



# KidzWay

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*"What is faith? It is the confidence that what we hope for is waiting for us. We know it is there even though we cannot see it up ahead."*

Hebrews 11:1

### **Kia Ora Families and Whanau**

Happy New Year and welcome back to KidzWay for 2017. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a refreshing and fun holiday. The staff and I all enjoyed our break, and are looking forward to providing for your child's learning and care needs.



A big welcome to all our new families – we trust you and your children are settling into life at KidzWay. If there is anything you are unsure about or don't know please ask; also the parent handbook you received on enrolment and our website [www.kidzway.co.nz](http://www.kidzway.co.nz) both have a wealth of information. ☺

The first term is shaping up with events and dates on the calendar, so please keep reading for details. *Arohanui, Denise (Head Teacher), Josanne, Michelle, Alison, Nicky, Sally and Fiona (Teachers) and Kath (Administrator)*

### **Ngahere Explorers (Nature Walks)**

It has been great to see the enjoyment and confidence grow in the children who have taken part in this programme so far. A big thank you to their parents who have taken their slot on the roster and become involved on the day.



We are starting Ngahere Explorers again next **Monday 13 February**. This will continue on Mondays for Term 1, Tuesdays Term 2, Wednesdays Term 3 and Thursdays Term 4. We hope that all 4-year-olds will get the opportunity to attend this outdoor experience. Thanks to this term's parents for attending the meeting this week. We will hold another meeting soon for parents of children who will be involved in the Ngahere Explorers programme in Terms 2, 3 and 4.

### **Father's/Special Person's Night**

**When:** Wednesday 15 February, 5:30pm-7:00pm.

**Where:** Here at KidzWay.

**Cost:** Gold coin donation towards dinner.

**Why:** This is a lovely opportunity for children to bring Dad or a Special Person along to play with them at KidzWay and show off their place of play and learning. We have a simple dinner of sausages, hot chips, coleslaw and bread, followed by some fun games.

As much as we love to see all the family, for catering and safety reasons, please only a **maximum of two "special people"** per child. Thank you. ☺

### **Teacher Only Day**

**Thursday 2nd March.** This is a valuable day for KidzWay staff to plan, review and attend Professional Development as a team. We usually only have one of these days per year. Thanks for your understanding and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

## Kaka Point Beach/Bus Trip

We plan to run this popular, lovely day out again this year. Weather permitting, **Wednesday 8 March** is circled. As well as the Wednesday children, all families are welcome to attend this trip. The Ministry of Education requires us to have a 1:1 adult-to-child ratio around water, so parent help is required to make this event happen. Parents can choose to come on the bus or take their own cars. More details will be out shortly on bus costs.

## Working Bee

KidzWay's annual working bee will take place on **Saturday 1 April**, 9am-12pm. We look forward to seeing you here in order to help us maintain our lovely environment for the children. Thanks – many hands make light work.

## Thank You...

- To all the parents who have brought family photos in. The children love them... we have room for more!!
- To the folk who remember to bring their child's sun hat each day and hang it on their hook and take it home at night.
- To Mel Pennicott for generously providing us with three chickens.
- To Vaughn and Shelley Wesselon for inviting us to visit the Blue Mountain Butchery and showing us how sausages are made!



## Dates for your Calendar:

**Monday 13 February:** Ngahere Explorers starts for the oldest Monday 4-year-olds

**Wednesday 15 February:** Father's/Special Person's Night, 5:30pm-7:00pm

**Thursday 2 March:** Teacher Only Day – CENTRE CLOSED

**Wednesday 8 March:** Kaka Point Beach/Bus Trip

**Monday 20 March:** Otago Anniversary Day – CENTRE CLOSED

**Saturday 1 April:** Working Bee, 9am-12pm

**Thursday 13 April:** KidzWay Easter Celebration and shared afternoon tea (more details to follow)

**Friday 14 and Monday 17 April:** Easter Break – CENTRE CLOSED

**Tuesday 25 April:** ANZAC Day – CENTRE CLOSED

*"Too often we give children answers to remember rather than problems to solve."*

*Roger Lewin*

