

JUNE 19

Well winter certainly arrived with a bang this weekend. Some people got a dump of snow but many of us just got lots of rain!



LATE PICKUPS and ABSENCES

Please remember if you are going to be late picking up your child or if they are going to be away you can phone **03 318 8836** or email darfieldpreschool@xtra.co.nz or text **027 594 8423** thank you ☺

****If you do not let us know you are going to be late picking up your child, you will be charged a late fee of \$1 a minute. ****



NO PEANUTS PLEASE

We are a completely PEANUT free centre. This means no peanuts, no peanut butter sandwiches and no bars with peanuts on. Nutella is fine.

WORKING BEE

Thank you so much to everyone that gave up their time and helped at the working bee. We were able to get lots of jobs done before the winter. If you missed out we will have another in spring ☺☺



MOTHER'S DAY CLOTHES SWAP

We had great fun swapping clothes and conversation at our recent clothes swap evening, thank you to all who came and we hope you went home with some new outfits! We will be having another evening on 18th October, ready for the summer. So save your clothes ready to swap then.

STAFFING

As many of you know, Corita finished last Friday, we wish her well at her new centre.

Sarah Aarts who works Thursday and Friday in the preschool will be going on maternity leave on the 14th June to prepare for the arrival of her new baby. Good luck for the new arrival Sarah.

We will, over the next month have some new teachers starting and we look forward to introducing them to you all.

We are very aware that change can be hard for the staff, children and parents. We are doing everything we can to make it a smooth transition and provide a stable environment for the children.

If you feel that these transitions are hard for your children, or yourselves, please feel free to come and see me. We can look at strategies to support your family.

The Board of Trustees and I acknowledge the many changes for 2019 and we thank you for your continued support.

Clare

SUDOCREM

We now hold centre purchased Sudocrem which we can administer to children with parents' consent. If your child has nappy cream here currently we will be catching up with you to get a new permission slip signed. If you still wish to use an alternative nappy cream the current paperwork will still apply.



WAITING LIST

We are currently running a waiting list for both our preschool and nursery. Due to the number of families already waiting for spaces, we may not be able to cater for your child care needs straight away. We are implementing a fee payable when you want to guarantee a space at a particular date in the future. Please see Clare or Lou if you wish to be placed on the waiting list or want more information. We will provide the full details soon.

IN THE NURSERY THIS MONTH.....

Despite the cold weather, we have remained busy and active this month with a variety of activities and experiences. There has been a lot going on in the sandpit, where tamariki have been using diggers, dump trucks, buckets and tools to manipulate and experiment with ideas and concepts. We have been getting messy with paint, shaving foam and corn flour, and have been thoroughly enjoying the new art table!

We find it is still important to provide water play activities for tamariki in the cold and look for ways to do this without children getting soaked through. We have had opportunities to explore ice,



which can be held, dropped and tasted. Alby, Joshua and Fynn took delight in dropping ice on the concrete to watch how it breaks and disperses. Seth, Cate and Jade enjoyed handling smaller pieces inside. The confused delight on children's faces as ice slips and



slides through their fingers shows us how they are trying to figure out and understand the frozen property. We have also been using paintbrushes with a pot of water to paint the

outdoor fences and notice the changes between dry and wet. These experiences encourage developing working theories which help tamariki to make sense of and understand how the world works and how they can influence and be a part of it.

We have welcomed some new families into the Nursery this month so the kaiako have been building new relationships with parents, grandparents and children; and the children have been getting to know each other too. This is a critical time for children to develop trust that their physical and emotional needs



will be met. Kaiako meet this demand by being available for every child to learn and respond to cues promptly and effectively. We wish you all a very warm welcome.

Thanks to all our Nursery whanau for a lovely month.

From The Team: Mel, Janice, Netty, Sara, Pietta, Kate and Chelsey

Did you know....?

To calm your child's big emotions first take a deep breathe, then help to calm their breathing and rate heart, maybe with a cuddle or some space - you know what works for your child.

Then "name to tame". Naming the emotion they are likely to be feeling dramatically reduces the feeling.

Recap what has happened that led to feeling the emotion and then move onto something positive. "It seems to me that you're really angry because you can't have a biscuit right now, but we're having dinner in five minutes and you can have a biscuit after. Let's get everything ready."

WOW, WHAT A MONTH IN THE PRESCHOOL....

The tamariki have been enjoying lots of different experiences this month. At mat times there has been a focus on colours both in Te Reo and English, some experiments on mixing colours together to see what we can get. Leigh has



been teaching the tamariki a colour song in Te Reo. We have been enjoying the new change around in the environment with lots of painting on the easel inside and activity at the carpentry area outside. During the working bee some parents and staff tidied up the secret garden area, this has been extremely exciting as we have been able to spend some time out there exploring all the little places to run and hide.



Have you seen the new birthday tree for the Preschool? The children have been investigating this and looking at all the photos trying to find where theirs is and those of their friends and teachers. Outside this month the tamariki have been very creative with their play with lots of imaginative play happening and even a concert was put on for those who wanted to watch. Riding down the hill on ours bikes was a highlight for all involved.

We have some budding photographer's here in the Preschool with tamariki exploring taking photos both with the iPad and cameras. We have also been listening to Room on the Broom in anticipation of our trip to the theatre - We hope everyone that went had a great time. We will let you know how it all went next newsletter.



Kia ora rawa atu
The Preschool Team

FOUR YEAR OLDS SLEEPOVER

This year we will be having our sleepover on **Thursday 20th June**. Permission slips will be coming out soon to those children who will have turned 4 by the sleepover date.

We will be having a pyjama day for everyone on the Friday. For the early starters on the day after the sleepover, when you arrive it will be a bit different to usual as we will still have 24 children here eating breakfast and waiting to be collected.

HAVE YOU MOVED HOUSE RECENTLY?

Please remember to give us any new phone numbers, email addresses or home addresses if these have changed. Also check your emergency contact haven't changed their phone numbers either. Thank you.



BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

We would like to wish the following tamariki a very Happy June Birthday.....

Joshua Syme (2)

Faith Wendover (4)

Logan Wood (2)

Alby McCabe (2)



PROFILE BOOKS & EDUCA

Profile books are always available for you to take home and share with other family members. Feel free to add photos to Educa of any adventures you had over the holidays as we'd love to see them and talk about them with your child. These will be printed to put into the profile books. They provide a talking point for the children about familiar things. We will put our stories onto Educa each month and then they will be printed too. Remember to check out the Educa noticeboards for daily photos and information.



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The new shiny Entertainment Books are in the office! If you'd like to order one click on the link below or see Lou.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/9a27754>



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Some important dates for you to remember....

Four year old sleepover – Thursday 20th June

School Holidays – 8th July – 19th July

Clothes Swap evening – Friday 18th October.

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.

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This month's recipe....

Refined Sugar-free Chocolate Fudge

Ingredients:

- 1 cup coconut oil
- 1/2 cup cacao powder
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 1/4 teaspoon salt (optional, leave out if nut butter is salted)

Instructions:

1. Line a loaf pan with baking paper and set aside.
2. In a small pot, combine coconut oil, cacao, almond butter, maple syrup and salt.
3. Heat over medium heat and whisk until smooth. It does not need to boil or come to a certain temperature.
4. As soon as it's smooth, pour into a prepared pan. Place in fridge and let set for at least 2 hours.
5. Cut into squares and store in fridge or freezer.

Yum, this sounds delicious, thanks for the recipe Samm. 😊



An activity to do at home.....

Outside on the walls, fences and paths.