



Kia ora and Welcome to Term 3!

What glorious Autumn weather we have had this term. Our programme has been very busy this month with children getting out amongst the fallen leaves at Forest Education, preparing and making soup at Playgroup and enjoying a fun filled morning at the Air Force Museum. As we head into winter, please remember to bring warm clothing for outside exploration and lets keep those winter bugs away!

Aspirations of parents

New feedback forms were sent out early July to all families of children who have had a birthday this year to date. Moving forward these will be sent out in the month of your child's birthday to give you a more formal way of inputting into your child's programme. Please do take the time to express your wishes and hopes for your child's learning for the upcoming year.

We truly value a collaborative approach to your child's learning and our aim is to ensure family wishes and aspirations are acknowledged and respected. We ask these to be emailed back to Louise, who will then share them with your educator.

Yeah Baby Conference

Organic Kids Educators are attending Yeah Baby. This is a specialist conference concerned with the education and care of our infants from birth to three year of age. All Educators have been invited to attend this fantastic professional development opportunity with us.

The conference includes six 45 minute workshops on current topics relating to teaching in the early childhood sector, we are all looking forward to this new learning to provoke further inspiration in our teaching.

Upcoming events

Forest Education – Fortnightly on a Monday 10:00am-11:00am

Term 2 dates are:

8th August, 22nd August, 5th September, 19th September

Venues to be confirmed on our Facebook page

Playgroup – Every Tuesday morning

9:30am – 11:30am

Burwood Plunket Rooms

149 Burwood Rd

All welcome to come along!

Antarctic Centre

Monday 25th July

38 Orchard Road

10:00am

NZ Book Month

Wednesday 31st August

Kaiapoi Library

176 William Street

10:30am

Wee Dram Farm

Thursday 22nd September

492 Oxford Road

Fernside

10:00am

Playgroup

Another great term at Organic Kids playgroup as we work with the children supporting their interests and stages of development. This term we were celebrating a successful harvest and a new growing season due to Matariki - the Maori New Year. We made soup one morning where the children were able to use kitchen utensils such as a peeler, grater and vegetable knives. The children then took their soup home to eat for lunch.

We have been looking for a venue for an Oxford Playgroup, until we find one Katrina has kindly offered her home. Oxford Playgroup will be weekly on a Wednesday and start 17th August, excluding school holidays. 9:30am – 11:30am.

Term 2 Events



Facebook

Please join our closed family Facebook page for updates, photos and information on our programme events and happenings. Request the friendship of Bec Knight to be added to the group.

Forest Education – Rain, sun, puddles and exploration! We continued to venture off fortnightly on a Monday to explore nature and the beauty the winter season brings us. We had lots of fun puddle jumping, exploring the frost and ice, and breathing in the crisp winter air. It has been refreshing and uplifting being out in nature and allowing the children to explore, learn and be outside! There's no such thing as bad weather just bad clothing! Dress up warm and join in!

Programme Review

May – Music with Vanessa was a fun morning of dance and movement with the parachute, bears, scarves and action songs. A great term out and children had a blast!

June – Airforce Museum was amazing as we had explored the back hanger with old planes, helicopters, engines and more. Jumping out of an old plane and listening to the sound of the plane taking off was a little scary for some but exciting for others. Then a scavenger hunt around the museum was enjoyed to finish off the morning.

July – A fun morning in Oxford at Pink Sugar icing and decorating cupcakes. We were lucky enough to have the place to ourselves. The children used icing bags, some for the first time. A fun learning experience for all!

July – Our Christchurch Family Fun Night was a relaxing, enjoyable evening of food, conversation and of course dancing!

July – Our Oxford Family Fun Night was another great turn out of families! Thanks for coming and a big THANK YOU to Katrina and Phil for hosting this get together! We had a great night chatting with parents and watching the children mixing and dancing!

Feedback and programme ideas are always appreciated, we love to hear how things are going for you all, so please email or call Lou at anytime ph 0800 46 46 63

Lou and Bec