

Whānau Evening

Thank you to all that attended our picnic. It was lovely to see so many families.



St Patricks Day

On Tuesday 17th March (tomorrow), please feel free to dress up in green, or green, orange and white to celebrate St Patricks Day.

Student Teachers

This year Shanae has begun her Early Childhood Degree and will be doing her student teaching hours in the nursery at York Place as well as some relieving shifts. We also have a level 3 student from the Polytech who will be joining us each Wednesday in the Preschool till the end of the semester.

Lunchbox Ideas

Reminder to please label all containers, drink bottles and baby bottles. Name label stickers are preferred as vivid washes off each time items are washed.

Try using a variety of breads to keep the traditional sandwich interesting such as, multigrain, rolls, baguettes, buns, bagels, wraps, pita bread, or for a treat, hot cross buns, scones or pikelets.

To save time during the week, it's a great idea to do a bake up over the weekend eg savoury muffins, vegetable scones that can go in the freezer and take one out at a time for the lunchbox. We welcome any healthy recipes that you may like to share.

Learning focus

This month in the Tui room (nursery) they are investigating 'The right to become' extending on gross motor skills by offering more challenges on the indoor/outdoor obstacle courses while also catering for the younger tamariki who have just begun exploring this. Right to become more competent in whatever they are doing eg nurturing the babies, extending on tuakana teina experiences by supporting children to support each other. The right to become more independent and gain a sense of agency by ensuring they have the opportunity to think for themselves and complete tasks themselves.





In the Pukeko room (preschool) the regular outings are a great excitement for the children. There are so many learning benefits to these outings such as listening skills, following instructions, cooperation, engaging the community, manners, leadership skills, learning about celebrations, cultures and contributing to our community.

The older children are enjoying attending the Hui group sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays where they have been developing their literacy and mathematical skills in a more structured environment with pleasing results.

The tamariki have also been working on persistence, and taking turns for example transporting sand/water.



Staff news

Our teaching team are participating in the Mud, Sweat and Tears event on Sunday 29th March as a fun team activity. We will take plenty of photos to share with you!

Our tamariki

Happy school days to: Evelyn, George, Annon, Luca, and Addison

Welcome to our new children: Declan, Charlotte, Iris, Violet, Isabelle, and Finlay.

Otago Anniversary Day

Reminder: we will be closed on Monday 23rd March for Otago Anniversary Day.

Illness

Good hygiene is important with the current Coronavirus and well as normal colds and flu's.

Tips to keep good health is to ensure you are looking after yourself with plenty of fluids, sleep and good nutrition. Cough and sneeze into your elbow and wash your hands regularly with soap for 30 seconds. If your child is unwell, please be more cautious than usual and keep them home to prevent the spread of bugs.

We are receiving regular information and updates as they come to hand from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health.

Please be vigilant about your own health and the health of your children. I will be encouraging our staff to stay away from York Place if they are showing signs of illness such as coughs and colds. I ask that you please do the same with your children. Colds and flus are common in early learning services and by staying away, seeking medical attention and practicing good hygiene, we can all keep any spread of illness to a minimum.

Staff and children's health will be closely monitored. Please note that if we do ask you to keep your child home, we are obligated to do so.

