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Staff News

Congratulations to Kim and Michael on their recent engagement. The ring is gorgeous! Wedding plans are underway for September next year.

More exciting news! Natalie and her husband Andrew are expecting their first baby in June next year! Congratulations to them both!



The end of the year is drawing close and it's time for Erena to take a break! Erena's final day before going on maternity leave is Friday 24th December. We wish Erena and her family well and look forward to the arrival of a new brother or sister for Charlotte and Conrad.

Sunblock

Hurry! Be in quick to purchase roll-on sunblock before it has all gone! At \$6 each it is a very good price! Please see a Kindy teacher if you wish to purchase any, Thanks!

A New Arrival!

Congratulations to Sara and Chris on the safe arrival of Ashton, a new baby brother for Lachlan.

Christmas Opening Hours

- * The centre has extended its closing time to 1.30pm on Friday 24th December.
- * The centre is open 8am to 5pm on 29th, 30th & 31st December and is available for confirmed bookings only. Please discuss any changes to your booking with Ange or Shirlene
- * The centre will also have reduced hours of 7.30am to 5.30pm on 5,6,&7th January
- * The centre returns to normal operating hours of 7.15am to 6pm on the 10 January.

Children's Christmas Party

Wednesday 22nd December - 3.00 to 5 pm

All children and their families are welcome to come and enjoy the festivities! We will have party games and food followed by our most famous guest, Santa Claus who will be arriving at approximately 4pm!



Santa's Contact Details

Children within the Kindy and the Toddlers' Side are keeping Santa very busy with letters and pictures! Listed below are a few of Santa's contact details should you wish to contact him yourself!

<http://www.portablenorthpole.tv/home>

<http://www.telecomtree.co.nz/#/send-santa-your-wishlist> or 0800 222 222

<http://www.nzpost.co.nz/home/christmas-2010/santa-letter> or Santa Claus
Santa's Workshop
North Pole 0001

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe and Happy Christmas. We look forward to working in partnership with you again in 2012!

Infants' News



Kia Ora Katou

Changes to our room environment bear evidence that we are embracing the spirit of the 'silly season'. Our Christmas resources have been unpacked and over the next few weeks our learning experiences will be festive and fun-filled.

We have set the date for our Christmas outing to Gordonton's Woodlands Homestead. It is **Thursday 16 December**. We look forward to you joining us.

This month we celebrated the birthdays of Sacha and Connor. Connor is now one. Congratulations to you both!

Ava and Jacob are both settling in well. If you haven't already - please introduce yourself to their parents.

After much thought and discussion, we have decided to alter our lunch menu. In the near future we will cease to serve dessert. We believe that this will promote better eating habits. We will now offer yogurt as one of our food options at afternoon tea. Please feel free to discuss this change with us.

Finally, we wish to congratulate Natalie and her husband Andrew. We are absolutely delighted with their news and can't wait for June 2011 to hurry up and arrive!

Wishing you a stress free month ahead!
Jo, Kim, Natalie and Sacha



Toddler News

Last month we extended children's interest in dinosaurs; exploring why they are dead, what they ate, where they lived, and their different names. We bought new toy dinosaurs, made a paper landscape and transformed the shelves into a jungle. We also froze the dinosaurs and discovered what they might have looked like during the Ice Age!

Another group of children showed an interest in dramatic play. Washing the ride-on-cars, ordering takeaways from a pretend 'drive through' sparked off an excursion to a real car-wash near WINTEC.

Our Christmas outing is coming up . . . **Friday 10th December . . . 10am to 3.30 pm.** . . Are you coming? If you haven't let us know, please do. You are more than welcome to meet us at the Gardens during your lunch break . . . It is going to be an exciting fun filled day.



The beautifully warm weather provides opportunities for a lot of fun, learning experiences with water play. Thank you to all those families who name their child's clothes and support teachers in ensuring clothing is returned to the correct child's locker. If you would like, we are more than happy to name your child's clothing. Please also ensure your child has ample spare clothing.

Christmas is looming! We plan to write letters to Santa incorporating children's work i.e. cutting and gluing pictures of toys the children like. We welcome your contribution of 'junk mail' circulars (Kmart, The Warehouse, Toyworld) that have pictures of toys, games and books - we can recycle them for you ☺ We would appreciate these in by Friday 10th December.

We also cheekily ask for donations of any old Christmas decorations, that you no longer use, to help further beautify our classroom.

Happy Birthday to: Lachlan D, Lucy and Matthew (who all turned 3) and to Mary and Kim (who turned 'a new number'!) We also extend our best wishes to Bernie and her grandson, Fynn who both celebrate their birthdays this month.

Welcome to Madison and Olivia who have recently made a smooth transition from the Infants' Side, and to Ryley who has recently joined our Midcity whānau. We welcome you and your families ☺

Our 'toddlers' are growing up! Samuel, Rupert, Connor and William are all leaving the fold for new, exciting experiences in the Kindy. Farewell to Flynn and his family who are moving to the beach and having another baby, very exciting!

Thanks
Mary, Kim and Haley

Kindy News

Kia ora te whānau & season's greetings to you all,

Yes! The countdown is on 'til the big day when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. The Kindy children have been enjoying listening to the Christmas story and have loved playing with the centre's new nativity scene.

We have had lots of very exhilarating dinosaur experiences over the last few months. It has been very uplifting for us as teachers to learn alongside the children and in some cases to be taught by the children. The museum trip was one of the highlights of our theme. We are very glad Jason came back in one piece - according to a few children he nearly got eaten!



The very warm weather over the last month, has allowed us to enjoy lots of water play and we expect this will continue in December. Please remember to put in spare clothing or togs for this.

We have recently said farewell to Jazmyn and Jeanne. We wish them all the best for their future learning journeys.

We welcome Rupert, Connor, and William to our Kindy whānau. We look forward to getting to know them and their families. This month we will be continuing to celebrate the lead up to Christmas with an emphasis on it being a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus and a time of giving.

Have a wonderful month

Erena, Louise and Jason

