

Term 1 Newsletter



Upcoming Events

Forest Education
CHCH 10:00am
Fortnightly on a Thursday
Selwyn 10.00am
Fortnightly on a Tuesday
Oxford 10.00am
Spontaneous outings
Check with your home educator for venues and dates.

Playgroup
Every Wednesday morning
Spencerville Playcentre
6a Heyders Road
9:30am – 11:30am

River of Flowers
Friday 22nd February
Mona Vale
10:00am – 11:30am

Library Lynette Visits Playgroup
Wednesday 13th March 10.30am

Sumner Rock Pools
Monday 25th March
Cave Rock, The Esplanade
10:00am – 11:30am

Community Gardens visit
Tuesday 30th April
Rawhiti Domain
10:00am – 11:30am

Professional Development

NaturePlay Conference has been offered to our Educator team in March.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for a POLL regarding possible parent workshops for 2019.

Kia ora Whanau, Term 1 is underway!

We hope you have all had a wonderful time over the festive season and creating memories with family and friends.

We are excited about this year's plan of events, we plan our outings based on the interests of the children. If you have any suggestions for our monthly outings for 2019 we would love to hear from you, please email any ideas through to Louise or Bec.

New Educators

It's an exciting start to the year for us with five new educators joining our team. We would love to welcome Scarlett in Shirley, Isla in Rolleston and Jo in Sommerfield who all start in February. We also have Alice in Halswell and Rachael in Wainoni joining us in April. We are looking forward to them joining our community of Educators.

Summer time fun in the sun

As we are experiencing temperatures higher than usual, it is even more essential that you remember to bring a sunhat every day and spare clothes as water play, messy play and more outside fun in the sun will be explored! Please sun block your child/ren prior to them arriving into care in the morning and your educator will reapply as needed throughout the day.

Administration

Charlotte is coming back from maternity leave 🤱

We are pleased to see the return of Charlotte our Administrator from maternity leave, she starts back late February. Her days and hours for this year have changed, she will now be available Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Late Fees

We like to remind you to stay within your booked times unless this has been discussed with your home educator. Please give your educator as much notice as possible if you are going to be late, as this may impact on appointments they have made outside of your booked times. Please note that a late drop off does not mean a late pick up.

Ko te Tamaiti te Putake o te Kaupapa
The Child – The heart of the matter

Term 4 Programme Review



Forest Education

Term 4 took us back to Bottle Lake Forest for our fortnightly Forest Education programme. The children have really thrived in this fantastic space and their play has evolved over the last two terms of participating. The children are creative, expressive and are taking on more physical challenges showing courage and perseverance. Experiences have been revisited and games from previous weeks all directed by them working confidently as a team, showing support and encouragement to each other, particularly on the balancing planks. They have become familiar and at peace as they connect with Papatūānuku and learn how to respect the outdoors. In term 4 we held two Forest Playgroups at the Groynes that were also a success. The children engaged in loose parts and creative experiences that were on offer, we have Forest Playgroup planned for the last Wednesday of each month moving into 2019.

Playgroup

In term 4 the children continued to work on the vegetable garden. The weather on Tuesdays was a little hit and miss, to keep with sustainable theme we made recycled paper, which was enjoyed more than once.

We have a new day and venue for playgroup this year. Spencerville Playcentre have agreed to us using their site at 6a Heyders Rd. We will be there every Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am. All welcome to come along!

We are also on the hunt for a second venue out Halswell way, we will keep you posted!



Outings

October – Teddy Bears Picnic. This was a fun morning sharing a picnic morning tea with our bears and going on a bear hunt. We had sacks for races and egg and spoon races which were enjoyed by the older children. The weather was stunning and we had a lovely morning together.

November – Craig Smith visited us in November, and he was awesome! Lovely to have lots of families join us as we enjoyed singing and dancing to some of our favourite songs as well as learning some very funny new ones!

December – The Children's Christmas Party! This was a great family morning, filled with fun and laughter and coming together to celebrate the festive season. Loopy Tunes music, a bouncy castle, sausage sizzle and Santa were loved by all. Thanks for coming along! Here's to another year of fun events and new learnings along the way.

Lou and Bec

