

Midcity Childcare Centre

News from Management

Wow, it's September already and we have lots of news to share. Firstly, we would like to pass on our condolences to Kim Patchett whose Nana passed away recently – our thoughts are with her at this difficult time.

The 'Wedding Season' has begun at Midcity. Kim Gower is counting down the days until her wedding on the 23rd of September and we wish her all the best for her very special day. Also, getting married is Kim Patchett on the 22nd of October and Louise on the 12th of November and we look forward to counting down with them until their big days! Some other wedding related news to share is that Mel and Jamie became engaged last week, so a huge congratulations to them. It is such an exciting time!

We are thrilled to let you know that Natalie will be returning to the Infants side on the 3rd of October, along with her gorgeous son Ryan. Natalie will be working Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday each week and is looking forward to catching up with you all.

We have got two new exciting days happening in the centre each week – we are having a 'Gym Day' each Tuesday and a 'Baking Day' each Friday. This will be something different for the Toddlers and Kindy children to look forward to. If you would like more information, please see Dani (Gym) & Kim G (Baking).

Lastly, we would like to say a huge thank you for your support for our Teachers-Only half day. We had Lisa McKimm (from Parenting Worx) come and spend time with us. As a team we found it inspirational, incredibly valuable and encouraging. It was a very worthwhile afternoon and one that your children will benefit from.

Thanks for your ongoing support and we look forward to another exciting month with our great team and your beautiful children.

Midcity Management



**Thank you for your support.
We raised \$37.50
for Daffodil Day**

Photographs

Tuesday 13th September
Positives/Negatives photography coming to Midcity from 8.30am. All children will be photographed.

Make appointment through office for family photos

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



Our toddler team are running a fundraiser through Chalk Educated Toys, this is a subsidiary of Modern Teaching Aids, a company we order many of our centre resources from. With your help we can earn 20% back in MTA vouchers for every \$1 spent, plus if we reach our goal of \$1990, we will receive a \$700 pack of animals.

For more information or a catalogue please see the Toddler team, alternatively place your order online at www.chalk.co.nz and quote Midcity Childcare when placing your order.
Orders due 16th September

News from the Infants'

Kiaora Katou

Since our last newsletter we have bid farewell to and wished Anna, Connor and Shade well as they moved on to undertake new adventures on the Toddlers' Side. Jahrei, Levi and Isabella have joined us this month. We warmly welcome them and their families.

Congratulations go out to Carter who celebrated turning one. **Happy Birthday!**

It has been very exciting in our room lately, watching our infants developing in harmony with their internal body wisdom as nature intended. Some of our infants have discovered how to roll over, others how to slither and slide across the floor.

Some can now get up on all fours - positioned as if to start crawling. Some can now manoeuvre themselves into a sitting position and a couple are now up on two legs and walking.

Amazing stuff! We thank you for upholding our philosophy and for showing respect to your baby by allowing them to achieve these milestones unhurriedly - in their own good time, and independently - without interference.

For those of you who haven't as yet - we thoroughly recommend reading "Dance with me in the Heart" (available from our Parent Library). This easy to read book explains other ways to show your child that you respect them.

Have a fantastic month

Jo, Kim and Sacha



News from the Toddlers'



Congratulations to Mel who has just got engaged to Jamie her boyfriend of 4 years!

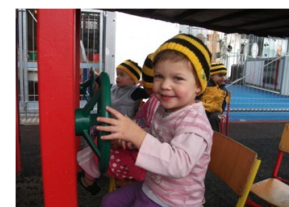


We would like to welcome Anna, Connor and Shade to our classroom, who have all graduated from the infants room. We are really enjoying getting to know you. Hunter has just started to enjoy little visits to the toddlers classroom so it won't be long before we welcome him as well. We also welcome Cohen and his family to Midcity. Congratulations to Ryley who has got a very exciting little addition to his family, the long awaited arrival of his sister Kate. He is such a proud big brother and loves to talk about her. Hopefully by the time this newsletter goes out Jun is also a big brother as well. Bubbles (the bunny) has also graduated to the Kindy classroom, we will miss him but can always go and visit him as he hasn't gone very far.

Our problem solving focus has been going very well. The puzzles in our classroom are now too easy for lots of the children so we have had to raid the kindy ones as well. Please feel free to have a look at our focus board in the classroom to see what else your children have been up to. Our next focus is going to be music and movement; we have chosen this as the children are loving to dance and sing at the moment. Nearly every mat time that is chosen by the children is dancing, playing with the parachute or even a story that is sung. The children have also been inside a lot lately due to the unpredictable weather and are always keen to get out as soon as possible to burn off their excess energy.

Dani is going to start introducing a gym programme on Tuesdays for the children, which will start with the very basic's and progress at the children's own pace. If you have any other ideas please let us know. The children really enjoyed our visit to McDonalds last week to get an ice cream, we have never seen the children be so still and quiet for so long. Probably concentrating on not losing a drop of ice cream!!

Louise, Dani, Kim G and Mel



News from the Kindy



A belated Happy Birthday to William who turned 4 on August 15!

Happy Birthday to Connor (2 September), Sophie and Christian. (12 September)

It going to be very sad to see Sophie and Christian go in the next two weeks, but we know that they will be have an awesome time at their new schools. Welcome to Ryan who has come over from the toddlers and to Gabriella, Benjamin and Arlan who started in August. We know you are going to love Midcity Kindy just as much as we do.

Our new way of planning with 'post its' in the Kindy is going great. We would love you to put comments that are related to the learning story on a post it and we will include endeavour to include them in their follow up story. So please feel free to 'post it' ! If you would like to take your child's portfolio home for the weekend, you are most welcome – but please remember to bring it back so we can put some more awesome stories into it!

Our focus is now based on the Letter of the week.

5-9 September will be the letter R (come in your favourite rugby colours on Friday)

12-16 September will be the letter S

19-23 September will be the letter T

26-30 September will be the letter U

If your child could bring an object for show and tell on Monday that could then stay on the alphabet table for the week, that would be awesome!!! Thanks to Ella – Jade's Mum for the "Queen's crown and the Quill" Q was a very hard letter to show and tell!

Our Maori word this month is "**Haka**". And our phrase is "**Kia Kaha**" which means "be strong." Very appropriate for our All Blacks we think!!

Lots of rays of sunshine. Louisa, Jason and Tracey.

Wow!!! Wasn't the 'snow' amazing!!! We had a lovely time playing in it, our fantastic photographer Jason was on the job taking these fantastic photos!!! Tracey was a little upset as she came back home to New Zealand to get away from it!!!



I give permission to add my/our contact details to Midcity's contact directory. This directory will be accessible to all parents.

My/Our details are as follows...

Child/ren Name: _____

Parent/Caregiver Name/s: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Mobile/s: _____

Email: _____

