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“What a privileged life for a child if from the start they know they are welcome in the world” (Anon)

Kia Ora Families and Whanau

Hi Folks, the year is rolling through quickly now!!! Just a few updates and notices for you as we move on through this last term of the year. We trust you all had a break in some way over the school holidays. Even though we were open and all systems go, this last holiday period was the quietest we have ever had – one day we only had 13 children present...it was a lovely time of more one-on-one time with the children and a catch-up for staff with some paperwork and jobs.

Ka Kite, Denise (Head Teacher), Josanne, Michelle, Alison, Nicky, Maree and Vanessa (Teachers) and Kath



Programme and Planning - Recycling

Art, recycling and the building of a sculpture for the Thyme Festival in Alexandra has all merged into one big topic! Then our involvement with Keep New Zealand Beautiful Week inspired our recycling theme even more. The children have enthusiastically embraced the whole procedure of categorising and learning about the appropriate disposal of waste...and as some of you have shared with us, your beloved wee ones are ensuring you are learning too!!!! Check out our notice board in the hallway with some of the ideas that have been explored. This topic will continue on and other learning will be grafted into this.

Remember: “Keep it in until you get to the bin!”

Pet Day and our Christmas Story and Concert will be part of learning too.



Pet Day – Thursday 10 November



Another fun event that the children really enjoy! Please be here with your children’s pets by 9:30am. 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

With the arrival of warmer weather and the increase in UV index, we have begun our twice-daily sunscreen applications. If your child requires their own particular type of sunscreen, please see Denise about this and she will ensure all staff are informed.

PLEASE ensure you are sending a named sun hat along with your child each day. This helps reduce the spread of nits and our daily washing load!!! Also please update yourself by reading over the attached Sun Protection Procedure. Thanks. ☺



Just a friendly reminder to farmers who are buying fertiliser – you can nominate a community organisation to receive \$1 for every ton of fertiliser you purchase. If you would like to nominate KidzWay, please register at www.cashforcommunities.co.nz. Thank you. 😊

Paper4trees

We would like to say thank you to the Paper4trees Recycling Programme and its sponsors Pub Charity. As a result of our recycling efforts, this programme provides us with free plants to enhance our outdoor environment. This year we chose native grasses which we planted on our “mound”, a small hill in our playground. The idea of the mound is to give the children the opportunity to roll (important for the development of their vestibular system), while also giving the sensory experience of rolling and walking over the grasses.



Policies Currently Under Review

Please take a moment to read the following procedures under review (located on your left as you enter the hallway), and add your comments by writing on a post-it note and sticking it to the policy.

- Communication and Consultation Procedures
- Finding Out, Enrolment and Settling Procedures
- Procedure for Concerns and Complaints
- Privacy Procedures
- Waiting List Procedures
- Procedure for Complaints re Non-compliance with Licensing Requirements.



Thank you...

- Stuart Timber for their kind donation of timber for the garden pergola and gate.
- Michelle and Denise for gathering and submitting all the paperwork to renew and achieve KidzWay’s Healthy Heart Award.



Dates for your calendar:

Thursday 10 November: Pet Day starting at 9:30am - please bring a plate for a shared morning tea

Wednesday 14 December: KidzWay Christmas Concert at 1:30pm, Church on the Way – please bring a plate for a shared afternoon tea

Thursday 22 December: KidzWay closes for 2016

Monday 16 January: KidzWay reopens for 2017

*“Don’t be afraid for I am with you”
Isaiah 43.5*

