

DPN NEWS

Darfield Preschool and Nursery



Nursery News

Kia Ora,

How nice is it to see the sun out!

Our Tamariki have been enjoying the warmer weather, being able to get outside with less clothes and feel the grass on their feet! The warmer weather means WATER, a favorite amongst all! It's that time again when lots of spare clothes are needed, sunhats are on, and sunscreen is applied.

Our younger tamariki are all beginning to find a way to move their bodies to allow more independence and choice, allowing them more freedom to explore the wider space.

Our tamariki are becoming increasingly interested in their friends and ways in which they can communicate with each other. In the nursery this can be seen as tamariki look at each other and smile, reach out to connect with each other and initiate little games such as hide and seek. Also, in less obvious ways such as at the kai table, the children see this as a great opportunity to socialize and connect with each other. The shared kai has been a perfect opportunity for this to happen, thank you all for your contributions.

As communication has been a strong theme in the nursery, we have decided to create a new group focus "exploring and enjoying communication". Keep an eye out for evidence of this over the coming weeks.

At the end of the month we farewell our last transitioners for the year, Ollie and Ciara. We will miss you and your whanau and wish you all the best on your new journey in the preschool.

Ka Kite Janice, Sara, Pietta, Tash, Nicola, Hannah and Kari



October 2023

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text absences

"Our Vision...."

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



Kia Ora, I'm Sara and I've been at DPN for over 9 years now. I started my Teaching career back home in the UK, a few more moons ago than I can count! I work three days in the Nursery and spend the rest of my week with my two children who are 6 and 3 and helping out around the farm. I'm known at Preschool for playing tricks and having a few giggles!

At home, there's usually a baby animal of some description on my lawn being hand reared and I spend as much time as I can tending to my vegetable garden. When we're not home, you'll find us exploring the country with our caravan, out bike riding or spending time with friends.



Preschool News

Kia Ora Preschool Whanau,

What a busy month it has been in the Preschool. It is lovely to be having some warmer spring days. Just a reminder that we are now applying sunscreen and wearing sunhats outside. Please remember to ensure your child has plenty of named clothing in their bag including warm clothing. We have been enjoying lots of water play along with messy/ tactile play. The teachers have been enjoying thinking up new and exciting ways for children to engage in different sensory play.



This month we have been lucky to have been on a few different trips around our community. There have been trips to Sheffield School, Glen Tunnel School, TM Dance World and a trip to Jacks farm! We would like to say a massive thank you to Tara from TM Dance World for having us and teaching us some awesome dance moves! Also, a big thank you to Tracey and Johnny for allowing the children to visit your farm and providing some awesome learning experiences for them.

The children have been very excited to welcome back Kaiako Laura and Kaiako Ashley, as they returned from their overseas holiday's. It is great to have them back with us and we are enjoying hearing all about their exciting adventures.

We look forward to seeing what next month brings!

Samm, Abby, Alexe, Ashleigh, Barb, Cindy, Kara, Laura,

Netty, Sarah, Shona, Sharon, Tahnee



Healthy Apple Oat Bars



Ingredients

- 1 Cup quick cook oats
- 1 Cup rolled oats
- 2 Tablespoon chia seeds
- 1.5 teaspoon cinnamon
- 30 grams coconut oil or melted butter
- 1 cup apple purée or applesauce 260g
- 1-2 Tablespoon maple syrup or honey optional

Instructions

- Preheat your oven to 180 degrees Celsius or 375 Fahrenheit
- In a medium bowl, mix the oats, chia seeds (if using) and cinnamon
- Add the coconut oil or melted butter apple purée and egg (if using), mix to combine
- Line a baking tray (I use a 20 centimeter square cake tin)
- Press the mix into the bottom of the baking dish so that it is an even layer, it should be around 1.5-2cm thick
- Bake at 180 degrees Celsius or 375 Fahrenheit for 25 mins, it should be firm to the touch but not hard
- Cool and slice into squares

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>

Did you know that we value photos from whānau activities and experiences from home as this promotes home and preschool links.

A picture is worth a thousand words!

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 October Birthday to...

Angus (5) Archie (5) Frankie (5)
Elle (4), Charlie (4), Hudson (3) Poppy M(3)
Jake (3) Ciara (2) Ollie (2) Koa (1)
Have a wonderful time at school Angus,
Archie and Frankie, 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. The preschool is very busy until the end of the year and currently not until the first part of 2024, and the Nursery until the later part of the year. 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.



Funny things children say.....



Miss 4 talking to Nicola “you look funny Janice” “Oh” Nicola replied “that’s because I’m not Janice”.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees are volunteer members of our community (generally interested parents). They meet regularly to oversee different aspects of the centre. They ensure our future is possible by overseeing finances, planning for future developments, our long-term strategic plan, premises and maintenance.

They meet once a month, with the Centre Manager & Team Leader to find out what is happening at the centre and how the budget is going.

The Centre Manager will inform the board outside of these times of any important matters.

The Board will also help out at any outside centre hours get togethers, fundraising, working bees and anything else we can rope them into.

We have a few roles : Chairperson, Vice chairperson, property, finance, fundraising, personnel.

Thier term on the board can be as long or short as you want, there is no term like a school board.

We currently have 7 members and we meet on the first Monday of the month at the library.

Wet wipes and tissue donations are always welcome.



Thank you to everyone who ordered Cookie time cookies for our fund-raiser. We hope you liked them and we will be putting the money raised towards indoor improvements.



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.



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



We are looking at doing something for Halloween this year and we will let you know closer to the date regarding all of the details.