

# September 2019



Well, spring is just on the horizon at last. Lots of daffodils and baby lambs around and about. I'm sure we are all looking forward to the end of September when the clocks go forward and the evenings are lighter and hopefully warmer!



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year the Children's Christmas party is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 4pm – 6.30pm – more details to come nearer the time.

## CHRISTMAS SHUTDOWN

We will be closing for Christmas/New year on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm and reopening on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.30am.

This 2 week period gives our wonderful staff a chance to take a well-earned break and recuperate ready to teach and care for all the wonderful children in the New Year.

## PARKING

When parking your vehicle please could you leave enough room next to the fence for people to safely walk to the gate without having to walk their children round the back of the cars. The paint line that was there showing a walkway has faded and we will be getting it repainted soon.

## JACK N JILL PHOTOS

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September is our annual photo fundraiser. Only 3 spaces left so if you would like to book a spot click on the link below....

<http://jacknjillcanterbury.co.nz/schedule.php?id=110>

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## CAN YOU HELP WITH THE PHOTOS ON SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER?

If you are having photos done on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept are you able to stay for half hour or so and just be around as people come in and direct them to the laptop to sign in please?

Let Lou or Clare know if you are able to do this, thank you ☺

## PRESCHOOL IS TURNING 30 YEARS OLD!

Yes that's right, we have been going for 30 years!!

Join us on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 5.30pm for a celebration.



Bring along fish and chips for tea (we will provide bread and sauce) and get together with some current staff, board and children and others who have passed through our doors over the past 30 years.

Of course there will be birthday cake and a sing along so mark your diaries and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Throughout the week we will have some birthday fun and activities for the children.

## IMMUNISATIONS RECORDS

Please remember to bring in your child's updated immunisation records if they have recently had their jabs for 15 months, 4 years or measles so that we can update our records.





## GARDNER WANTED



We are looking for a person to come and do our weeding and mowing on a regular basis – paid of course (sorry not cash in hand). This would have to be done evenings and weekends when the children are not here.

If you know anybody or would like to do this yourself please see Clare.

## STAFFING

Kristina and Melissa are still on their home placements here. Pietta will be away for 4 weeks on her away placement.



## 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.

## IN THE NURSERY THIS MONTH.....

Kia Ora Whānau!

Your tamariki are still really enjoying our group activities, with a particular interest in our impromptu mat-times (often initiated by the tamariki themselves) with plenty of action songs and interactive puppet rhymes. The tamariki let us know what they would like by either taking us to the resource cupboard or starting the actions to one of their favourite songs which often leads to everyone joining in and having a blast singing and moving together. Such fantastic communication skills are being demonstrated as well as lots of opportunities to build relationships with peers and kaiako alike.

We have had a really lovely month with plenty of opportunities to get outside into some beautiful winter sunshine. This has led to some interest in the bird feeder over the past month with our older tamariki taking the lead in bringing the feeder to the

centre of the playground and pouring the seed in. Once it is put back up, there have been some really beautiful moments as we watch all your pepi watching the birds flying back and forth to eat the bird seed. Some have even had a go at making a pinecone feeder for the birds too.

We are very excited to observe your tamariki all reaching some amazing physical milestones too, with some beginning to explore crawling and others starting to take their first steps! It is wonderful to see the pride and satisfaction on their faces when they show us what they can do and then they're off to find their next challenge. 😊



You may have also noticed the new “shiny shelf” loaded with beautiful shiny items that have kept the tamariki intrigued over the past few weeks. These sorts of items allow for beautifully creative open-ended play and discovery as the children explore and discover all sort of different uses and properties.

This month we have welcomed Ivar and his whānau to the nursery, we are loving getting to know him and he is settling well. In September we will welcome Odie and his whānau to our nursery whānau and we are all excited to get to know them as they begin to settle into this new environment.

We would like to mention that Pietta will be away for the next month on her final practicum before she is qualified. And some exciting news – Kaiako Sara is pregnant! She will go on maternity leave at the end of the year.



Ngā manaakitanga/best wishes from your Nursery Team, Mel, Janice, Netty, Sara, Chelsey, Kate and Pietta.

## **PRESCHOOL HAS BEEN SO BUSY.....**

This month tamariki have developed their knowledge of the preschool garden and forest. Imagination has been the key for them to build on prior learning experiences that they have been able to share with their hoā/friends. Re-enacting of The Bear Hunt has delighted all as they manoeuvred their way through thick oozy mud and deep dark caves. We have also made use of the mahana/warm weather to harvest vegetables such as potatoes, carrots and silver beet. Our hua me te huawhenua tu/fruit and vegetable stand has been implemented and offers whānau/family opportunities to take kai home. Later when the weather improves we invite you to share produce from your own garden too.

The makariri/cold weather at times has not inhibited tamariki and their willingness to explore the outdoor environment. Various experiences involving gross motor challenges, physical play and sports have captivated their minds and bodies.



Construction on many levels has been investigated from the creation of vehicles at the carpentry table and making use of boxes in the art area. Tamariki love to recreate with pre-used objects.

We have been to Kirwee and Glentunnel Schools for transition visits this month as well as spending time with nursery transitioning tamariki too. Our transition to school and nursery to preschool transition process ensures tamariki feel secure when they are visiting new environments.

A trip to the library with the younger tamariki encouraged building relationships with their new hoā/peers and kaiako/teachers.

Thank you for another enriching month in the preschool, we look forward to next month.

Samm, Abby, Kara, Leigh, Alexe, Kristina, Melissa, Ariana and Kylie.

## **HAVE YOU MOVED?**

Please let us know if you have moved house or changed your email address, phone numbers or emergency contacts so that we can update our information.

## **BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER**

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

Isla McGregor (4)  
Ruby Heslop (5)  
Cameron Armstrong (5)  
Milly Faulkner (2)  
Nikolai Wright (5)  
Annabelle Scollay (5)  
Odie Chesmar (1)  
Izzy Clement (1)  
Callum Gerritsen (5)



We say a big goodbye to Nikolai who is off to school, good luck hope you have a great time. ☺

## **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**

We still have a few Entertainment Books in the office if you would like one. If you'd like to order one click on the link below or see Lou.

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

## **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](mailto: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 per minute as per our fees policy.\*\***

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Some important dates for you to remember....



Jack n Jill Photo Day – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September  
30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September  
5.30pm  
Clothes Swap evening – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October.  
Labour Day – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Closed  
Canterbury Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Closed  
Children’s Christmas party – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Shut Down – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December and re-open Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

*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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