

November 2017



It's so wonderful to feel the warmth of the sun and enjoy our outside space everyday lately. Enjoy reading our latest newsletter and see what we've been getting up to and what's going to be happening in the next month.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

My name is Kim Wendover and I am one of the newest members on the Board of Trustees.

Originally from Zimbabwe, I moved from South Africa to New Zealand with my husband Devon and our daughter Faith (2) at the end of 2016. We are excited, and grateful to make New Zealand and, more specifically Darfield, our home.



I work from home as a safari consultant for a company in Zimbabwe, planning safaris for people from all over the world. Having grown up surrounded by the incredible wildlife in Zimbabwe, I'm grateful to continue to be involved in it from here.

I am looking forward to learning about the New Zealand customs and way of life and as a member of the board I hope to be able to give something back to what has already proven to be a wonderful community of parents and teachers.

AVAILABILITY OF SPACES

Please note – our waiting list in the over 2's is very long and there are no spaces until 2019, yes that's 2019!!!!

There are spaces in the Nursery but this may be dependent on age and when they go through to the overs side.

We are not able to change any current booking if you have not already asked and been added to the list, sorry.



WORKING BEE – date changed

Our next working bee will now be on Sunday 12th November from 9am – 1pm as it was the same day as the Highland Games. Jobs are likely to be water blasting, painting, filling in potholes on the driveway, carpet cleaning to name but a few. Please let us know if you are able to spare even an hour of your time to help us. Thank you ☺



SUNSCREEN SURVEY

Thank you to all that have already completed our on-line survey. We would like as many a possible reply's to give us a clear indication of parents views so if you haven't completed it yet please do ☺

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BMQCBDK>

Please do not send caps to preschool as they do not cover the children's ears, hats need to have a brim.

The UV app we use from the App store is called UV Lens – UV index

UPDATING IMPORTANT INFO

It is very important that you let us know if your child has been diagnosed with an allergy or other intolerances etc and the treatment. Please either let the office know or speak to a head teacher.

Also if your child no longer has an intolerance, allergy etc as they can grow out of them, please let us know and we can remove them from our list.

When your child has their immunisations at 15 months and 4 years please bring in your record for us to photocopy.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Many people on Vodafone will be changing their email addresses this month if they have the following:

- clear.net.nz
- es.co.nz
- ihug.co.nz
- paradise.net.nz
- pconnect.co.nz
- quik.co.nz
- vodafone.co.nz
- vodafone.net.nz
- wave.co.nz



Please let us know your new email address asap, thanks

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Don't forget to wear your scariest Halloween costume to the party this Freaky **Friday 3rd November from 5.30pm – 7pm**

Bring along a plate of scary food to share with the other ghouls and ghosts! If you are able to help decorate the preschool during the day please let us know.



KIRWEE SHOW

The Show is on Saturday 25th November and we will have our tent there as usual with a raffle, nappy change area and sunscreen available.



If you are able to spare an hour to 'man' the tent with another person please write your name on the sheet in the foyer or come and have a chat if you'd like more info, thank you ☺

MORE SPARE CLOTHES

As the children are spending more time outside playing with water etc please could you send them with more **named** spare clothes in their bags as we only have a limited supply available if they get wet, thanks.



FIRST AID

Last weekend all of our staff completed either the refresher or the complete first aid course to obtain their First Aid certificates.

CHILD RESTRAINT TECHNICIANS

No, we're not now qualified to restrain children!

Clare and Alissa have recently undertaken a course to become qualified car seat technicians through a course run by Selwyn Council and recognised by the NZ Transport Agency. Well done to you both.

If you need someone to check that your child's car seat is installed correctly or have any question, please let us know.

STAFF PROFILES

Ko Chelsey ahau/my name is Chelsey I am a qualified Early Childhood Educator currently working in the Nursery, and have worked at Darfield Preschool and Nursery now for over 4 years.



I live in Oxford with my fiancée and our fur baby Gus (a 1 year old Doberman). We just built our first home in Oxford and have been there now coming up a year in December.

In April 2018 we are getting married, so my weekends are currently spent organizing that, walking the pooch, and trying to get our landscaping done around the house.

I was drawn to become an ECE teacher, from my own childhood filled with younger cousins who lived with us. I grew up in a very busy household in the Selwyn area, and was fortunate to experience a rural

lifestyle/upbringing. I consider myself very lucky to still live and now work in the same beautiful rural area. Your babies make me smile everyday ♡

Nga mihi nui,
Chels

NEWS FROM THE NURSERY

Kia ora Koutou

This month in the Nursery we have had a focus on using real life materials and tools. Kaiako Mel brought in her tool box for the tamariki to use. They were very interested in the screw driver and carefully would screw the screws into the wood.

Now we have many children that point to all the screws that are around the Nursery. Using real



life materials is a

huge part of learning, being curious about and investigating these objects enables the children to make understandings of the world around us. The tamariki especially loved the tape measure, and

loved pulling it out and watching it zoom back in to its case! We have been busy making different types of bird feeders, and now with the practise of the screw driver, with support the tamariki have made a bird house to sit in our tree outside so that we can watch the birds ☺ Also with the Kea winning New Zealand bird of the year we have been talking about different New Zealand birds and have started to paint some of these for a new display!

We would also love to welcome Grace, Cooper, Freddie, Joe and Teddy and their whānau to the Nursery who have just started with us.



With it becoming very hot leading in to summer can you please provide us with many spare clothes as we will getting wet with lots of water play in the next few weeks.

Arohanui,

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

WHAT BEEN HAPPENING IN THE PRESCHOOL?

This month we have been so happy to see the warmer weather starting to shine through.

Because of this we have had a little visitor we have nicknamed Peter Rabbit who happily hops around outside while the children



are playing. The children have loved getting up close to such a wild animal and have been learning about

walking slowly towards him and being careful not to scare him. You can often hear at least one child telling the other to slow down when they see him nibbling away at some grass. This month has also brought about a change in the way we do Kiwi time, with the children beginning an investigation on Kiwis through asking questions and experimenting with different mediums. The children have had their Kiwis on display for the rest of the Preschool to see and it has brought about a lot of conversation surrounding the native birds and wildlife in New Zealand.

Because it has been so sunny we have also started more and more water play, it is important to make sure you bring a few spare changes of clothes for your child so that they can be free to investigate and experiment throughout the day.

Have a good month from the Preschool Team

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish the following tamariki a very happy November birthday:

Noah Lenssen (4)
Brockton Kerr (2)
Theo Robertson (4)
Isabella Limbe (4)
Grace Jenkins (1)
Frank Gallagher (4)
Liam Mockford (4)
Oliver Spence (4)
Jake Mulholland (4)
Freddie Cox (1)
Maddison Mackie (4)
Archie Butler (4)



DID YOU KNOW.....

Your child's profile book is available to look at and take home at any time.

We would love your input into your child's document of learning and really value anything you have to offer - a photo from home, a story, or just a quick comment about what you see and read in their recent learning stories. We treasure information from whānau - it really helps us when we are planning for your child and helps us to strengthen those all-important links between home and preschool.

(Please let a Kaiako/teacher know if you are taking your child's profile book home. They are such special books, we wouldn't want any getting lost.)

CALENDARS

The artwork is currently being done by the children and order forms will be out next week.

4-Year Old Trees and Plants

Each year local green fingered celebrity Elizabeth Forrest donates native plants for all our 4 year olds to take home. If your child is four, please speak to one of the preschool teachers and they will be able to show you where the plants are and cross you off the list once you have taken one. The children get very excited that they have their own plant to plant and grow and nurture.

Thank you Elizabeth once again.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Party time is coming to Preschool so keep Sunday 10th December free – 10am – 1pm more details to come. We're having it in the morning as the Darfield Christmas in the Park is in the afternoon.

TERRACYCLE RECYCLING PROGRAMME



Many of you may have noticed the red lidded container in the foyer with old tooth brushes and empty toothpaste tubes in, well this is a new recycling programme where each toothbrush or tube earns us 2c. That doesn't sound much but if everyone brings in their old brushes etc it soon adds up. The old items that we send in to be recycled are turned into park benches.

So bring us all you old brushes, tubes, floss containers and empty toothpaste boxes and put them in the tub in the foyer and let's see how much we can earn.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Some important dates for you to remember.



Halloween Party – Friday 3rd November at 5.30pm – 7pm

Working Bee – Sunday 12th November 9am – 1pm

Canterbury Day Friday 17th November – we are closed

Kirwee A & P Show – Saturday 25th November

Children's Christmas Party – Sunday 10th December

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

Please can we have your unwanted plastic bags.

Have a great month / Mā te wā

CLARE AND THE TEAM

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

Phone: 03 318 8836

CHALK/PARENT DIRECT

Unfortunately the suppliers are not circulating the Parent Direct and Chalk catalogues in New Zealand any more.



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.



FUNDRAISING CORNER

FROOZE BALLS FUNDRAISER



We still have a small 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.

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



These can still be ordered via the link below.

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

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

