

February Newsletter 2018

Welcome back to all the families and hope you had a great holiday break. We have had some wonderful holiday stories that have been shared with us from the children.

We would like to welcome the new families to our Centre. We hope you and your child have settled in nicely. If you need any questions answered our friendly staff are always here to answer them for you.

Christopher, Tyson, Judah and Kingston.



Holiday Photos

Please share with us what your family did over the holiday break. You can send photos as an attachment to sunnydays102@yahoo.com. Or you can share with the teachers on Storypark.

Lunchbox and Fruit basket

It's great to see some nice healthy options and variety of food in children's lunchboxes. If you need ideas look at the Healthy Heart Food ideas information on the internet. Please don't pack in your child's lunchbox rollups, fruit straps, fruit nuggets or chocolate and marshmallows or sweets, these items of food are an unhealthy option. They contain a large amount of salt & sugar. We will be removing any unhealthy food items and give them back to parents at the end of the day. We have a water only policy no juice or flavored milk.

Please put your child's fruit item in the fruit basket in the morning for a shared afternoon tea. One fresh piece of fruit per day in the basket only please.



Absences

Don't forget to notify the centre if your child is away on holiday or sick.

Summer HOT HOT HOT.

Please can you make sure your child has cool summer clothes and they must have a hat!!!!

All clothes/shoes must be named.

We do encourage the children to put their own belongings away in their locker. When you pick your child up please make sure they have all their clothes as we seem to have a large pile of unnamed clothes.

Named drink bottle, extra spare clothes and togs/towel and a wet clothes bag for water play activities. *If your Child is toilet training, please remember to pack lots more underwear and pants.*

No hat no playing outside.



Our Children's Interests in Over Two's Paua Room

Since being back in early January the children have been very busy exploring and communicating in the Centre with numerous opportunities of interests. Some of the children are fascinated with skeletons, the human body and measuring heights of all the children. We have extended their interest with showing them bones and they then went onto drawing their own Skelton. Some of the children love getting wet and muddy in the sandpit. We have been using pipes, netting branches and machinery and there has been lots of imagination going on with creating all various parts of construction, also taken an interest in making dams, islands and waterways. The children have been role-modeling with creating office spaces and making money, using phones and computers.

Under twos Pipi Room

Throughout the months of January and February, the Pipi room will be focusing on belonging and summer fun. This means we will be enjoying a great deal of waterplay and lovely bright coloured paintings. We also plan to make a beach theme holiday board, so please send through some of your fun holiday photos so we can share them with the children. If you haven't already sent through some photos of your family for our whanau board we would love you to, as the children love looking at their family members throughout the day.

Centre topic of interest for children.

Waitangi Day celebrations and
Chinese New Year- The year of the Dog celebrations.

Regards to older Siblings in the Centre

Siblings are most welcome in the Centre at drop off and pick up times. Siblings must stay with their parents at all times and not to be playing with equipment or on the playground. This is in the best interest for the Centre with regards to health and safety and staff responsibilities. Once the session time has finished at 3:30pm if parents and children can leave the Centre as soon as possible as we have our extended session programme still operating for other children that are here to 5:30pm.

Reminder of Our Late Pickup Fee

- \$1 for every minute after the child's finished enrolment time. *This may be waived under the discretion of the management depending on circumstances and/or ongoing lateness.*

Sunblock Policy Reminder

The Centre's sun protection policy will be implemented from the beginning of term 4 till the end of term 1. Parents are responsible for applying sunscreen on before the child starts for the day. Sunscreen will be applied at midday for all children. Staff may apply extra sunscreen at other times on particularly fair children or when they consider necessary. Children without a sun hat or clothing will not be allowed to play outdoors.



New Enrolments For 2018

We are taking new enrolments for next year and some days are filling up to capacity. If you need to change days or take up extra days for your child, please come and see Leesa to book ahead of time. If you know of any families interested in enrolling their child, we appreciate your referral. If a child has been referred by you and they enroll their child, you will get 1 weeks free fees as a thankyou incentive.



thank you!

Health and Safety

Please don't encourage your child to use the gate lock latches on entrance. They are designed for children not to use.

Parents only to open



**CENTRE CLOSING EARLY AT 4:30pm
TUESDAY MARCH 20th.**

**Our Teachers must attend a Teachers Council Workshop
Evening.**

Important Dates to remember!

Helensville A&P Show Saturday 24th February
Children's Day Out Sunday 4th March

Public Holidays

The Centre will be closed the following public holiday coming up,
Waitangi Day Tuesday 6th February 2018
Easter Good Friday Friday 30th March 2018
Easter Monday Monday 2nd April 2018



Thank-you for your support from the Team at Sunny Days.

**Linda, Nadia, Rachel, Sheena,
Leesa, Rebecca, Horiana and Jane.**