

September

2017



Daffodils, new lambs and the days getting longer, Spring is here at last!

Enjoy reading this edition of our newsletter.



Christmas Closure

We will close at 3pm on Friday 22nd December
and
We re-open 7.30am Monday 8th January 2018

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Hi I'm Charlotte Butler-Chapman and have recently joined the Board of Trustees. I am looking forward to learning more about the preschool and what it means to be part of the BOT. I come from a big farming family in Zimbabwe. I went to university in Perth where I studied horticulture and economics. I have been a Project Manager at Irrigation New Zealand for the past 4 years, and I love my job.



I live on a lifestyle block in Darfield with my kiwi husband Jeff Chapman and our beautiful daughter Sheena. We share our home with our Jack Russell Diesel and 10 chickens! I have an enormous veggie garden and greenhouse, my husband built us, which we love to spend time in and eat all the yummy rewards from our hard work. Sheena particularly loves the strawberry patch.

STAFFING

A couple of weeks ago we said goodbye to Ann-Clare and next week we will be fare-welling Bee as she leaves us to take up an Assistant Centre Manager's role in Brighton. I'm sure you will join us in wishing her well in her new position.

We are advertising for another teacher to join us and will keep you updated.

NEWS FROM THE NURSERY

What a busy month it has been here in the Nursery. As we are slowly seeing some warmer weather it has been lovely to enjoy the sunshine until late in the afternoons.

We have been enjoying looking at all sorts of different textures this month to get all of our senses going.

These have included, paint, wheat, slime, salt, sand, and water play! The tamariki love to be hands on with these learning experiences, making the most getting messy and having fun with their peers and Kaiako.



Messy play allows the tamariki to make their own discoveries, using their curiosity, and knowledge. We provide the Nursery tamariki with



many opportunities for them to do this so they can learn and develop through their play.

Each day we have had either Kaiako Chelsey or Netty, play the guitar for us while we come together in the mornings to welcome everybody who is here for the day. We have been singing lots of waiata together and have been amazed by the tamariki and how quickly they have learnt the actions to our most familiar songs. If you would like any copies of some of the songs we sing here, please ask any of the Nursery Kaiako. Also if you have any favorite songs you have at home; please let us know so we can learn them and share them with the rest of the Nursery.

Reminder, with warmer weather on the way, please ensure you pack a few changes of clothes as we will be enjoying lots of water play in the upcoming weeks.

Arohanui,

From the Nursery Team, Emily, Chelsey, Pietta, Janice, Mel and Netty.

FUN IN THE PRESCHOOL

We have been super busy in the Preschool over the last month. Tamariki are really enjoying the warmer days and the adventures have become more exciting as we spend more time in our natural environment outside.



There has been an on-going interest in insects, bugs and worms. We have been working really hard to learn about tiger worms and how to keep them. We have also set up the worm farm again. Barb is trying her best to care for the worms and warmly welcomes your expertise in this area.

We have enjoyed painting outside in the sun and a couple of children even engaged in some DIY by painting the play house bed. We have also started to create a beautiful flower garden in the Preschool. Next week we are making some stepping stones so children can walk in the garden and enjoy the space they have created.



We have had lots of korero (talk) about lambs and calves. For some children, they are feeding pets before coming to Preschool and this is a big part of their lives at the moment. Bee adopted an orphan lamb last week and bought him to Preschool for a visit. All the children were so kind and loving towards Reynaldo, Bee's lamb. This is a big reflection of the nurturing that you as parents are investing into your tamariki

Kia ora mai! Thank you.

Arohanui

Teaching team from the Preschool.

Wendi, Corita, Alissa, Jo, Hayley, Barb, Amy, Jasmine and Bee

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

We wish the following tamariki a very happy September birthday:

Ruby Heslop (3)
Jake Van der Heyden (5)
Alex Kimber (4)
Haidee Worsfold (4)
Nikolai Wright (3)
Annabelle Scollay (3)
Ollie Doidge (5)
Callum Gerritsen (3)
Andrew Sharpe (4)



We wish Jake all the best as he is off to school this month.

DANGEROUS DRIVING

We have had some feedback from the Community about people not stopping at the end of our driveway as it joins Cardale Street and pulling straight out in front of vehicles going round the corner. Although there are no road markings at the end of the drive way you **MUST STOP** and give right of way to traffic already on Cardale and Mathias Streets. The road continues as a corner from Mathias to Cardale Street and if you look carefully you will see a white line going around the bend. We are a driveway so you **MUST** always give way as you pull out onto a road.



Also as the weather gets better more families are walking to Preschool using the driveway with children in buggies and on bikes so please **SLOW DOWN** and be careful.

We have ordered a speed bump to put at the end of the drive before the car park and this will be installed when it arrives.

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

This is being drawn today by the local Policeman on Duty (if we can get hold of him!!) and we will be in touch today if you are a winner.

DAFFODIL DAY

We had a great yellow themed day and raised \$89 for the Cancer Society, thank you to everyone who donated.

BNZ Closed for a Day

We were very lucky to have a team from BNZ come and give us a hand with planting, weeding and spreading mulch last week, jobs that we don't always get time to do. Thank you BNZ 😊

SEPTEMBER CHALLENGE

Clare, Lou, Wendi and Janice – 'The Preschool Primadonnas' and Corita, Ariana, Amy & Jo 'Team Crackers', have signed up to the Steptember Challenge of walking 10,000 steps each day throughout September to raise funds for Cerebral Palsy. So throughout September we will have a bit of a challenge going on to see which team does the best.



If you would like to support the teams and donate to an individual team member or just the whole cause please see any of them for their link.

HELP PLEASE

We are looking for someone to come and have a look at our current carpentry area outside as we are going to be revamping it and would like some advice on its current state. Also if you are able to help with the reno of this space please let us know. Thanks ☺

SPENCE FUNDRAISER

There is going to be a local fundraiser (not organised by Preschool) for the Spence family, on Sunday 1st October at the Steam Scene with a morning tea of sandwiches, cake and slice and also train rides and pony rides.

We're looking for any help in the form of baking, donating bread, sandwiches fillings, tea or coffee, or your time.

There will be a sheet in the foyer by the signing in book for you to write your name and phone number if you are keen to help and we will be in touch.

MOVING HOUSE

If you have moved to a new address, have a new phone number or email address please remember to let us know as we will need to update our system with your new details.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Some important dates for you to remember.



School holidays – 2nd October – 13th October 2017

Labour Day – Monday 23rd October – we are closed

Canterbury Day Friday 17th November – we are closed

Kirwee A & P Show – Saturday 25th November

Christmas Holidays - we will close at 3pm on Friday 22nd December and re-open 7.30am Monday 8th January 2018

****Missing Hoodie – have you accidentally taken home a small white hoodie with a picture of a dog on the front? Please drop it back into the office, thanks.****

Have a great month / Mā te wā

CLARE AND THE TEAM



Don't forget to like our Darfield Preschool & Nursery Facebook page. This is where we post news, important reminders and even closures due to snow etc. so please go and like the page and keep informed. We will of course still send out newsletters, emails and put important messages on our answer machine if needed.

Website: <http://darfieldpreschool.co.nz/>

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FUNDRAISING CORNER

FROOZE BALLS FUNDRAISER



We still have a supply of Frooze Balls if you would like to buy some. They are \$20 per box or \$2.50 per packet. The boxes contain a selection of flavours. Come and see us in the office if you would like some. We are hoping to purchase a new wooden train set and another large black tray with the funds raised from this.

LABELS FROM STUCK ON YOU

Stuckonyou Labels supply a huge selection of personalised labels, lunch boxes, drink bottles, clothing etc. If you order via the link below we will get a percentage back as a fundraiser.

<https://www.stuckonyou.nz/affiliate/fundraiser/DARFIELDPRESCHOOL>

When ordering please put **DARFIELDPRESCHOOL** as the fundraising code. Thank you.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS



Only **4** books left so get in quick if you would like one.

Either click on the link below or see Lou to get a book.

<http://www.entbook.co.nz/9a27754>

Thank you for your ongoing support with all our fundraising ventures.

