

DPN NEWS

Darfield Preschool and Nursery



Nursery News

November 2023

Kia Ora Whānau,

It has been a fun-filled October in the nursery with lots of changeable weather! We have had tawhirimatea/wind, Rā/sunshine and rain as well. On those lovely hot days we have been having loads of water play. The tamariki are enjoying tipping, pouring, transporting and splashing which means lots of changes of clothes so please check bags to see if their clothing stocks need replenishing. Also, while we do our very best to remember who was wearing what - sometimes it can be hard to keep track of, so we really appreciate it when clothing is named.

Throughout the month we have also been spending lots of time in the garden, finding little bugs, digging in the dirt and discovering the world around us - we love how your babies regularly show us the world anew and teach us to appreciate what we may take for granted.

Early this month we had a little 'spontaneous outing' to the library where the ukelele club were having their practice - this was very exciting for those that were here that day and we hope to do some more in the future. These little trips are often either to the library or Almond Park (just around the corner), and are a great way for our tamariki to make connections within the local area and community.

There is still plenty of interest in the Nursery around our group focus of 'enjoying communication', check out the notice board in the kitchen area on your way into the Nursery to see the display of some of the learning happening. You may have seen or read about the songs we sing in the nursery and the tamariki are really enthusiastically learning the actions and enjoying little impromptu sing-alongs and gatherings throughout the day. We are all loving our books and story-times and we are seeing lots of new words being learnt by our clever wee friends.

The Halloween Party was a big success and it was so cool to see some of our nursery friends all dressed up and having a ball - thanks for coming.

This month we say good-bye to Ciara and Ollie who are heading to the pre-school - have fun you guys; and our friend Bailie and her whānau head up North to new adventures - we wish them all the best.

Thanks for another lovely month from the Nursery team - Janice, Hannah, Kari, Tash, Sara, Nicola and Pietta.

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"Our Vision...."

*"To grow our
tamariki to be
positive,
resilient
community
members
who embrace
a love of
learning."*



Preschool News

Kia ora whānau,

We have had an amazing month at preschool learning about all the weather that spring has given us. The day before we had (frozen rain as some of the tamariki called it) hail, we were having a hot day with a water slide set up. The tamariki were learning many skills such as working together and turn-taking and after they were finished they learnt self-help skills; finding their bags for dry clothes and dressing up. Just a reminder to put plenty of spare clothing in as we will have plenty more water play in the warmer weather



Our blossom trees are looking better every year and we have been picking the puti puti for all kinds of activities. Also the shade sails are a sign of summer coming, the play ground looks so nice and inviting with them up.

The art table has been busy and the tamariki have been making lots of creations and over the last weeks, they have been working hard on their calendar art. Please have a look at them, they look so good. Remember to place your order by Monday at the latest. Make sure not to miss out!

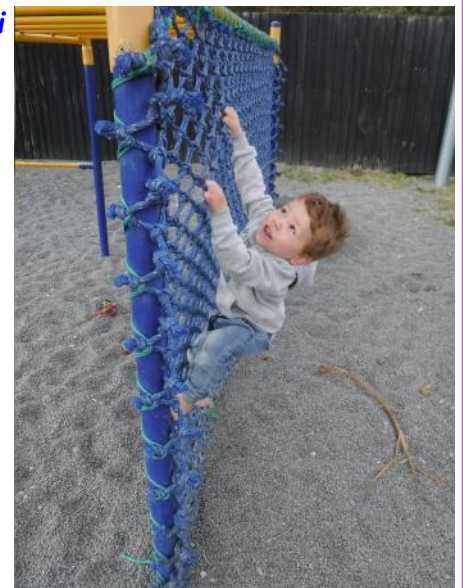
This month we had a few trips planned but unfortunately, a few were cancelled because of the weather, we did go on a Darfield Primary school trip with some of the 4-year-olds and had a fantastic time. These trips are very helpful for the tamariki to experience school.

We got a lot done in the Working Bee even though the weather was a bit wild and it was nice to see so many parents. It really helps our community Preschool and it is also a good time to meet up and get to know the other Whānau.

We were delighted to have Tim Wright (Lucy and Harry's Dad) come to show us how to practice Rugby with the real gear, tackle bags and corner flags. Rugby is an ongoing interest for many. We all had fun watching or participating and we cheered for the All Blacks.

Halloween as always, was a great party and get-together, thanks for coming and making it a fun time. The dress-ups were amazing.

We are looking forwards for more fun and learning together. Nga mihi from all the Preschool Kaiako



Canterbury anniversary day is on the 17th of November (Friday).

We will be **closed** on this day.

Can you please let us know if you will be away before this time as I know some schools will be closed the day before and the Monday after.



Reminder::

We have noticed that a lot of the tamariki have large appetites and often do not have enough in their boxes to satisfy them throughout the day. We have been using emergency crackers from our stash but cannot keep this up so if you know your child has a large appetite can you please pack some extra kai or we could store some crackers in our pantry for these instances .



Happy November Birthday to...

Effie (5) Hazel (5)

Arybella (4), Dakota (4) Fergus(3)

Ella (3) Brylee (2)

Have a wonderful time at school Effie and Hazel, we will miss you!



DISCOVER

EASIER CHILDCARE ADMINISTRATION

Please remember to sign in on the tablet for drop offs and pick ups.

It makes it very difficult to anticipate the days numbers when a lot of children are here but not signed in.

Children numbers:

Just a quick reminder that if you are thinking of increasing your days anytime in the next 12 or 18 months, especially if your child will be turning **3**, please come and see Clare as soon as possible. So with this in mind it is very important to book your space.

Extended hours is not normally a problem but best to check to see what could work.

Reminder

- Please ensure that over the summer period to have shoulders covered (no shoe string singlets please). We also do not want caps as we have bucket hats provided.

Did you know that it is great to have a spare change of clothes for you child in their bags? This is not only for the odd accidents that can happen but also for general messy play or weather related play. Can you please ensure you include socks and underpants as well please.

Bigger wet bags have been ordered if you require these for purchase from the office.



Children's attendance.....

Your children are booked in for a specific time period eg 9.15-3.15 or 9.00-2.00, and we staff for this.

We ask that you stick to those hours/minutes.

Remember – Sign IN on your way OUT and Sign OUT on your way IN. Or as Jane says Do it when you have no child with you!!!!

Although it may seem that the few minutes are insignificant it can have a major effect on our legal ratios and consequently the funding we receive from the Ministry of Education, (this could be up to \$50,000 a year!!!!) as the child is counted within a whole 15 minute period. I want to remind parents to be more mindful of the time dropping off and picking up and if you are needing to drop off early or pick up late that you ring and confirm it is OK as I may need to ensure another teacher is present. If this proves difficult then please talk to me about changing your booked hours.

I will try and speak to those who continue to do this and we may need to look at making the charge for this early/lateness more of a penalty e.g. \$1 a minute, to encourage you to either stop or change your booked hours. Please do come and talk to me if you require further clarification on this matter.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees would like to thank the families and staff that turned up for our working bee. Between the All Blacks and the weather it seemed that we would not have a great turn out, but again our wonderful community proved us wrong. We managed to get most of the jobs done on Clare's list and no one got blown or washed away. Again thank you it all helps to keeping our preschool, tidy and safe.

Wet wipes and sun screen donations are always welcome.



Reminder that we are closed for the Christmas period. **From 3pm on the 22/12 until 7.30am 8/1/24. (no charge).**



New wet bags available for purchase by the office for \$10.



There is A LOT of lost property currently accumulating outside the front entrance. Please have a look through when you pass to see if anything belongs to your child/ren.



Label your things please!

Please remember to label/name your items— not just clothing. Teachers are very clever, but still find it difficult to recognise over 100 children's clothes. <https://www.stuckonyou.nz/affiliate/fundraiser/DARFIELDPRESCHOOL>



Reminder:

Please ensure you are checking your child/rens art folder for new pieces that have been added to take home.



Malvern Swim School

Term 4 Swimming lessons, now in Darfield!!!

Lessons are run Wednesday and Thursday afterschool
with Thursday and Sunday mid-mornings.

We run parent in the water class for babies right through to Squad Swimmers.
To check what class your child would be in, please check out our Facebook page –
Malvern Swim School

To book in, please email malvernswimschool@gmail.com

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for Holiday and Term 1 bookings

Please note: these classes will only go ahead if they reach our minimum numbers





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