

### Welcome back

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2018. In these we aim to keep you informed, include reminders, share some photos and some of the learning happening at York Place. We have a bright new logo and updated look for our newsletters and website.

Welcome to our new children Nakita, Rubee, Makayla, Jordan and Lachie.



### Xmas party

Thank you for such a wonderful turnout for our annual family xmas party. There was lots of delicious food, fun and a very special arrival of santa. We hope you all had a lovely holiday and we were excited to see you back after the New Year.

### Gardening

The children and teachers in the nursery have been having fun in the garden. We are getting ready to plant some new vegetables and hope to donate these to a local food bank to support those in need.



### Online stories

Our new system Educa for sharing learning stories is now set up and ready to go so look out for an invitation from us to join soon.

### Learning focus

This month in the nursery the learning focus is 'coping with change'. Our babies are learning new movements such as rolling over and walking. Several of our older nursery children have now transitioned to the preschool which has a change in dynamics for the younger ones. They are exploring new things and enjoying gardening. We had a great time harvesting our





potatoes and have started planting some more vegetables.

The preschool has been focusing on 'curiosity'. Children have taken part in a gold-panning activity and played a game of 'what's in the box'. There has also been a tent put up and several large boxes for children to explore being curious in their own ways. Through developing curiosity, children are learning about the world around them and developing theorising and inquisitive skills through problem-solving, asking questions, and exploring their environment.



### Hats and sunscreen

We are having a wonderful summer with plenty of hot weather. Please ensure that your child has a wide brimmed sun hat every day regardless of the forecast. Many children are arriving without hats lately and we have limited spare hats. No hat means no outdoor play as the uv rays are very harsh from the sun. If you could please sunscreen your child before dropping off that would be appreciated to free up our teams time for activities.



### Crafts

We always appreciate any bits and bobs you may have for crafts. Also any baking equipment particularly mini items which are great for either the family corner, sandpit or water play.

### Our tamariki

Happy school days to: Annabelle, Charlotte, Hunter M, Claire, Luca P, Amelie, Archer, and Mikayla. What an exciting adventure. We will miss you all!

Welcome to the world Oliver, Karina's gorgeous baby. He was born just before Christmas and the family are doing well.

### Waitangi Day

Reminder: we will be closed on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February to observe Waitangi Day.

