



Upcoming events

Forest Education – Fortnightly on a Monday 10:00am-11:00am
Term 1 dates are:
January 23rd; February 13th and 27th;
March 13th and 27th, April 10th and 24th
Venues to be confirmed.

Playgroup – Every Tuesday morning
9:30am – 11:30am
Burwood Plunket Rooms
149 Burwood Rd
All welcome to come along!

Oxford Playgroup – Wednesday morning
9:30 – 11:30 – Term time only
Our Oxford educators are rotating their homes each week. They will start back on 8th February 2017

Welcome back picnic
Thursday 19th January
Ouruhia Domain, Marshlands
10:00am

Beach, butties and treasure hunt
Wednesday 22nd February
New Brighton Beach, next to pier
10:00am

Farmyard come to town
Kaiapoi Park, Smith Street
Monday 20th March
10:00am

Easter Hunt and hot cross buns
Pearsons park – Oxford
Tuesday 11th April
10:00am

Abberley Park – Christchurch
Tuesday 18th April
10:00am

Kia ora and welcome to term 1!

We are excited to be planning another great year with Organic Kids. We have some great events for our children, educators and whanāu to be part of this term. With the warmer weather please remember to sun block your children prior to them arriving into care in the morning, your educator will reapply as need throughout the day. Don't forget a change of clothes, as water play will be on offer!

Policy review:

We have changed the way we review our policies. Each month your educator will have out the policies under review for you to have a read and sign off if you wish too. Most of our policies are reviewed annually and we would love parent input into this process, your time reading and signing these is appreciated.

Updating Contact Details

We have had a few families change email addresses and home addresses lately. Your educators will be receiving copies of what we currently have for you in our system. Can you please check these and make any necessary changes to ensure we have everyone's correct contact details and emergency contact details and leave with your educator for Louise to collect on her next visit.

Christchurch Rocks – Facebook Page

Sonia, one of our educators, found a great Facebook page **Christchurch Rocks**. Community members are painting and hiding rocks in different parks and reserves around Christchurch for children to find and re hide for other little explorers to find. The locations are posted on the page and some of the rocks look amazing!

Organic Kids are planning on joining in on the fun. We will paint rocks at our playgroups and hide them at a couple of our forest education venues and post for other children to find them!

We will plan a forest education morning to hide our rocks and search for some previously hidden. We will keep you posted on our family Facebook page. If you are not part of this, and wish to be, please request the friendship of **Bec Knight** and she will add you to this closed group.

Ahakoia he iti he pounamu
Although it is small it is a treasure.

Term 4 Events



Professional Development for Educators

Each term we offer professional development opportunities to our educator team. These opportunities are to keep our team up to date on current practices and ideas in early childhood education. This term we have four workshops on offer: 'Pasifika practices, values and inclusion' in January, Understanding Children's Learning and Development in February, Continuity of learning – from ECE to Primary School in March, along with Partnerships with whanau – participation and engagement also in March. We strive to provide great learning opportunities for our educators to grow and learn and for our tamariki to benefit from their new learning.

Whaowhia te kete matauranga – Fill the basket of knowledge.

Programme Review

October: Bike Park – The children had a lovely morning riding their bikes, trikes, scooters and dolls push chairs around the bike park. We had a picnic morning tea together and a play on the swings, slide and roundabout in the park. A very warm and sunny morning enjoyed by all.

November: A&P show – Some of our educators and families took us up on the discounted tickets and attended the Canterbury A&P Show. Lots to see and do, the Tip Top family lawn was enjoyed by all as well as seeing and patting all the animals.

December: Organic Kids Christmas Party – This was an awesome morning out! Thanks for coming along and making this a fun event! We had a fantastic turn out despite the weather not being overly warm, we were very happy the rain held off until we were finished! We have so many great families and we are so happy to have you all on board with us at Organic Kids.

We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year and a much deserved break with family and friends. We are looking forward to what 2017 will bring with new learning, fun, exploration and new connections being made and strengthened.

Hope you all enjoy our term one programme of events!

Lou and Bec