

## New team members

Welcome to our two new teachers in the nursery, Sally and Shanae. They have taken over from Caitlyn while she is on maternity leave and Katey as she moves north. Please introduce yourselves and make them feel welcome.



Next month Jimena will be taking maternity leave. Our lovely new teacher in the preschool is Tracey who will be starting on the 11<sup>th</sup> March.



## Upcoming holidays

Reminder: we will be closed Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March for Otago Anniversary Day. Then Good Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April and Easter Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Along with Anzac Day 25<sup>th</sup> April.

## Fun Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March we will be having a fun day to celebrate St Patricks day, as well as Jimena's last day before her maternity leave. Please dress up in anything fun, green or colourful.

## Whanau evening

We had a great time at the dinosaur park on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. Thanks to the families that attended this picnic. As you can see by the photos adults and children alike enjoyed the playground.





### Learning focus

Over the last month we have been watching our caterpillars go through their life cycle turning into monarch butterflies with great interest.

Nursery – This month looking at coping with change as we welcome our new teachers and settle some new children into the nursery and some transitioning into the preschool. A major focus is relationships.

Preschool –Focusing on independence and self help. With our latest 5 year old’s off to school, we are supporting children to be independent by finding their own sunhat and hanging up their things. At lunch children being independent with their lunchboxes, when wet learning to change clothes. Assisting with the care of the environment eg sweeping, cleaning, and gardening.

Please encourage your child to be independent when arriving such as putting their lunch box away.

### Hats and clothing

Please bring a sunhat and spare clothing daily

along with a ‘wet bag’ to put any wet or dirty clothing in. This could be a swim bag, plastic bag or anything that is waterproof to separate this clothing from wetting other items in your child’s backpack. We will no longer be providing plastic bags for this purpose.

We are trailing having bare feet in the preschool while we have warmer weather due to feedback from parents. Please name your children’s shoes and socks and send them in shoes they can manage (ie velcro rather than laces) to support their growing independence.

### Car parking

If you arrive or pick up your child during a peak time (such as 9-9.30am), please try to make this transition quickly as other parents are waiting for the 10 minute park.

Also please avoid parking in the staff driveway when possible as teachers have been waiting long periods to start their shifts recently unable to park their car in the drive.

### Our tamariki & bookings

Happy school days to: Honor, Trisha, Zaiha, Zane, Indi, and Heidi.

Farewell to: Archie, Zahlia, and Inayat.

Welcome to our new children: Neorah, Annon, Jay, Mohamad, Hunter, Harley, and siblings Izzy and Connor as well as Beatrix and Lucian.

Our enrolments are now full on Tuesdays and Thursdays and we have a waiting list for prospective children.

Please ensure that your child only attends inside their booked sessions. If you need them to arrive earlier or stay late, please discuss this with a teacher to see if it is possible or complete a Change of Hours request.

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