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# Midcity Childcare Centre

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## God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers

Happy Mother's Day!

We hope all our amazing mums got spoiled .... You deserve to be!

### Staffing News

Welcome to our newest reliever Marlin. Marlin holds an overseas qualification in physical education and her skills and passion will be put to good use with the children!

### Teacher Only Afternoon

The centre will close at 2pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June for a Teacher Only afternoon. There will be a reduction in fees for this day. More information coming.

### Housekeeping

Please can all parents:

- ensure we have up-to-date contact details so that we are able to contact you in event of an emergency.
- ensure they have the correct booking time for their child. We use these booking times to roster staff on duty and can't breach our legal staff to child ratios. If you show up before your booking time, please do not be offended if you are asked to stay with your child, as we may not have adequate staffing for you to leave.
- ensure that you are considerate of other people using our car park, parking within one space only.



### Sick Children

Thank you to all those families who have kept their sick children at home and/or collected their child promptly from daycare when they have become unwell under our care. This greatly reduces the risk of spreading 'bugs' to other children and staff.

Please also note that our Child Health Policy states, "Children who are on prescribed antibiotics must remain away from the centre for 24 hours after beginning the antibiotics".

Our 'policy folder' is located on the shelf near the signing in sheet should you wish to view them or alternatively if you would like a copy of any of our policies please ask Sue or Shirlene.

### Photo Permission

We will be sending permission slips out soon to gain your consent for us to use photographs of your child on our Midcity website. Please note there is no obligation to consent to this. We would appreciate you returning this form as soon as possible so that we can update our website, thanks.

### The Funky Monkeys

The ever popular Funky Monkeys will be performing on stage in their 'Camping Adventure' show at Eastside Apostolic on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Tickets are available from Ticketek.

## Infants News

Kiaora Katou

It's certainly a bit chillier in the mornings now! It's good to see children arriving dressed in layers of clothing that can be peeled off and put back on as the temperature fluctuates. Feel free to pack and send along slippers for inside wear if you wish.



Recently we had lots of fun working together on activities related to Easter, Balloons Over the Waikato and Saint Patrick's Day. We have returned to providing an individual, learning plan for your child. This is on display in our room for you to view. Remember – we welcome your input into the setting of learning goals for your child.

Kim and Jo will both be attending conferences and taking annual leave this month. Please welcome our relievers.

Due to the success of our Christmas outing to Woodlands Homestead at Gordonton, we are planning a mid-winter outing. We look forward to your suggestions regarding this.

Finally we wish to welcome Mila Andrews and Olivia Brown and their families who have recently joined our Midcity whānau.

Stay warm! Stay Well!  
Jo, Kim, Makere and Sacha



## Toddler News

Tena koutou katoa

Brrrrr the mornings have certainly got much cooler but what beautiful warm days we are having! The seasonal changes bring so much scope for learning. Families may have noticed the beautiful autumn leaves strewn in the Toddler's playground recently, an abundance of river stones and beautiful handcrafted wooden beads. Keep an eye open for more beautiful natural resources and PLEASE if you find any treasures (stones, bark, leaves, shells, cones, feathers etc) whilst out with your family, we would really appreciate them.

Natalie recently attended a three day 'Playspace' course in Taupo and has come back brimming with ideas and possibilities for enhancing the environment and children's learning. The course, run by Pennie Brownlee is based on the ideas and practices of Dr Emmi Pikler and focuses on children's self chosen play, following children's urges and using nature as quality resources (i.e. stones, shells, leaves). If you are interested in finding out more about the Emmi Piler philosophy there is a great website: <http://inspiredbypikler.org.nz>

Welcome to Keagan, Ryan and Lachlan who have recently transitioned from the Infant's Side and we warmly welcome them and their families. On a sad note, we will farewell Bailey and his family later this month when they venture off to Australia. Our best wishes go with them and we do hope to stay in contact... technology certainly makes this easy!

Congratulations to Rupert, Victor and Bailey who celebrated their birthdays this month. Happy Birthday to you!



Our recent zoo trip was an awesome day out! Children coped so well with such a long day, the weather was glorious and most of the animals came out of their hiding places. Thanks so much to our parent/grandparent helpers, we really appreciated your support ☺



We look forward to another exciting month!  
Sue, Natalie, Mary, Haley and Jemma

## Kindy News

We have had a fun filled last few weeks looking at cars and transport. The children really seemed to enjoy the V8 fever. Check out some of the things the children have said and done on our planning board. Watch out for notices on the parent notice board in the Kindy rest room as we will be planning a trip this month.

The colder weather is upon us again which means children will be arriving with more clothing on and removing layers once it gets warmer in the day. It is very important to label your child's clothing as we have noticed that some children are coming in the same clothing which makes it hard for both children and teachers to identify.

Please feel free to come and chat to any of the Kindy staff if you would like to take home your child's portfolio home to share with family and friends.

Thank you  
Jason, Louise and Erena



## Mother's Day Humour



- My Mother taught me LOGIC..."If you fall off that swing and break your neck, you can't go to the store with me."
- My Mother taught me TO MEET A CHALLENGE..."What were you thinking? Answer me when I talk to you...Don't talk back to me!"
- My Mother taught me TO THINK AHEAD..."If you don't pass your spelling test, you'll never get a good job!"
- My mother taught me about GENETICS..."You are just like your father!"
- My mother taught me about the WISDOM of AGE..."When you get to be my age, you will understand."
- My mother taught me about RECEIVING..."You are going to get it when we get home."
- My Mother taught me MEDICINE..."If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they're going to freeze that way."
- My Mother taught me HUMOR..."When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
- My Mother taught me how to BECOME AN ADULT..."If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
- My mother taught me about my ROOTS..."Do you think you were born in a barn?"
- My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION..."Just wait until your father gets home."
- And, my all-time favorite - JUSTICE..."One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like YOU -- then you'll see what it's like!"