

Midcity Childcare Centre

June/July 2011

News from Management

It has been great to see some sunshine in the last week. I don't know about you, but we were getting a bit over the rain!!

Thank you to those of you that have returned to us the new enrolment forms. If you did not receive one of these in the post please let Ange know.

We have a new section in our newsletter- **Important dates** this is to inform you well in advance of events/ happenings within the year. Please hang it on your fridge or write dates in your diary.

Thanks for your support whilst ERO were here. We would also like to thank the fantastic team we have here at Midcity at present for their hard work and dedication. We have received our unconfirmed written report and it is very encouraging. Once this is confirmed we will get it up on the website and also have some printed copies available for you to read.

Thank you for your continued support.



Important dates...

~ McBee's 1st Birthday ~

Friday 29th July

Come and Celebrate McBee's 1st Birthday

Join us for fun and food for the whole family!!

5 pm Start, BBQ provided

Please RSVP to the office by Friday 22 July.



~ Half Day ~

Friday 26th August

On this day we are having a half-day teacher-only day.
All children will need to be collected by 1.30 pm

~ Programme Info Evening ~

Wednesday 5th October

This evening will be specifically for you to come along and have our educational programme explained to you and also for you to look at the learning your child is doing. More details to come.

~ Christmas Party ~

Thursday 8th December

To be held in the evening. More details to come

News from the Infants'

Kiaora Katou

We have had a couple of visits from Natalie and baby Ryan. He is just gorgeous! We have passed on your best wishes to Natalie.

We extend a warm welcome to Kaari and his family who have joined our Midcity family. Half way into the month we celebrated Shade's 'half birthday' as her 'real birthday' falls on Christmas day.

As a team, we strongly believe that children learn through play. After much debate and discussion we have decided that mat times do not have a place in our programme. One of the key reasons for this is that they interrupt our children's play and therefore their learning. At the end of the day rather than before each meal break, we are now packing away the toys and equipment the children have selected to use. This allows them the opportunity to return to the activity they were engaged in. It is also our way of showing them that we support and respect their play and learning.

Visitors may view our room to be one of disarray. We believe that it is a room of exploration and discovery and as one of our parents noted – one of creativity.

Please feel free to discuss any aspects of our programme with us.

Have a great month
Jo, Katrina, Kim and Sacha



News from the Toddlers'

Wow half way through the year already!!

What a busy month we have had with our colours focus: the children have loved the different coloured dress up days and bringing in their special objects from home. We just have a red and pink week to go.

We are constantly observing the children to see what their interests are to get inspiration for a new focus. This month we have also brought a new bouncy castle which the children just love to play on.

Later in the month Louise will be going home to England for 3 weeks to visit her family, especially her niece who she has not seen since she was born and meet her new little nephew. Kirsty will be covering Louise. Some families with older brothers or sisters may remember Kirsty who used to be a toddler teacher before moving up north a few years ago, luckily for us she came back last week.

We welcome Ayla and her family to Midcity and look forward to getting to know her better. Mila and Jacob have also graduated from the babies classroom and are making themselves right at home already. Sharniea is very excited to be moving onto the kindy classroom very soon and goes to check it out every lunch time while her toddler friends are sleeping.

Dani is after any old pots and pans you may have or any old cutlery. The children have really enjoyed playing with the cutlery Dani brought in for them.

Wishing you a happy month,
Louise, Dani, Kim and Mel.



News from the Kindy



Happy Birthday to Kate, Cameron and Amir who are all turning 5 in July!!!!



What a fantastic time we had at Grillers on 17th June 2011. All the Mums and Dads were very well behaved!!! Ka pai!!!☺ Thanks to all the parents that came and had fun with us. It made our day!!!

We had our bubble machine out yesterday and we managed to get bubbles to go all the way down Victoria St!!! Hope you enjoyed them.

We love these wonderful winter days we are experiencing, especially in the afternoon. It means we can get some water play activities out and make lots of mess. There is a lot of thinking and socialising going on when we do water play. Our kids look at the “how, what, when, why and where” of using containers, objects and water. It’s lots of fun.

Please remember to provide suitable footwear for when we go on our walks.

Our Maori word this month is **“Kia Ora”**. And our phrase is **“Whakarungo mai, Tamariki ma”**
Listen to me children

Lots of rays of sunshine,



Louisa, Jason and Tracey.



