

Midcity Childcare Centre

April 2011

News from Management

Well it is certainly starting to feel as though winter is upon us. Time to get out those winter woollies!!

Thanks for the fantastic turn out to our breakfast last Friday. It was great to catch up with you all and enjoy a coffee and croissant.

We have our 3 yearly ERO visit coming up in June. Wednesday 1st June will be when they are in the centre. So please feel free to have a chat with them.

We have recently carried out some professional development with our staff as a whole centre. We covered areas of teacher reflections, learning stories, children's Journeys of discovery and basic Te Reo and use of Maori resources. Please feel free to ask any of the staff if you want to know any further details about any of the areas covered. Also if there are any experts in Te Reo out there we would value your input.

As most of you will know, Natalie is getting closer to her due date and we are all excited to meet her gorgeous baby in June. Natalie is currently not working on a Wednesday and will be leaving to go on Maternity Leave from the 27th of May. We have just employed Katrina Borsos to work each Wednesday and then to work fulltime in the Infants from the 30th of May. Katrina is a qualified Primary Teacher and Early Childhood Teacher and is looking forward to getting to know you and your children.

Attached to this newsletter is a parent questionnaire. We would really appreciate your feedback. If you could please fill in the questionnaire and return it to the office by 13th May you could win a \$100 Domaine restaurant voucher

News from the Infants

Kia Ora Katou,

We hope you had a lovely Easter break!



Kim and Jo spent a week in Taupo learning about the importance of uninterrupted play and how significant it is to children's development. Jo then went on to have a week of annual leave. During this time we were lucky enough to have Makere relieving for us again and also Diane who has spent a lot of time here at Midcity.

Recently we welcomed Shade, Louis and their families to our Midcity Whanau. We look forward to getting to know them.

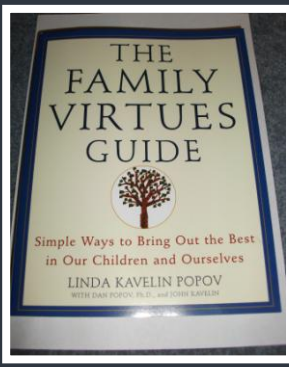
We made a number of purchases this month including big baskets and bowls for the children to play with as they wish, along with cushions and a set of see-through drawers for storage.

We have been focusing on Te Reo Maori using words and phrases throughout our routines and play. This is a great way for our children to be introduced to a new language.

From the first week of May, Natalie will be taking Wednesdays off to relax before the baby arrives. Not long to go now!

We hope you have a fantastic month,

Jo, Kim, Natalie and Sacha



Parent Library

Just a reminder that we have a parent library located in our office. We have a great selection of books regarding topics such as perspectives on child raising, sign language and activities for rainy days,

This is a free service. Feel free to come and browse through our selection and issue a book to take home with you.

This month's book of choice is **The Family Virtues Guide** by Linda Popov

This book shows you how to...

- Learn the language of integrity and self esteem
- Understand the five roles parents play
- Discover ways to introduce sacred time into family life.
- Help children make moral choices

The *Family Virtues Guide* gives adults and children the tools for spiritual and moral growth.

News from the Toddlers

Wow! Where did April go?

This month we have loved having our new team member Dani with us. The children have very quickly grown to love Dani and her new ideas for creative play, such as sand and flour play.

We welcome Isadora and Carleya into the toddler family and look forward to getting to know them and their families. We also welcome back Ryan from his holiday in China.

Our new focus in the toddlers is 'Let Me Create'. The children will have plenty of opportunities to make all kinds of art work as well as exploring different materials such as clay, slime, gloop and play dough. We decided on this topic after seeing how much the children loved any new art activities we set up.

As the weather cools down please ensure your child has plenty of warm clothing as we intend to use the outdoor area as much as we do in the summer.

Have a great month

Louise, Mel, Kim and Dani



News from the Kindy

Happy Birthday to Broc who is 5 on the 1st of May and Samuel who is going to be 4 on the 18th!!!



To Gabrielle and Broc who are going to be starting school this month!!! We hope you have a wonderful time at your new schools!!

What an awesome month we have had!!! We loved our focus on the V8's and we were very excited when we got into the paper!!! How cool is that?

It is starting to get a bit colder now so make sure your child has jackets, socks and shoes. It is better to have Velcro 'laced' shoes as this helps your children to become independent. It also takes the stress away from us (and school teachers!!!) when having to tie 19 pairs of shoes when we go on an outing!!!

Thanks,

Louisa, Jason and Tracey

