

Kidz Corner Miramar
February Newsletter
Growing Confident Learners



We would like to welcome Indie (Isla-Rose's baby sister) Zoey and their families to the under two's and Sophia and family who have recently returned to Kidz Corner, we hope you enjoy your time with us.

Important Dates to Remember

- Friday 23 February – First Centre Family Tea – 5.30 pm at the centre
- 15 March – Visit by the team from Zealandia 9.30 am
- 26 March – Little Dog Barking's latest production "Twinkle" – 9.30 am at the centre
- Easter Holidays – Friday 30 March & Monday 2 April
- Daylight Savings Ends – 1 April
- Friday 1 June -Teacher Only Day (the centre will be closed on this day)

Staffing

We would like to welcome Tessa Bruin (Over Two's) and Tessa Mitchell (Under Two's) to our teaching team, they have both settled into the team very well. We are very pleased to have them join us at Kidz Corner.

Alicia has gone on her last teaching practice for five weeks before she completes her course in March. David will be doing some relieving for us while Alicia is away and Gillian will be looking after her profile books in her absence.

Educa

We are thrilled to see so many families responding to the stories on Educa – thank you. We like to hear about children's activities and interests at home so please feel free to post your stories and photos too. When a story comes up for your child about their learning at the centre please feel free to let the teachers know if you like what they have planned for your child or if you have other aspirations for their learning that haven't been identified.

Centre Notice Boards

We have changed the notice boards around to give us more room for information for parents. The staff notice board (introducing staff) will now be above the blue lockers in the entranceway. The main parent notice board is on the wall outside the staff room. We will be using half of the parent notice board for general notices and the other side for our centre reviews. The Enviroschools Notice board will now be outside the main office.

Policy and Procedure Reviews

The first Policy and Procedure for review this year are the Involvement of Parents Policy and the Complaints Procedure. Copies of these documents will be on the notice board outside the office with a form attached for your feedback. Please feel free to take a copy and participate in the review. We do appreciate your feedback and any recommendations you may make for change. Thank you

Please sunscreen children before they arrive at the centre in the morning. Even if the sun is not shining there is still a risk of sunburn.



Nappies – Under Two’s Families

Quite a few children are turning up without nappies especially at the end of the week. Please make sure you check your child’s nappy locker and keep it stocked. You should allow at least four nappies per day. We recommend Monday morning as a good time to restock.



Because we have children in the centre with allergies to nuts we are a “Nut Free Zone”, this includes peanut butter.

Over Two’s Programme – What’s Happening?

We have noticed that there is a lot of imaginary play in the over two’s so our current programme plan is supporting this play. The children have been planning and building some amazing block and mobilo constructions, using the family corner as a café, for family play (including pet dogs), making some amazing paper creations including some very cool darts and painting/drawing and then telling stories about their art.

There is also a group who have become interested in Thunderbirds. Felipa and Tessa have begun helping them to make puppets with paper mache. They are a little curious about how balloons, glue and newspaper are going to turn into puppets.



Christina has also been working with some children who since talking about where they went for Christmas have continued to talk about where they live. She has printed a large map of Miramar and the children have been looking for important landmarks, plotting the streets where they live and working out which way they come to Kidz Corner.

Under Two’s Programme – What’s Happening?

The under two’s are enjoying the outside environment and all the treasures that they find, sticks, leaves, flowers off the pink silk tree and the hebe. The apple tree has been popular with children picking apples off the apple tree ☺ which they love to eat. The older children are now starting to form friendships and we can see them working together with games including hide and seek and the lycra song. Teachers are modelling the language of sharing and turn taking. Our younger children have settled into the centre really quickly and it is great to see the older children taking care of them by offering them toys and cuddles during the day. With babies just learning to walk or climb, we are setting up the environment to support this and ensuring they have the space to practice these skills.

Heather is creating a wall display in the under two’s to celebrate our culture and where we come from. You will find a letter in your mail pocket regarding this.