

April 2015



Upcoming events

Disco – come and get your groove on!
Thursday 21st May
Papanui Baptist Church
144 Sawyers Arms Road
9:30am – 11:00am

Soccer for Tots session
Monday 29th June
Malvern Park
Innes Road
10am-11am

Marae Visit
July
We are working hard on achieving this event. More to follow.

Family Fish and Chip Night
Friday 24th July
Burwood Plunket rooms
149 Burwood Rd
5.30pm -7pm

Playgroup
Every Tuesday morning
Bec's house
9:30am – 11:30

Forest Education
Every second Monday
9:30 – 10:30
Burwood Forest

Welcome to term two! Term one at Organic Kids has been action packed and we have loved every minute of it! Our first 8 weeks have run very smoothly and business is growing. Thanks to you all for your on-going support and referrals to your families and friends, we appreciate your support in increasing the number of children who are attending home based care and even better joining the committed group of educators we have at Organic Kids.

The weather is definitely cooling off and our Forest Education programme is about to start. This will run fortnightly on a Monday. If your educator and child will be attending please ensure you send them with hats, jackets, and gumboots if you have them.

Celebrating Matariki

8th June brings us to celebrate Matariki, Matariki is the Maori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. It rises just once a year, in mid-winter – late May or early June. For many Maori, it heralds the start of a new year. Matariki literally means the 'eye of God' (mata ariki) or 'little eyes' (mata riki). As part of our celebrations the children will have opportunities within their home educators programmes and at our playgroups to participate in learning and experiencing art activities and stories to celebrate and grow their knowledge and understanding of Matariki.

Mid-winter Fish and chip night (or any other dinner of your choice!)

On Friday 24th July we are hosting a fun family event, come along with your fish and chips (or other dinner of choice) and have this time to mingle with the team, other families and educators. This will be held at Burwood Plunket rooms at 149 Burwood Rd from 5.30-7pm.



Baby and Child Expo comes to Christchurch! Organic Kids are excited to have a stall at the Baby and Child expo this year. Pregnancy, babies, toddlers and children up to seven, they have it all covered! This event is held at Pioneer Leisure Centre, 75 Lyttelton St on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th July. Children under 15 are free while adults are just \$5! Spread the word on this great event, we hope to see you there!

Programme Review

It has been an exciting term for us starting off with our Welcome Picnic at the Groynes in February. Thank you for all the family support we had on the day we hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as the children did!

In March we had a visit from the SPCA, during their visit the children learned How to keep animals safe and how to care for them. We learned there are 5 things animals need Shelter, Food and Water, Love, Exercise and Vet Care. The Guinea Pig's were a definite hit!

April saw us holding our first Easter event where the children hunted for eggs, made, and drank, carrot and apple juice, ate hot crossed buns and made Easter bunny ears to wear! An action packed morning where we all celebrated Easter ☺ It has been great to have parents attend these programme events too. Thanks Kirsty and Gemma.

Our weekly playschool is on every Tuesday from 9.30am-11.30am at Bec's house. Children have opportunities to play, create, dance, dress up, climb, run, explore and interact with each other. We are looking for a venue to hire from July on a permanent Tuesday basis, please let us know if you know somewhere that may suit, it must have an outdoor play area and toilets and a kitchen. It is proving to be harder than we thought!

Enjoy term 2!
Louise and Bec

