attended the celebrations
- The Mercer Trust for the grant of \$200 towards our Hungry Bin
- The Winterbourne Family for donating the firewood for the Silent Auction
- Aimee Peterson and William Jane for donating the 4 hours of fencing work for the Silent Auction



Dates for your Calendar:

Tuesday 19, Wednesday 20, Thursday 21 June: Wacky Hair Days and Wig Wednesday

Tuesday 3 July: Last day of Ngahere Explorers for Term 2

Thursday 5 July: Lantern Festival, 5:30pm Church on the Way

Wednesday 18 July: Meeting for parents of four-year-old children new to Ngahere Explorers

Wednesday 25 July: Ngahere Explorers starts for Term 3



Matariki

*“God hung the stars in the sky – the Great Bear,
Orion, the Pleiades and the stars of the south.
We cannot understand the great things He
does, and to His miracles there is no end.”*

Job 9: 9-10



Jobs to be Done 😊	Tools Required
Top up bark on bark area	Wheel barrow and spades
Re-lay rubber squares in front of new construction	Shovels
Staff car park – remove built up silt and mud	Shovels
Fix protruding screws – rakau screens	Hammer/screw driver
Tack down netting on step	Hammer/staples
Trolley	Maintenance
Anti-rust and undercoat nappy-change stairs	Anti-rust undercoat (bought), paint brush
Tighten bolts on swings	Crescents
Small cable reel - repair	Plywood and screws/nails