



Little Orchard Preschool

Newsletter December 2016



“Creating the next generation of Sir Edmund Hillary’s”

A huge welcome to our new children and families joining us, Peter Gao, Ivy Van der Aa, Paige Robinson, Cairo Smith, Kainat Rashid, Leila Walker, Summer Walker, we hope you enjoy our Centre and have formed a great sense of belonging within our Little Orchard Preschool family.

Good luck and farewell to those children and families moving onto their next exciting adventure, Kesiah Ngaheu, Emma Hayes and early 2017 Alex Dench, Amelia Burgess, Darnell van der Werff, Jacob Dhaliwal, Jojo Wycherley, Karman Singh, Kupa Jones, Noah Caskey, Summer Walker, Theos Tuari-Hape, Valour Taha

The weather is extremely hot now so we need to be sun smart; please provide your child or children with a hat. In order to swim in our pool please also provide your child/children with named togs rash shirt, towel and a bag to keep their belongings safe. A waterproof swimmer for our children who are not toilet trained is also needed. If your child comes home with someone else's belongings, please return to our Centre. Thank you.

At Little Orchard Preschool we provide the sunscreen but if your child has sensitive skin or you would prefer your child use a specific sunscreen, you are welcome to bring your sunscreen to the Centre.

And a reminder, please name your child's belongings as our lost property has grown again.....

Now let's find out what adventures our classrooms have been sharing.....



Pounamu Room

In the Pounamu room the children have been practising their physical abilities and skills. They enjoy their new-found walking skills, moving over our little obstacle courses we have set up for them. If music is playing, the children will start wriggling, showing us their dancing moves, as the music plays. The children enjoy our beautiful outside environment, engaging in lots of water play learning opportunities, exploring with their senses on the grass and inside of the sandpit.

Jamie, Rachelle J, Rachel M and Jordan



Kea Room

This month our classroom adventure is based on starting a classroom garden and helping children to understand how to prepare the soil, choosing vegetables that the children can plant and positioned our garden in an area where we can watch our plants grow. The children are respectful and careful; they enjoy taking ownership of their garden. Our curriculum suggests that “children experience an environment where they are encouraged to learn with and alongside others” (Contribution). The tamariki have enjoyed plenty of water exploration in our water trough and love being outside with such beautiful weather we have been experiencing.

Jamie, Gillian and Vennessa





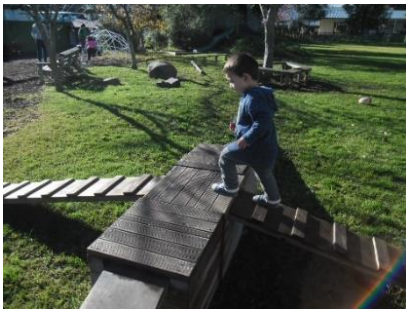
Kowhai Room

Our children have been engaged in so many wonderful learning opportunities that have been made available throughout their day. These activities include construction, water play fun, exploration in the wild area looking for bugs, enhancing and building confidence in their physical gross motor development through climbing, jumping, using the swings. Diamond and Baedyn have enjoyed swimming in the pool alongside our older children.

Arts and crafts have been a hit with our children building their confidence and giving it a go; showing their creativeness through their mahi. Creating and designing Christmas decorations have been enjoyed by our children as well.

Our goal is building our children's confidence, enhancing their language skills and ensuring that our children build trusting relationships with teachers and friendships with other children.

Allie, Amber, Lori and Lyn



Patiki Room

The Patiki room have been enjoying the warmer weather and the summer sun with lots of water play. Children have discovered the fun of spontaneous play and wonder of what nature has to offer – water and what can be done with it.

We have also been exploring water in art – how much is too much, and the depth of the colour perception. Music making – using the instruments, discovering rhythm, tone, pitch, beat and working together.

Carol, Melissa and Sue





Pohutukawa Room

The children in the Pohutukawa room have been engrossed in the Dinosaur learning environment, looking at different animal bones such as the bull skull and learning how to be a palaeontologist with our new teacher Sandy.

The teachers have been immersing tamariki in many art activities as seen proudly displayed in the classroom.

Outside we love having adventures exploration with water fun activities, sand play and running around in our big spacious playground. The pool is in action and the tamariki absolutely love swimming in the pool, as you can see in our photo's the children truly are confident in our pool. "Kia mau te wehi tamariki ma, i roto i te wai".

Harriet, Shani , Amrita, Mere and Sandy



Tui Room

This month the children have been learning about Sangeeta's Fijian culture, which was so exciting to share and open the minds of our children to different countries and cultures. We have also been creating lots of Christmas art creations for our room and ready for our Christmas party.

Outside of the classroom the children are engrossed in lots of physical activities, climbing trees, pulley rope activities, swimming adventures in the pool and lots of water play in our new water trough.

The children have been enjoying the Montessori resources which encourage curiosity of the mind and enabling children to take ownership of their own learning abilities. The children have been learning about Grace and Courtesy, the impact of how we behave and our mannerisms in and around the classroom.



The tamariki have been helping the teachers to clean up after meals and enjoy learning, growing seeds and self-help skills in promoting their own independence in thinking abilities and making good decisions.

Harriet, Natelle, Sangeeta Angelique, and Alicia



Christmas Float Parade

A big thank you to our tamariki, whanau and team who participated in the Christmas Float Parade. We all absolutely loved it and were proud to represent Little Orchard Preschool.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Simon Wren for assisting with the towing of our floats.





General Notices

We have our annual **Christmas Concert on Wednesday the 14th December 2016**. We start at 10:30am and aim to finish at 11:00am. **Please bring a plate to enjoy a shared kai after our concert.**

Whanau ma, nau mai haere ki te titiro

Our families you are more than welcome to come have a look at what we are doing here

Reminder that we have an open door policy, if you would like a chat, please feel free to pop in and see us.

Alternatively, you may wish to share your ideas in our suggestion box in the sign-in foyer; we will follow up all suggestions with you.

Thanks Harriet. (Acting Centre Leader)

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Don't forget to check out our Little Orchard Preschool Facebook page where we share our celebrations and achievements.