

Our tamariki & kaiako

Happy school days to: Bella and Lily

Welcome to our new child: Atlas

Welcome to our new teacher Katey. She has taken over from Bernie in the nursery. Katey has recently returned from England and we are very lucky to have her join our team.

Learning focus

The nursery learning focus has been persistence, working on overcoming challenges such as learning to stand, through art experiences, and building and climbing activities. They are now looking at coping with change with our new teacher Katey joining us and some older nursery children making visits to the preschool.

In the preschool the focus has been caring for themselves, others and the environment. The children have been learning about healthy food choices, including choosing and making healthy fruit smoothies and pizza. Sport Otago's Jump Rope weekly activity has been beneficial for looking after children's physical health. New planting has occurred in the garden beds and fairy and dinosaur gardens have been created. The preschool are also now focusing on coping with change as this is an important skill to build resilience.



Polyfest

Thank you to all our parents that came along as parent help. The children had a wonderful time practicing and performing on the day. They made us very proud.



Update on sustainability

Thank you for your support with this. We have increased our recycling efforts which has been helped by having a second yellow recycling bin, and reducing our rubbish bins by one. Since the end of August we have been sending lunchbox rubbish home in the hopes that families will reduce and recycle this. There are many wonderful bento (compartment) lunchboxes available and reusable sandwich wraps and containers that make this easier.

Thank you to those that have provided a wet bag (waterproof bag) for wet/dirty clothes. Please attach this to the outside of your child's bag. If not please provide plastic bags for your child.

Sunscreen and sunhats

Now that the weather is warming up we are starting to think about sun safety. Over the summer months please ensure that your child has a named wide brimmed hat (please no caps, as these offer very limited protection for your child).

Please apply sunscreen on your child (face, neck, arms and legs) before you drop them off and we will reapply during the day. We will be using Smart365 Sunscreen Lotion SPF50. If your child has allergies, please provide a suitable sunscreen for them to be named and left at York Place.

Thanks for your support in keeping your children sun safe!

Playground

Physical activity is one of our valued areas of learning, so we have recently had some boxes constructed and purchased climbing equipment to go between these. We look forward to seeing the children's creative use of these.

Xmas closure dates

We will be closed for two weeks from Monday 24th December until Friday 4th January.

We will have our traditional Christmas party on Friday 21st December. We usually celebrate midday but due to it bring on Friday this year, we will make this an afternoon event, closing for the year at 6pm.

Also note that we will be closed on Monday 22nd October to observe Labour Day.

Admin

Sarah is away on holiday for 4 weeks from 25th Sept to 23rd October. Please discuss any administration regarding invoices or bookings with Beth or email her on manager@yorkplace.co.nz

