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Thank you for your tremendous support with our recent auction. What an awesome night it was! With all your support and the generous donations from our sponsors (please see our attached flyer of sponsors) we raised approximately \$4,000. WOW! We will let you know the exact amount when all monies have been received and costs deducted. We look forward to shopping for some exciting outdoor resources!

We would particularly like to thank our Auction Committee for their huge dedication in making the auction such a successful event. A BIG thank you to: our coordinator Stacey (Connor's mum), to Evan (Samuel and Lewis' dad), Jo (Jackson and Lachlan's mum), Andy (Fynn's grandad), Tara (Samantha's mum) and staff for such an amazing job. Finally we would like to say a HUGE thank you to Murray Friend (Harcourts) who generously donated his time as our auctioneer on the night, attended every auction meeting, provided us with lots of guidance, and donated goods too!

Friendly Reminders

- We are legally obliged to keep an immunisation register.... please could you ensure that we have your child's immunisation details up to date by bringing in your child's record after each immunisation they have received.
- It is also important that we have current daytime contact phone numbers for children. Please ensure you advise us of any changes ☺
- Please ensure you stick to your booked times as staffing levels are allocated according to these times. If you would like to change your booking time please request a 'change of booking form' from the office.

Photographs

It's not too late to order for Christmas! Photos make an awesome gift so if you would still like to order photos these can be ordered directly from Kerrilee at Envisage Photography www.envisagephotography.co.nz. The Group Photo will also be on display soon; a precious memory for your child.

Christmas Opening Hours

Please could families return their Christmas/summer holiday forms by Monday 8th November to enable us to plan our staffing levels and approve annual leave for staff. If we do not hear otherwise we will presume that your child/ren will not be attending between Christmas and New Year.

Please note that if your child is not booked in for the week between Christmas and New Year (27th to 31st December, 8am to 5pm) there will be no charge however if your child is booked for this week and does not attend you will still be charged. A 25% reduction in fees may also be available for a full weeks absence (up to 4 weeks per year) if we are given at least 2 weeks notice.

More Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who supported Kindy with their sunblock fundraiser. It was a great success and funds raised will be used by Kindy to purchase a disco light and bubble machine. Awesome!

Support the Toddlers' Side and Make Christmas Shopping a Breeze!

Take the hassle out of Christmas shoppingThe Chalk magazine is out again and is filled with lots of exciting toys at reasonable prices. Orders need to be placed by 12th November to be back in time for Christmas.

Kindy News

Kia Ora,

Wow! November already and Christmas quickly approaching! The warmer weather brings fun and exciting opportunities for water play. Please make sure your child has spare clothes every day so that they are able to participate in the fun.

This month we said farewell to Samantha who has been at Midcity since she was a little baby. We wish Samantha and her family all the best for the future.



Children have continued to have fun, educational experiences exploring dinosaurs. Activities have included digging for dinosaurs in the sandpit, art activities, dinosaur stories and researching dinosaurs online. This topic will conclude (or be further spurred on) with a trip to Excite at the museum to see the Hatching the Past dinosaur exhibition.



Some of your child's learning is documented in their personal portfolio. Please feel welcome to read and share these stories with the whole family and add your own stories and photos. If you would like to take your child's portfolio home just let one of the Kindy teachers know.

Have a sparkly, pink month,
Louise, Erena and Jason.

Toddler News



Last month we said farewell to our friend Jai but before he left we celebrated his 3rd birthday with him. Celebrating birthdays is a special treat for all children, a day where the birthday child is made to feel extra special by their teachers and friends. We celebrate with making a birthday crown and having a 'lights off' afternoon tea where we sing Happy Birthday. Bringing a cake in for your child to share adds to the specialness of this occasion.

This month we farewell Flynn and his family and extend our best wishes to them for the safe arrival of their new baby.

Transitioning from the Infants' Side this month are Madison and Olivia. It is amazing how quickly they are establishing relationships and adapting to the new routines and environment!

As per our recent letter to families, the unclaimed 'lost clothing' is now being donated to either The Salvation Army or to our spare clothing cupboard. We will use this approach on a regular basis, at the end of each month, so if you have any missing items please have a look regularly. Naming clothes helps to minimize the pile of property we collect and reduce losses to you, as staff can easily identify and put named items away in children's lockers at the end of the day.

Feel free to have a look through your child's portfolio and just let a teacher know if you'd like to take your child's portfolio home for a week-end. Your contributions of home stories and/or photos of special events or trips are also welcomed. Children love to show their home photos to their friends and teachers! These home connections also enable us to further support children's strengths and interests and assist us with planning the programme.



Thanks from the Toddler Team,
Mary, Haley, Kim and Jinsi

Infants' News

Kia Ora Katou

Sunnier days have seen our recently fixed umbrella up; sun screen being applied and our woolen, winter hats giving way to sunhats. Here's hoping summer is here to stay as the children love the activities the outside playground offers.



Welcome back to Alyssa and her family who have been overseas visiting family. We say safe and happy traveling to Ava and her family who will return to us in the New Year after spending time with their overseas relatives.

We send out birthday wishes to Isaac who is now two and to Mila and Johan who turned one. Congratulations! Ryleigh has now settled into life on the Toddlers' Side. Joining her soon will be Madison and Olivia. We say farewell to them and wish them all the best. A warm welcome is extended to Ava and Jacob and their families who will join our Midcity whanau later this month.



Sincere thanks to our student teacher Hayley, who completes her practicum with us this month. We wish her success with her further studies and hope to see her returning to us in a relieving teacher capacity.

After the positive feedback following our Christmas outing to Gordonton's Woodlands Homestead, we are looking at repeating this. We are planning on returning there early December and will let you know when we have a confirmed date for this.

Have a great month
Jo, Kim, Natalie and Sacha

THANK YOU!



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